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This undergraduate research project is a critical review of UPV-Based Coastal Resource Management (CRM) studies from four significantly diverse sources covering a total of fifty two (52) CRM studies. This research aims to identify and to critically analyze the collection of undergraduate projects of Political Science and Economics students of the University of the Philippines in the Visayas, select articles from *Danyag: Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* articles, unpublished studies deposited in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) and the December 2006 Culture and Resource Management issue of *Palayag* of the Center for West Visayan Studies. The studies were distributed into different categories and subcategories to ensure that they are divided into mutually exclusive and independent groups and so as to avoid overlapping of data. Employing the system of categorization, this critical review analyzes the range of themes and topics tackled in the studies and is intended to determine the development of research methodology, theoretical and conceptual framework, and findings of the studies included in all the categories. The four major categories are: (a) Studies on Decentralized Management, (b) Studies on Natural Resource Governance, (c) Social Dynamics in Coastal Resource Management, and (d) Human Dimensions in Coastal Resource Management. The extensive listings of coastal resource management studies revealed that country's CRM practices are rooted on participation, collaboration and is geared towards sustainability. A holistic coastal resource management practice should be modeled on the synthesis drawn from the knowledge, skills and past experiences from both governmental and local efforts to the management of coastal resources.