

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
1515 DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : The Regional Strategic Communication and Initiatives Group

FROM : The In-charge, Office of the PENRO
Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF ECO-TOUR AND PHOTOWALK IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AND CLIMATE CHANGE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH AT SILONAY MANGROVE CONSERVATION ECOPARK, BARANGAY SILONAY CALAPAN CITY ON NOVEMBER 25, 2022**

Submitted is the report of this Office on the conduct of activities, in celebration of the National Environmental Awareness Month and National Climate Change Consciousness Month. Be informed that Eco-Tour and Photowalk was conducted at Silonay Mangrove Conservation Eco-Park located in Barangay Silonay, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on November 25, 2022.

The activity aims to immerse the youth with nature while raising awareness on the protection and conservation of the environment and natural resources. Through this activity, participants were encouraged to plant mangrove seedlings in the Ecopark's mudflats and stroll/tour around and enjoy the whole area while learning in between. Photographers were invited for them to have the opportunity to apply their passion into the nature.

A total of 10 female and 18 male youth have participated in the activity. It was composed of PENRO youth, SK Officials of Barangay Silonay, Silonay PO members and MDO Photography Movement members. The activity ended with sharing of impressions from the participants and their take away on the activity conducted. Likewise, the photos captured by the volunteer photographers are subject for installation to our future exhibits.

For information and record.

For and in the absence of the OIC, PENRO:

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In-charge, Office of the OIC, PENRO

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December 5, 2022

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FOR : The In-charge, PENR Officer
Oriental Mindoro

THRU : The Chief, Management Services Division

FROM : Forester I/Youth Focal Person

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In line with the celebration of the National Environmental Awareness Month and National Climate Change Consciousness Month, PENRO Oriental Mindoro have conducted activities such as Eco-Tour and Photowalk at Silonay Mangrove Conservation Eco-Park located in Barangay Silonay, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on November 25, 2022.

The activity aims to immerse the youth with nature while raising awareness on the protection and conservation of the environment and natural resources. Through this activity, participants are encouraged to plant mangrove seedlings in the Ecopark's mudflats and stroll around and enjoy the whole area while learning something. It was also an opportunity for our volunteer photographers to apply their passion into the nature.

A total of 10 female and 18 male youth have participated in the activity. It was composed of PENRO youth, SK Officials of Barangay Silonay, Silonay PO members and MDO Photography Movement members.

The Silonay Mangrove Conservation Ecopark is a 41-hectare protected area in Silonay Island that opened November of 2013. Due to the cutting of trees of the locals to sell as firewood, mangroves in Silonay have depleted through the years. These mangrove trees are important to Silonay, as it protect the island from strong storm surges. The Ecopark was established in order to protect these mangroves. It is currently managed by the People's Organization named Sama-samang Nagkakaisang Pamayanan ng Silonay,

The activity was started with a brief introduction by the undersigned. The importance of youth as steward in the protection and conservation of the environment and natural resources was highlighted. Being aware and conscious on the current environmental issues is one step in creating impacts in the change, most especially youth as the instrument.



After the briefing, the tree planting activity was done. A total of 100 Bakauan propagules was planted in the eco-park area where replanting/rehabilitation is needed. It was identified by the PO member assigned in the mangrove conservation area.

Afterwards, an eco-tour along with environmental talk was led by the tour guide in the air Mr. Alowin Simblante, who is also a PO member. There Ms. Simblante discussed how the eco-park was established and the importance of mangrove. Further, he emphasized how the mangrove eco-park have helped the community on both environmental and economic aspect. Since it was established, the eco-park has provided a lot of livelihoods to the community such as ecotourism area, crab harvesting, nursery establishment where seedlings are readily available to be purchased. This is in alternative to fishing, which is their primary livelihood.

During the tour, the participants were also provided with trivia regarding the area and the resources within it. Further, the undersigned also highlighted the importance of mangrove, moreso in the impact of climate change.

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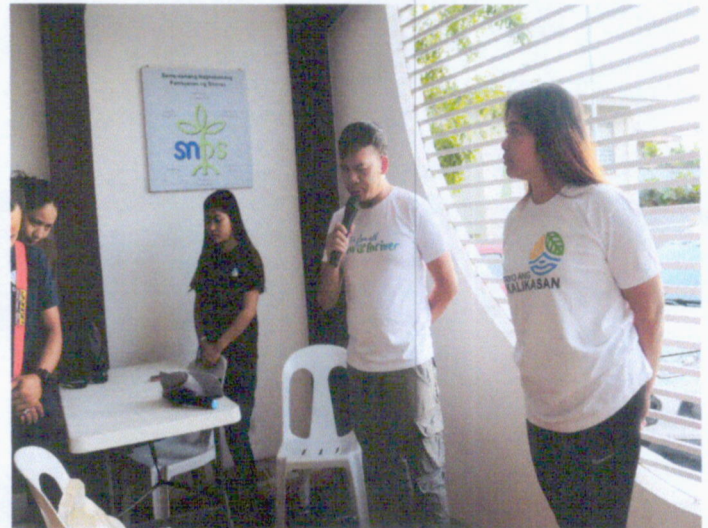
Attached is the photo documentation and attendance of the activity, for information and record.

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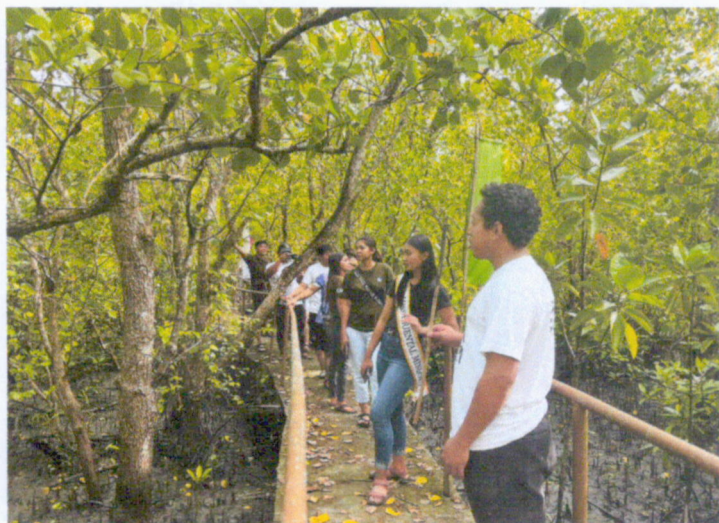
**PHOTO DOCUMENTATION DURING THE CONDUCT OF ECO-TOUR AND
PHOTO-WALK INSILONAY MANGROVE CONSERVATION ECOPARK,
BARANGAY SILONAY CALAPAN CITY ON NOVEMBER 25, 2022**





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PHOTOS DURING THE ECO-TOUR AROUND THE ECOPARK





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PHOTOS DURING THE PHOTOWALK IN THE ECOPARK

