

THE MARINE STORE



Marina Goreau (center) with her father Dr. Thomas Goreau, museum president Sonia Sarrosa, director Lilibeth La O, Sagay Marine Reserve head Mayo Antonio Cueva and guests from Paris, France, Lalyn Bandelario and son Eudrey, and the Sagay children.*

IN SAGAY

Museum gets snorkeling gear

The Global Coral Reef Alliance Children to Children Program, through its director, Marina Goreau, turned over 15 sets of masks, snorkels and fins to Museo sang Bata sa Negros during its recent visit to Sagay City, a press release from the city said.

Goreau, 16, said Snorkel Bob of Hawaii granted 77 percent discount on the total cost of the snorkel set, at US \$1,000.

The donors said they hope the swimming gear will help develop the children's love for the sea, learn and see the beauty of the ocean and learn how to protect it.

Marina, who has been in the cause of protecting the environment since she was

six year old, said her father inspired her to help protect the marine ecosystem, the press release said.

Museo sang Bata Sa Negros president Sonia Sarrosa said she is thankful to Marina for her concern for the environment.

Marina is the daughter of coral ecologist, Dr. Thomas Goreau, the president of Global Coral Reef Alliance organization. Dr. Goreau's organization, in partnership with the team from Massachusetts Institute of

Technology, implemented the First Step Coral Rehabilitation program in Sagay City.

Through the use of biorock, wind Gorlov turbine, tidal power and solar panels, the project aimed to spur up the growth of corals by three to five times faster, increase coral survival by 16 to 50 times and increases fish population.

Dr. Goreau is now in Sagay for an ocular inspection of the project, the press release added.*