



More than a decade of excellent and unceasing work and memorable milestones of the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (MBCFI) started with a comprehensive rapid assessment of the Mindoro Island and other significant research data accumulated through the years.

The Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. (MBCFI) is a non-stock, non-profit organization registered with the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission on 19 March 2008. MBCFI **envisions** sustained conservation of Mindoro's natural resources for future generations. The organization's **mission** is to lead scientific research and catalyze collaborative and participative conservation efforts in key biodiversity areas of Mindoro resulting in empowered Mindoreños through increased awareness and care.

Its **main purpose** is to support and strengthen biodiversity conservation efforts throughout Mindoro Island. Our organization conducts biological research on species and ecosystems and socio-economic research on natural resource-dependent communities to provide science-based recommendations to policy makers, managers, and local executives. MBCFI promotes greater awareness and concern for Mindoro's environment through improved information campaigns, capacity building and empowering communities.



We are one of the six NGOs in the Philippines accepted as a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).



It is estimated that there are as many as 60,000 registered NGOs in the Philippines. But there are more or less only 450 NGOs who have been accredited by the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) and MBCFI is amongst them.

MBCFI Core Programs & Project:



Resources, Environment, Species and Ecological Assessment for Responsible Change (RESEARCH)

This program involves project site profiling, habitat and/or species-focused research, studies on ecological services and regular biodiversity monitoring. Results of these studies are major inputs in updating the conservation management plan of all priority sites.

Mindoro Island Symbolic Species Icons of Nature (MISSION)

The purpose of this program is to facilitate the formation of community-based biodiversity protection groups who shall take the lead in protecting the different ecosystems, habitats, and threatened endemic species which are symbolic icons of Mindoro Island.



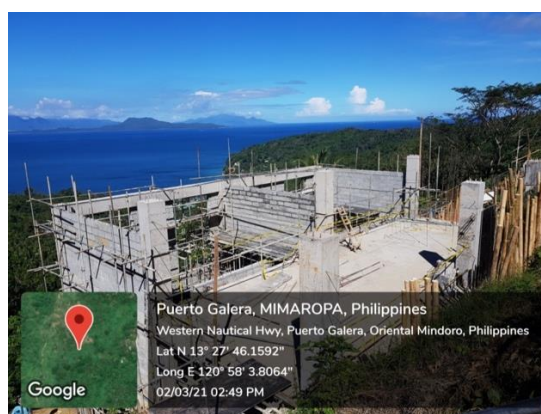


Community Awareness Raising and Education (CARE)

This program designs and implements information and education campaigns in Mindoro to increase the conservation awareness of the Mangyans, non-IP communities and other stakeholders.

MBCC Project (Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center)

Soon, our work will find concrete fruition in our own flagship project, the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center, a physical embodiment of sustainability, benefitting present and future generations which will rise in Dulangan, Puerto Galera, and is envisioned as a center for all things about Mindoro. A museum, library, demonstration and restoration areas, Mangyan heritage hall, research laboratory, exhibits and specimens center, meeting rooms and ecotourism spots are the major components and features of the center. A center with valuable database that will provide a home for our wealth of information on Mindoro's globally important biodiversity—a home that will hopefully attract Mindoreños, students, tourists, partners, as well as donors, as we make our way towards sustainability.



We are a member of the Regional Development Council (RDC). RDC is the highest policy-making body that coordinates and sets the direction of all economic and social development efforts in the region. We sit at the Provincial Development and Environment Councils of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro. We are a member of four (4) Protected Area Management Board in Mindoro whose main role is to decide and approve matters relating to proposals, work and action plans, policies, guidelines and other activities for the management of the protected area. We also help review and update the National List of Threatened Terrestrial Fauna of the Philippines and the CLUPs of Oriental Mindoro. When so requested by local and national partners, we enjoin them in the formulation and implementation of responsive policies for effective resource management and conservation.

March 2018 marked our first decade. To date, we have identified 54 new and significant species records and discovered one new species in Mindoro, the *Cynanchum malampayae*, a new species of flowering plant. Recognizing local communities as key enablers on biodiversity conservation, we have capacitated more than 1,000 local community members, facilitated the deputization of 69 Wildlife Enforcement Officers, and provided 15 alternative sources of income for all of these groups.



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Through the Strengthening Environmental Education and Development (SEED) under the CARE Program, we have trained over 400 Mindoro teachers in biodiversity conservation, and how to teach it to the youth in a way that is relevant and engaging. It is through these teachers' dedication and commitment that children learn to love their island, protect their planet, and respect all life on earth. An environmental sourcebook entitled "Mindoro TREASURES" has been published through the concerted effort between the MBCFI and the supervisors and teachers of Mindoro for almost five years. This book bagged an award at the 17th Philippine Quill Awards under the category of Communications and Training and Stevie Awards in 2019. The Philippine Quill is the country's most prestigious awarding body in the field of business communication. It has been bestowing the seal of approval to the most reputable organizations and corporations in the nation for almost two decades, emphasizing the use of excellent communication to achieve business goals and to make a difference in society. The Stevie Awards is an international business awards competition open to all organizations in the 29 nations of the Asia-Pacific region. It honors and generates public recognition of the achievements and positive contributions of organizations and working professionals worldwide.



We have organized and registered 14 Mangyan People's Organizations (POs), and helped them find dignity in their work, while striking a balance between their traditional ways and the responsible use of the natural resources they depend on. With these local community organizations and members as key partners, 163 hectares of restoration and woodlot areas have been established where less than 200,000 native seedlings and wildlings were planted from 2015 to date.