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Journal Name:	<a href="#">Asian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Research</a>
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Title of the Manuscript:	Status of coral reefs in Lagonoy Gulf, Eastern Bicol, Philippines with emphasis on Marine Protected Areas
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments	<p>The manuscript was interesting since it seem lack of research in the area, but several things need to revise :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abstract revision</li> <li>2. Introduction : need more description on the state of the art of this research, give more data explain previous research in the same area, use reference</li> <li>3. Methods : The map need to be improve by adding the station, name of the island etc. , there is inconsistency in the name of research location and number of MPA, need more description on interview and FGD</li> <li>4. Result : many statements without reference, the comparition of benthic categories is well explained but not the Anova and PCA, need more description on the existing MPA management, so the cause of declining LCC might be found.</li> <li>5. Conclusion should based on result and discussion</li> <li>6. Reference : mostly old reference, need many newest reference.</li> <li>7. Please refer to guide for author</li> </ol>	
<b>Minor</b> REVISION comments		
<b>Optional/General</b> comments	<p>There are many reseachs on MPA, especially in tropical countries, so they could be compared and contrasted with the MPA in the research location</p>	

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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