

Sibid / Bangka Project (started 2016)

Among the most pressing problems of fisher folks without a sibid (small fishing boat) is low income. Catching fish, shrimps and crabs (alimasag and alimango) and balaw without a sibid is difficult and at times impossible. USI ICESA responded by gradually looking for donors from within the university and organizing the balaw producers w/o sibid. From the initial five (5) sibid provided by the ICESA from its annual budget, the number of boats multiplied as the project attracted donors from the university such as the student organizations (conducted fund raising activities for the project) departmental units, alumni, faculty, administrators and sisters were attracted to the success of the initial units of sibid distributed and volunteered to donate the succeeding number of units now numbering a total of 38 sibid or fishing boat. The ICESA will continue this project and targets up to 100 fishing boats in the next 5 years.

