**Safety Tips:**

1. Please wear proper working clothes.
2. Be careful with sharp objects or syringes.
3. Wear gloves and closed-toe shoes.
4. Use stakes or clamps to get the garbage.
5. Bring extra clothes, towel and water.

**Make the ocean safe for all marine animals, let us join forces for a clean and healthy ocean!**

UPV MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES

UP FISHERIES GUILD

26th International Coastal Cleanup Day

Date: 13/09/2011
Time: 03:30PM
In front of the Ocean Weather Laboratory (OWL)
Presidential Proclamation No. 470 signed by former President Arroyo declares that every third Saturday of September is the International Coastal Clean-up Day (ICC). This year’s theme:

"Trash Free Seas"

What is marine debris?
Marine debris is defined as "any persistent, manufactured or processed solid material discarded, disposed of, or abandoned in the marine and coastal environment."

Data makes for good decisions
Working shoulder-to-shoulder, the volunteers in the Cleanup’s global network not only pick up trash, they record every item they find on standardized data cards. By understanding what is out there, we can work together on solutions. For instance, each year volunteers collect more than a million beverage bottles from beaches, shorelines, and underwater in just one day.

Cleanups alone can’t solve the marine debris problem; we need to stop it at the source. Armed with knowledge about the most prevalent components of marine debris, elected officials can make informed policy decisions, and community leaders can more effectively tailor and expand recycling and other waste reduction programs. Corporations can see the need for improved technology and reduced packaging, and individuals are inspired to properly dispose of trash to keep it out of the ocean.

When we trash the ocean, we trash our own well-being!
Whether we live along the shore or hundreds of miles inland, we are all intimately connected to the ocean. It drives and moderates our climate. It is the ultimate source of much of the water we drink and much of the air we breathe. It directly feeds millions of people. It also absorbs a great deal of the air and water pollution generated by a world population approaching seven billion people. But our ocean is sick, and our actions have made it so.

Marine debris kills!
Every year, countless marine mammals, sea turtles, seabirds, and other animals are sickened, injured, or killed because of dangerous items we allow into the sea. They are poisoned, choked, or entangled in the trash we leave behind, from leaky paint cans to empty yogurt cups to cast-off fishing line. Trash also poses health threats to humans, contaminates marine environments, and clogs boat propellers.

Source: http://www.oceanconservancy.org

What you can do to help?
Join the Coastal Cleanup organized by UPV Museum of Natural Science and UP Fisheries Guild. The event is on September 13, 2011 (Tuesday). Assembly is at 3:30PM, in front of the Ocean Weather Laboratory.