



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
MIMAROPA Region

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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU** : The ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** : The OIC, PENR Officer

**SUBJECT** : **WORLD SEAGRASS DAY 2023**

Respectfully forwarded is the copy of the report regarding the celebration of World Seagrass Day 2023 in So. Maasim, Barangay Payompon, Occidental Mindoro. Attached is the pertinent documents of the said report.

For information and record.

  
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March 13, 2023

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**FOR** : The PENR Officer  
**THRU** : The Chief, Technical Services  
**FROM** : The Chief, CDS  
**SUBJECT** : **WORLD SEAGRASS DAY 2023**

In celebration of the World Seagrass Day on March 01, 2023, please be informed that a small group discussion was conducted in conjunction with the monitoring of marine turtle nesting sites activity in Sitio Maasim, Brgy. Payompon, Occidental Mindoro on March 1, 2023. This activity conducted to raise awareness about seagrass and its important functions in the marine ecosystem. Attached are the photo documentation, attendance and presentation.

  
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# World Seagrass Day

March 1, 2023

Payompon, Mamburao, Oc. Mindoro

## ATTENDANCE

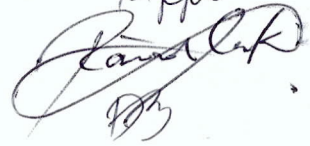
Pangalan	EDAD	Tirahan
1. Emily Q. Santos	36	So. Maasim, Payompon
2. Emerson Turianw	45	So. Maasim, Payompon
3. Mary Grace C. Tadalan	33	So. Maasim, Payompon
4. Mely Sean C. Pepito	50	So. Maasim, Payompon
5. Mark Delon N. Rañada	35	So. Maasim, Payompon
6. Domingo Blando	49	So. Maasim, Payompon
7. Nelson C. Basco		So. Maasim, Payompon

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**MARCH 1 IS WORLD SEA GRASS DAY  
AND IT IS CELEBRATED TO RAISE AWARENESS  
ABOUT SEAGRASS AND ITS IMPORTANT  
FUNCTIONS IN THE MARINE ECOSYSTEM**

**\* THE UNITED NATION ASSEMBLY  
PROCLAIMED MARCH 1 OF EVERY YEAR AS  
THE WORLD SEAGRASS DAY**

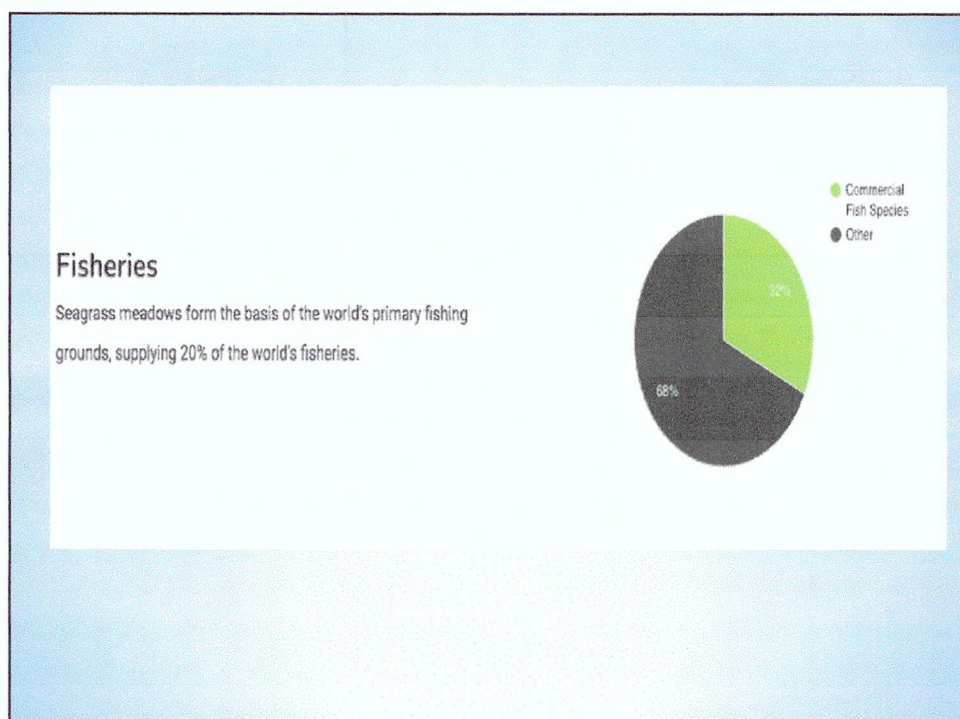
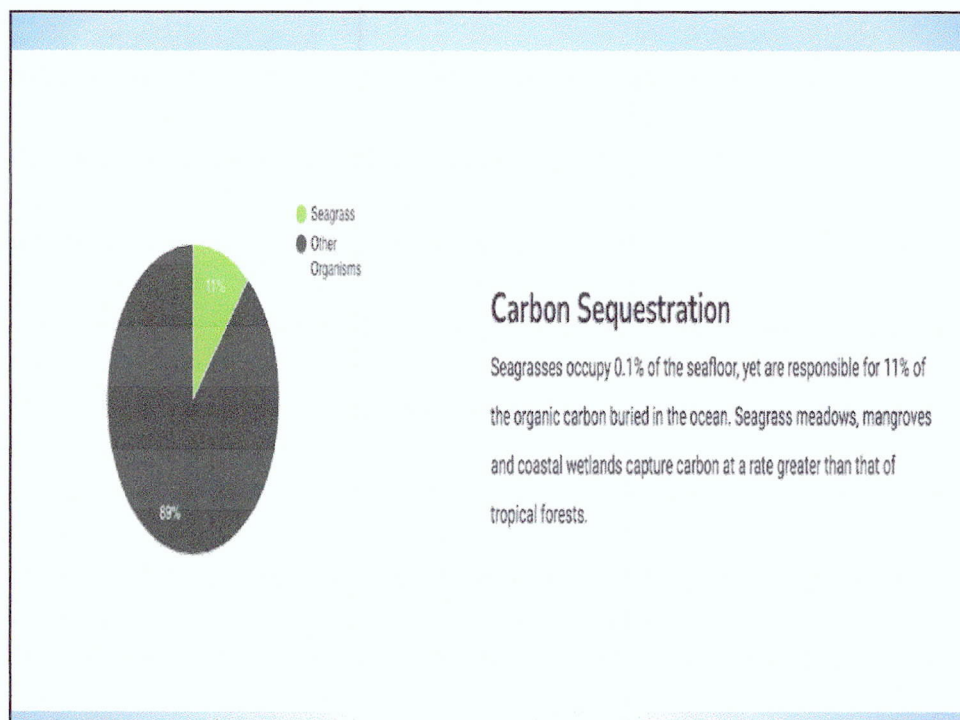


## **WHY SAVING SEAGRASS MEANS SAVING OUR SEAS**

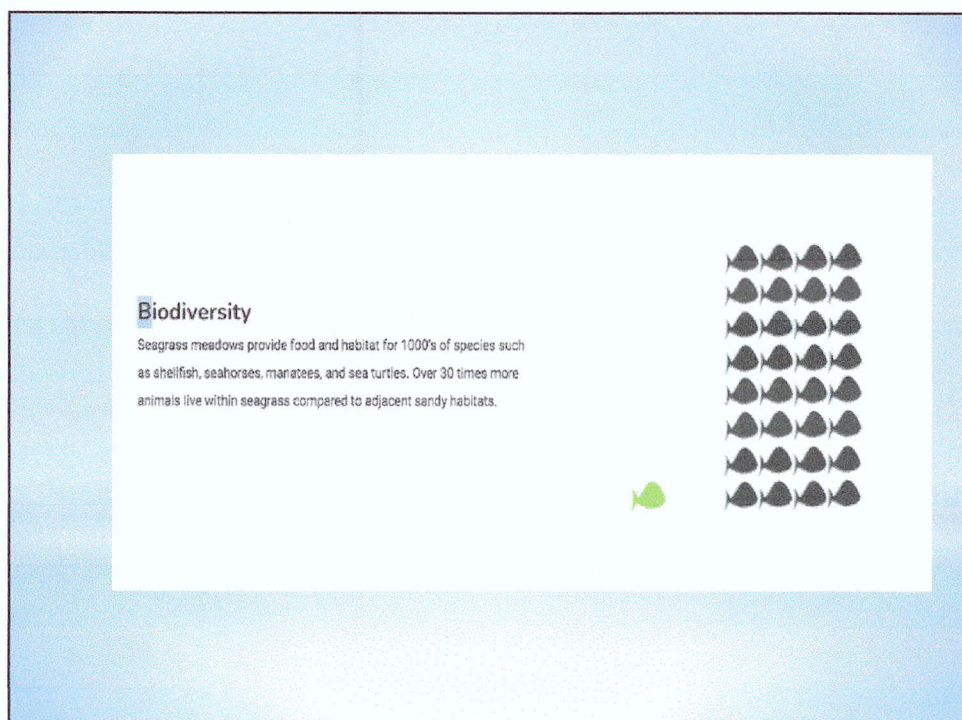
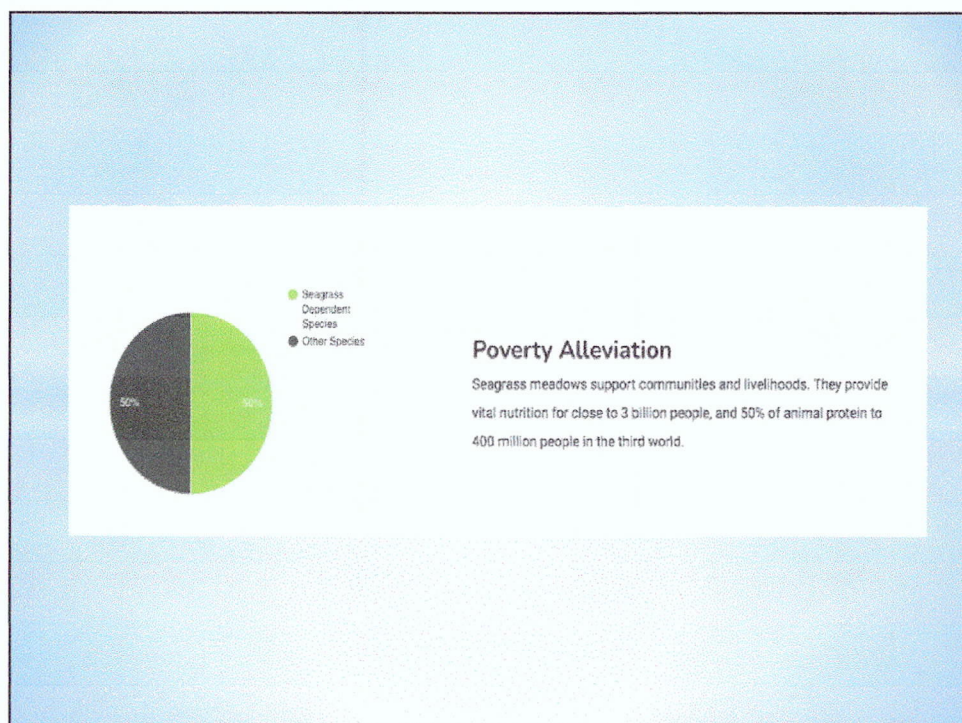
### **SAVING SEAGRASS MEANS SAVING OUR SEAS**

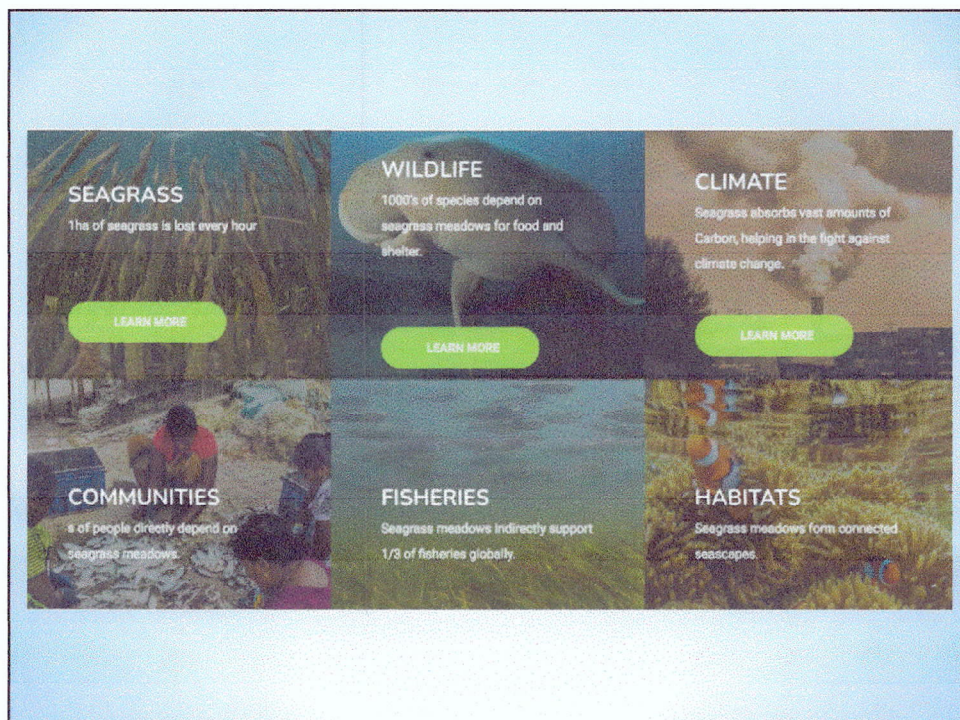
Seagrasses are flowering plants that live in shallow sheltered areas along our coast. These sensitive plants are different from seaweed and form bright green leaves. These leaves form large, dense meadows under the sea. Like the coral reefs and rainforests of the tropics, these underwater gardens are full of life, hosting many animals of different shapes, colours and sizes. However, like rainforests and coral reefs, these incredible underwater gardens are threatened. Globally, estimates suggest we lose an area of seagrass around the same size as two football pitches every hour. Protecting what is left is vital.

CTTO: Project Seagrass



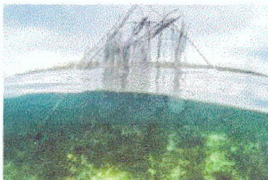







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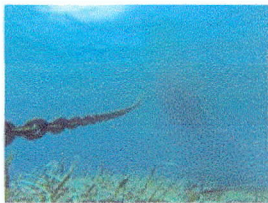
Despite its importance, seagrass is disappearing...Fast. Storms, disease and human induced threats such as pollution and decreased water clarity, often triggered by excessive nutrients and sediments in runoff from the land, can have devastating local effects. Physical disturbance can also occur from contact with boat propellers and from chain moorings. Generally, if only leaves and above-ground vegetation are impacted, seagrasses can recover from direct physical damage within a few weeks; however, when damage is done to roots and rhizomes, the ability of the plant to produce new growth is severely impacted, and plants may never be able to recover.



**Destructive Fishing**



**Climate Change**



**Physical Destruction**



