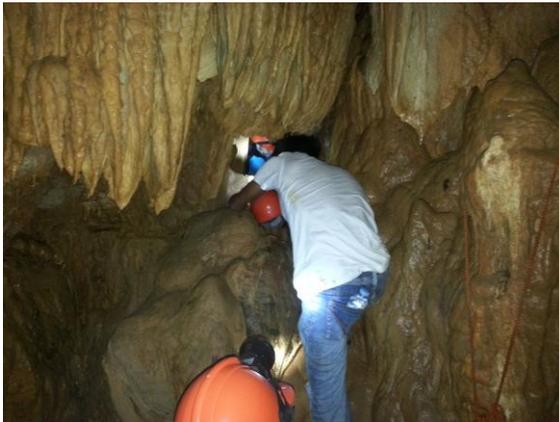


The first day of the workshop was basically lectures/discussions about caves. The discussions includes the following topics:

1. Cave Science and Biology by Felipe Armihar, Jr.
2. Republic Act 9072 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations by Salven Espina
3. Cave Management and Ecotourism by Julie Anne A. Busano
4. Karst Management by Julius C. Maceren

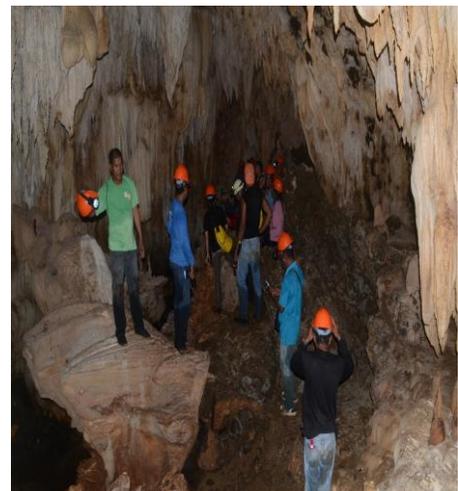
The second day started the actual cave survey/assessment of Somyot Cave. Somyot cave is located in Poblacion 1, Burgos, Siargao Islands, Surigao del Norte has a total of 116 meters from the main portal/entrance of the cave up to its end point including the chamber. The cave is no longer pristine because of human activity like illegal collections of speleothem. It is still intact and contains delicate and fragile geological formations which are very prone to destruction by visitors. It has the presence of several breakdowns.



Based on the findings the team is hereby recommends that Somyot Cave be classified as Class II considering that portions of the cave have sections that have a hazardous condition and contain quality ecosystem. It may be necessary to close sections of the sensitive geological and biological values of this cave seasonally or permanently. It is open to experienced cavers or guided educational tours/visits.

On the third day, actual survey/assessment was conducted at Patag cave. It is located at Brgy. Poblacion 2, Burgos, SDN. Patag Cave has a total length of 407.3 meters from the main portal/entrance of the cave up to its exit point including the junctions. The cave is still intact and consist of geologic formations.

Base on the observation and findings of the team, is hereby recommends that **Patag Cave** of Brgy. Poblacion 2, Burgos, Siargao Islands, Surigao del Norte be classified as **Class II** considering portions which have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological and biological values or high quality ecosystem. It may be necessary to close sections of this cave seasonally or permanently. It is open to experienced cavers or guided educational tours/visitors.





Ilihan Cave was the third cave being assessed and surveyed. It is located in Brgy. Poblacion 2, Burgos, Siargao Islands, Surigao del Norte has a total of **119.28** meters from the main portal/entrance of the cave up to its end point including the chamber and junctions. The cave is no longer pristine because of human activity like excavation and vandalism. It is still intact and contains delicate and fragile geological formations.

Based on the findings, the team hereby recommends that Ilihan Cave be classified as Class II considering that portions of the cave has extremely hazardous condition.



On the fifth day, the cave assessment team presented the results of the assessment of the 3 caves to the MLGU of Burgos. The culmination was attended by the MENRO, Vice-Mayor and members of Sanguniang Bayan.