



Building a generation
of proud and proactive seatizens

CALATAGAN, BATANGAS
May-August 2017

What is A-B-Seas?

A-B-Seas is a three-day experiential learning activity that aims to teach the basics of marine ecosystems and biodiversity, connect people to nature, increase pro-environmental behavior, and teach leadership and transferable skills to pursue an advocacy.

Who is it for?

A-B-Seas is for people interested in marine conservation, but don't know where to start. The activities are designed to increase your awareness and knowledge on the marine environment's status, issues, threats, and solutions.

It's also for people who want to make a difference, but feel overwhelmed by the issues. A-B-Seas is not only an environmental education program, but an empowering one – we will teach you skills that you can use for the pursuit of any advocacy.

We have prepared programs for three age groups: 10-12 years old, 13-17 years old, and 18 and above. We welcome participants from all backgrounds! You don't need to come from a science background to join us!

The maximum number of participants per program is 15. All participants must be able to attend the program without the participation and supervision of parents and/or guardians.



10-12 years old

May 19-21
June 16-18



13-17 years old

June 2-4
August 26-28*



18 and above

May 26-28
June 10-12*
August 19-21*

**Three-day weekends*

What will we do?

The ETD from the pickup point in Metro Manila on Day 1 will be at 6:00AM, and the ETA in Calatagan is at 9:30AM. For three days and two nights, the program will be a mix of games, discussions, group activities, journaling, and outdoor activities, such as snorkeling, watching the sunset, a dinner by the beach, and stargazing (weather-permitting). We will leave Calatagan on Day 3 at 4PM. The full itinerary and details will be emailed upon the full confirmation of your slot, at least two weeks before the program..

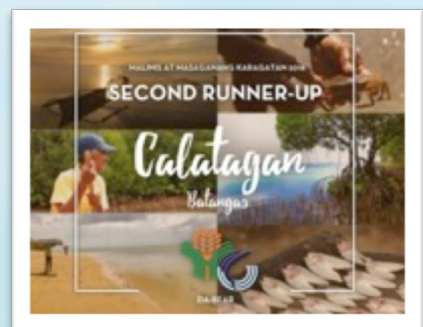
Who are the facilitators of A-B-Seas?

The facilitators of A-B-Seas are young professionals who have taken part in projects of Save Philippine Seas. They come from various backgrounds, bringing a diverse set of skills and strengths to the program.

Why is A-B-Seas in Calatagan, Batangas?

Calatagan is only three hours from Manila by car, so it's easily accessible. The site also has the three coastal marine ecosystems: coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass. This makes it an ideal playground and classroom to explore and learn from!

In the 2016 Malinis at Masaganang Karagatan National Search for Outstanding Coastal Community, Calatagan emerged as the champion in the CALABARZON region, and 2nd runner-up in the National Level.



The A-B-Seas team is open to organizing the same program in other parts of the Philippines in the future.

Where will we stay?

We have two kinds of accommodations, depending on the dates you confirm. One is a family-owned home in Buluarte Estates, Calatagan. There are two spacious bedrooms, one for males and one for females, and two bathrooms. The other one is the accommodations of Calataganda Travel & Tour Services, walking distance from the beach. There are several rooms with a bathroom per room.



Accommodations at Calataganda Travel and Tour Services

There is no wi-fi in either location, but there is reliable mobile signal. The use of phones and other electronic gadgets will not be allowed during sessions, but ample time will be given for gadgets during break times and after sessions. Just remember that there's no signal underwater, but we promise a better connection!

How much does it cost?

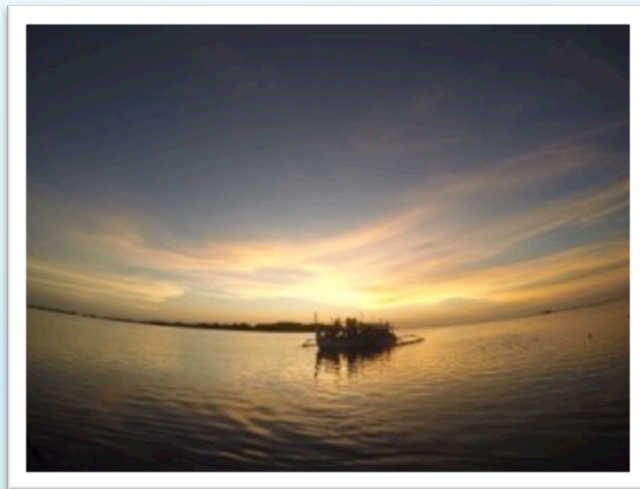
The entire program is **Php8,000**. A 50% non-refundable but transferable deposit must be made to confirm your slot seven working days after you complete the registration form. It is on a first come, first served basis. The remaining 50% must be made at least 14 working days before the program.



What's included in the fee?

The cost includes:

- Transfers to and from a pick-up point in Metro Manila, based on where the participants are coming from
- A-B-Seas kit (tote bag, workbook, t-shirt)
- Accommodations
- Breakfast (except on Day 1), lunch, dinner (except on Day 3), and morning and afternoon snacks will be served family-style. Food restrictions will be noted at the online registration form.
- Equipment for snorkeling (mask & snorkel, life vest)
- Boat transfers to and from mangrove and snorkeling site
- Activities and materials



What are the payment details?

Bank: Banco de Oro
Account name: Philippine Seatizens, Inc.
Bank account number: 1430146735

Email a clear photo of your deposit slip to a.b.seas@savephilippinseas.org.

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About Save Philippine Seas



Save Philippine Seas (SPS) is a non-stock, non-profit organization that aims to conserve and protect the country's coastal and marine resources through environmental education and community-based projects.

SPS started as an online movement in 2011 as a response to an illegal wildlife trade case, and became a registered NGO with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2013. It has two major projects: Shark Shelter, a community-based, multi-stakeholder initiative in Malapascua Island operationalizing the country's first shark and ray sanctuary, and the Sea and Earth Advocates Camp, an intensive environmental education and leadership program for 18-23 year old youth leaders.

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