



# SEABIRDS

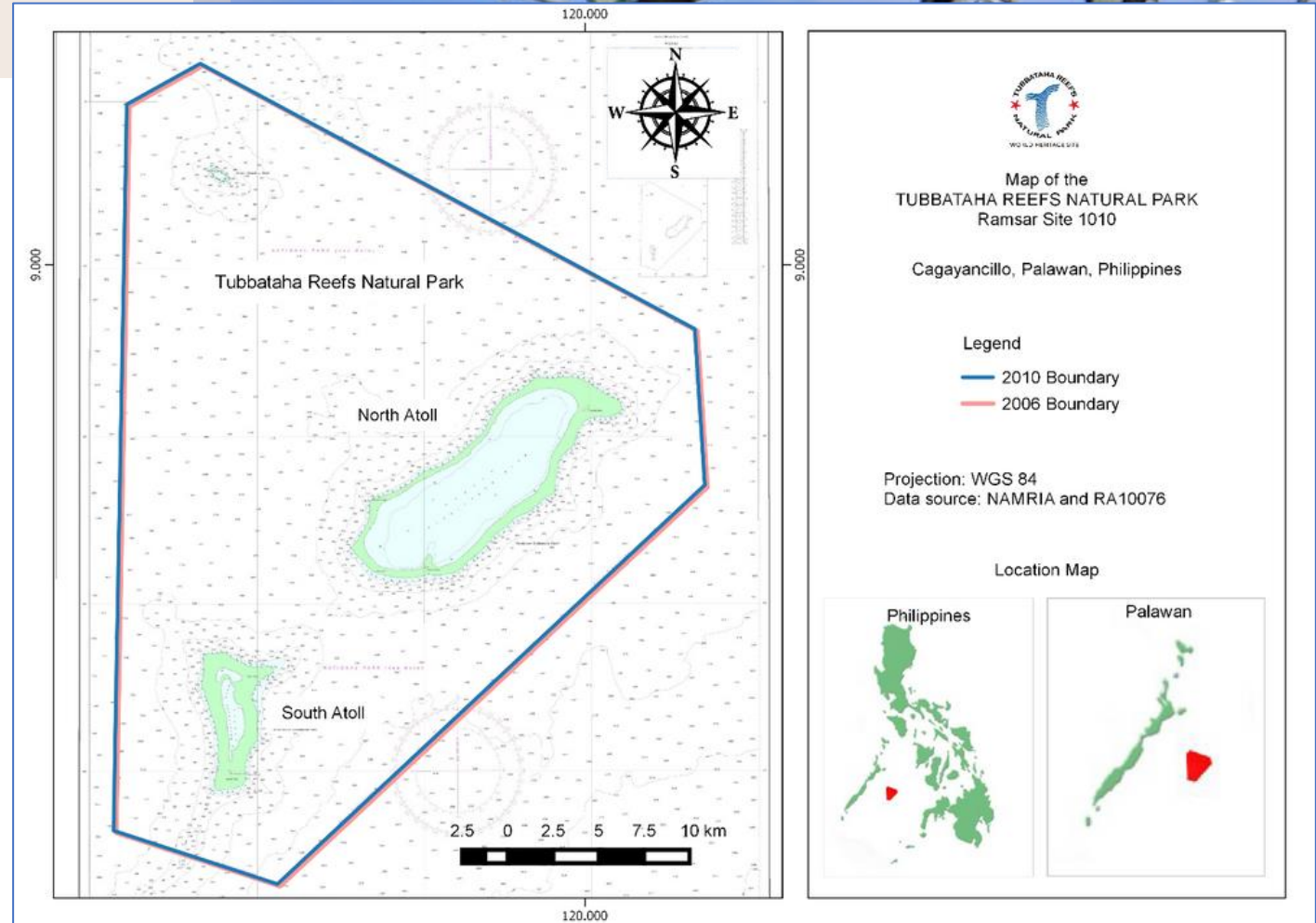
of Tubbataha

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# Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park and World Heritage Site

Cagayancillo, Palawan, Philippines







Black Noddy (*Anous minutus worcesteri*)

# Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park and World Heritage Site

Cagayancillo, Palawan, Philippines

- Important refuge and rookery for more than a hundred species of birds (7 breeding seabird species)
  - Highest population of seabirds in the country
  - The only known breeding habitat of the Philippine endemic subspecies of Black Noddy
- Threats: Loss of habitat and proliferation of marine litter



- Seabirds spends most of their life in the sea
  - Not popular subjects in CEPA in Phils
  - National and International initiatives to raise awareness about seabirds
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# OBJECTIVES



- Raise awareness of the seabird population of the Philippines and of Tubbataha Reefs
- Encourage discussions about seabird ecology and conservation amongst the general public and experts
- Produce video on the plight of the endemic Black Noddy subspecies *worcesteri*

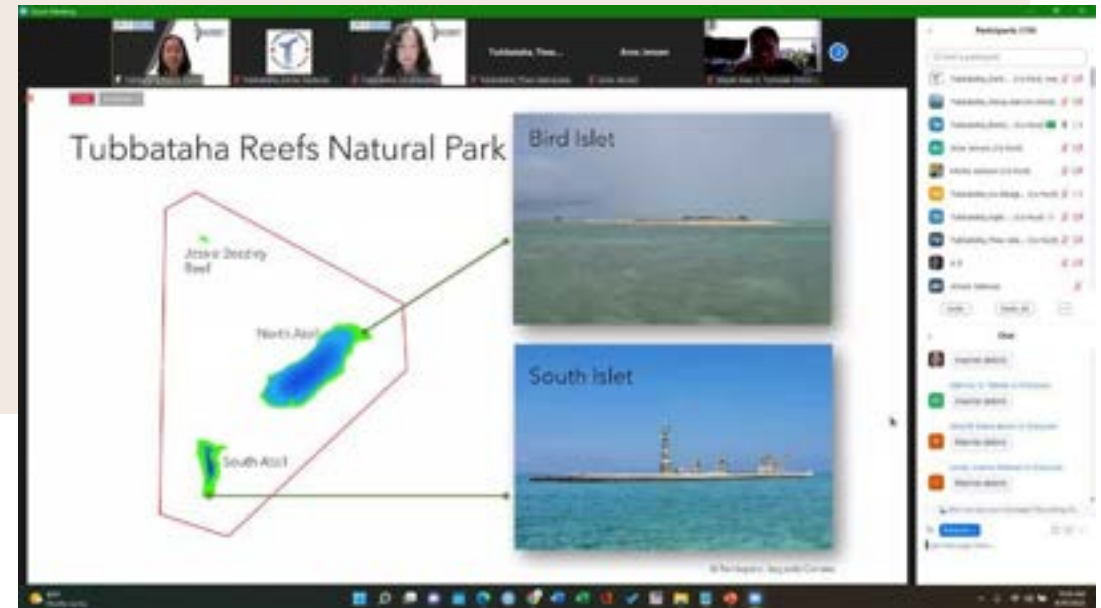


# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1. Webinar: Seabirds of Tubbataha  
Date: 19 August

Speakers:

1. Arne Jensen: *Philippine seabirds - population, status, habitat, threats*
2. Retch Alaba: *Seabirds of Tubbataha*



Figures 1 and 2. Screenshots taken during the webinar

# 1. AWARENESS

## POST WEBINAR EVALUATION

PRIOR TO THE WEBINAR

- 75% heard of seabirds
- 75% rated their knowledge about seabirds from **no knowledge (lowest) to average (middle)**

AFTER THE WEBINAR

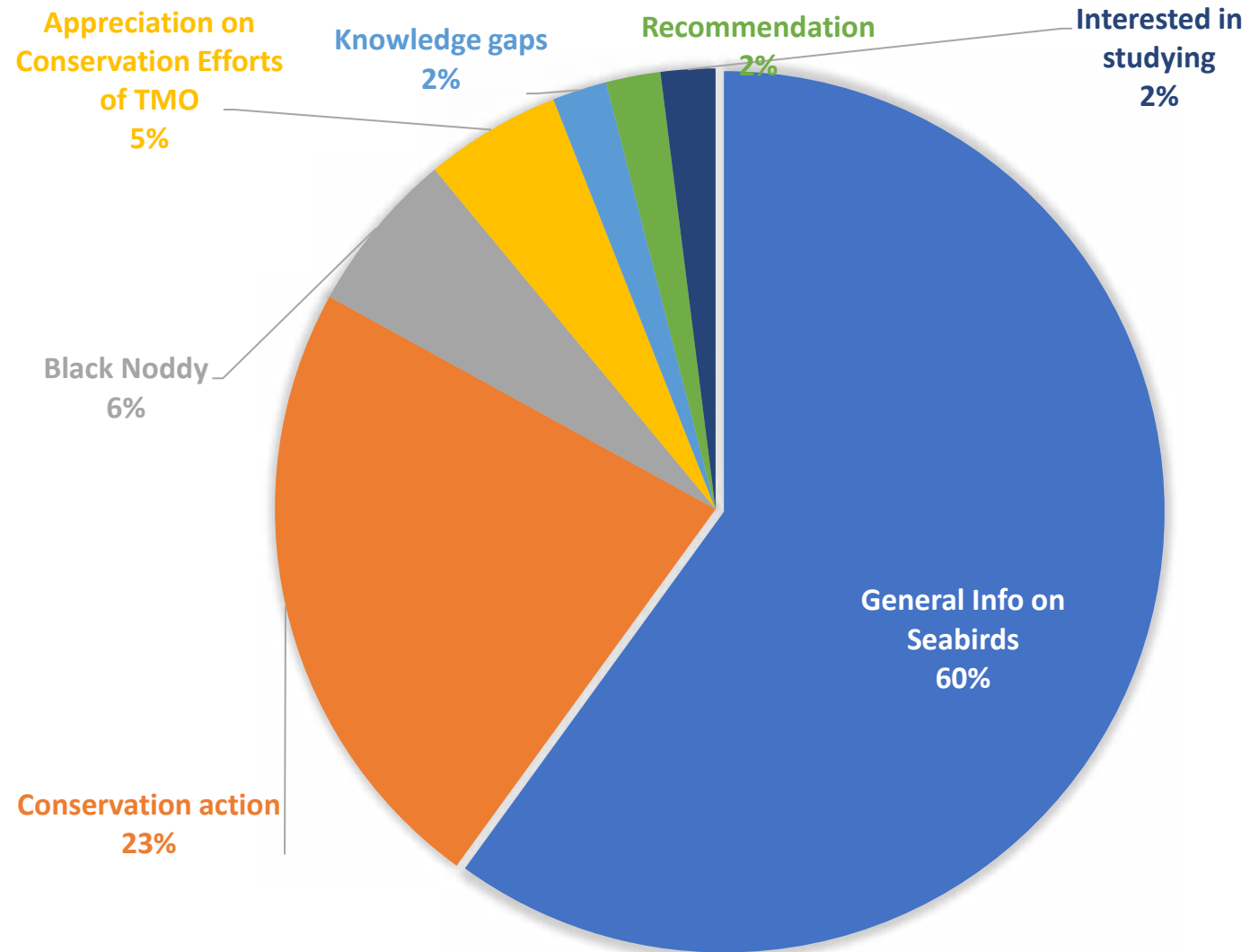
- 79%\* rated their knowledge of seabirds from **average to expert (highest)**
- No participants gave themselves a rating of 1 and 2 after the webinar



\*21% of the participants already rated themselves as Experts on seabirds prior to the webinar (not counted on 79%)

# KEY TAKEAWAYS

POST WEBINAR EVALUATION





## 2. DISCUSSIONS



- Research needs and opportunities related to seabirds of the Philippines and TRNP.
- Sightings of rare species such as Chinese crested tern and breeding occurrences in other sites.
- Conservation actions of the country against threats to seabirds.
- Management action of TRNP for the erosion of the islet. Agricultural crops like coconut, corn, and ipil-ipil as a threat to the seabird population.

# PROJECT ACTIVITIES

## 2. Short film about the plight of the Black Noddy

### Highlights:

- the diminishing population of the species
- management strategies to restore it
- a call to action to lessen waste, learn more about seabirds, and share information about these species





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# WAYS FORWARD



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