DENR-10 announces newly appointed ... (from p. 2)

RED Adornado also acknowledged the newly appointed full-fledged Community Environment and Natural Resources Officials and promoted Division Chiefs from the Surveys and Mapping Division and DENR-EMB. The RED said these individuals have demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication and commitment to their respective tasks and deserved the appointment and promotion.

The newly appointed CENR Officials include CENR Officer Edgardo G. Agbayani of CENRO Don Carlos, CENR Officer Liza B. Requiña of CENRO Gingoog City and CENR Officer Jerome G. Pioquinto of CENRO Initao, while the newly promoted division chiefs include Atty. Abbas Lao and Engr. Dovee Cherry Geollegue from the DENR-EMB 10 and Engr. Isidro J. Jabla of the Surveys and Mapping Division.

DENR 10 capacitates partners... (from p. 2)

and RA 7942 or the Mining Act.

The participants also underwent actual proper handling of wildlife in the Regional Wildlife Rescue Center to acquire basic skills during rescue/turn-over of wildlife species.

Upon completion of the training, the participants will be deputized as Wildlife Enforcement Officer in accordance with Joint DENR-Department of Agriculture-Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Administrative Order No. 01 Series of 2004 Section 30.

Forester Closas awarded... (from p. 3)

The ADR was institutionalized in 2016 to achieve an efficient, speedy and economical procedure in the resolution of claims and conflicts without undergoing lawsuit and may be settled through arbitration, mediation or negotiation. The DENR personnel are trained to handle ADR proceedings over land conflict cases, and others following the guidelines provided under the DENR Administrative Order No. 2016-30.

DENR 10, stakeholders join International Day of Forest... (from p. 6)

Assembly, designated as March 21 for the International Day of Forest and March 22 for World Water Day.

The theme for the International Day of Forest 2024 is "Forest and Innovation: New Solutions for a Better World" and "Water for Peace" for World Water Day.

DENR line bureaus, specifically the Environmental Management Bureau 10 and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau 10, the Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office also conducted their respective activities.

Local residents rescue juvenile Philippine Eagle... (from p.7)

authorities to strictly enforce the laws and rules on airgun regulation to help save and conserve the Philippine Eagle.

The Philippine Eagle is endemic to only four major islands in Eastern Luzon, Samar, Levte, and Mindanao. The largest number of eagle population resides in Mindanao, with between 82 and 233 breeding pairs. It is also known that Protected Areas in Region 10, particularly in Mount Kitanglad Range Natural Park and Mount Kalatungan Range Natural Park in Bukidnon are the home and nesting site of the Philippine Eagle.

DENR 10 leads celebration of World Wetlands ... (from p. 7)

Every second of February, World Wetlands Day is celebrated. This day marks the convention on Wetlands on February 2, 1971, in the Iranian City of Ramsar in the Caspian Sea. World Wetlands Day was first celebrated in 1977 and has been organized and has themes each year focusing on the importance of water to life and wetlands providing water supply.

Annually, government agencies, non-government organizations and groups of people in the community take the opportunity to take steps to increase public knowledge about the importance of wetlands.

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DENR 10, EMB 10 bag EAGLE Awards for CY 2022



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga conferred the agency's Environmental Awards for Governance and Leadership Excellence (EAGLE) to Regional Executive Director (RED) Henry A. Adornado (right) and Regional Director (RD) Reynaldo S. Digamo (left) in recognition of their exemplary leadership skills, major accomplishments and contributions as head of DENR 10 and EMB 10, respectively, during the 2024 New Year's Reception on February 1, 2024 in Tagaytay City.

RED Adornado was a former Director of Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau in Los Baños, Laguna, a consistently top performing Bureau in 2016 and 2017 before he was assigned in the field.



RD Digamo also received the EAGLE Award as head of EMB 10. He is a three-time nominee for EAGLE Award in Caraga Region and Northern Mindanao from year 2018 to 2021.

In addition, DENR 10 was also awarded as the Best Performing Regional Office for 2022 for its contribution in the efficient and effective implementation of the department's goals.

Aside from the above recognitions, three DENR 10 field offices such as PENRO Lanao del Norte, PENRO Camiguin and CENRO Oroquieta were awarded with plaque of recognition being nominees for EAGLE award under different categories.

The EAGLE Award recognizes the outstanding DENR officials' exemplary leadership and major accomplishments and contributions in pursuing the agency's goals and objectives. Its main objective is to promote a culture of organizational and leadership excellence by determining the efficiency and effectiveness of field officials in delivering their mandates and recognize and commend them accordingly.

DENR 10 capacitates partners for Wildlife Law Enforcement

To provide technical assistance in the implementation of various laws, rules, and regulations governing wildlife resources in the region, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Region 10 capacitated partners through a two-day Deputation Training on Wildlife Law Enforcement on January 25-26, 2024 in Puntod, Cagayan de Oro City.

The training aimed to help the participants to familiarize the Rules of Procedures for Environmental Cases and the Wildlife Law Enforcement Manual of Operations and to acquire basic skills on identifying and handling wildlife species.



Fifty-one partners from the Local Government Units-Municipal Environment Natural Resources Offices, Philippine National Police Maritime 10, People's Organizations and volunteers participated the said training.

"The collective efforts of the DENR, partners, stakeholders and communities in the enforcement of various laws, rules and regulations will significantly help to combat any illegal wildlife trade and trafficking in the region", DENR 10 Regional Executive Director (RED) Henry A. Adornado emphasized during his message.

RED Adornado challenged the participants to help in the information dissemination campaign about the various environment-related topics on wildlife. He also expressed his gratitude to partners in continuous collaboration for the implementation and enforcement of ENR laws.

Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Ma. Theresa J. Allen shared that wildlife trafficking is one of the major environmental problems in the country that needs to be addressed. She added that the additional deputized Wildlife Enforcement Officers will help intensify and continue the region's Wildlife conservation and protection efforts.

Resource Persons from the DENR 10, Environmental Management Bureau 10, and Mines and Geosciences Bureau 10 discussed topics on the Philippine Biodiversity and Republic Act (RA) No. 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, duties and responsibilities of Wildlife Enforcement Officers, role of Government and its Officials in Enforcement of Wildlife Laws, Rules and Procedures for Environmental Cases, Wildlife Permits, Identification of commonly traded Wildlife, Environmental Management (p. 8)

DENR-10 announces newly appointed and promoted full-fledged officials

The Department of Environment of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 (DENR 10) Regional Executive Director (RED) Henry A. Adornado announced the appointment and promotion of six officials from the Surveys and Mapping Division (SMD), DENR-Environmental Management Bureau 10 (DENR-EMB 10) and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office in the region on January 8, 2024 at the DENR Central Office.



DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga (center) joins with newly appointed and promoted field officials from different regional offices during the Monday Convocation at the DENR Central Office. (Photo courtesy of SCIS)

According to RED Adornado, DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga facilitated the Oath-taking ceremony during the Monday Convocation at the Central Office. Sec. Loyzaga congratulated the six officials from Region 10 and encouraged them to continue their commitment to their respective duties and responsibilities. (p. 8)

DENR 10 conducts orientation to newly appointed employees



Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region 10 Assistant Regional Director for Management Services Ma. Theresa J. Allen (left photo) welcomes the newly appointed personnel during their 2-day Orientation on February 6-7, 2024 at the DENR 10 Conference Room, Puntod, Cagayan de Oro City.

ARD Allen explained the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management and its four core systems to empower the employees of DENR 10.

She also expressed gratitude to the participants for their significant contributions for making Region 10 the Best Performing Regional Office for CY 2022.

Local residents rescue juvenile Philippine Eagle in Bukidnon

On February 24, 2024, a juvenile Philippine Eagle named Kalatungan was rescued in the province of Bukidnon with the help of the Forest Guard volunteers of the Bantay sa Yutang Kabilin (BYK) Association in Sitio Balmar, Nabaliwa, Pangantucan in collaboration Philippine Eagle Foundation (PEF), Xavier Science Foundation, and the DENR 10 Protected Area Management Office of Mount Kalatungan Range Natural Park (MKRNP).

The eaglet was found trapped in a thicket along Kilauyon ridge above the rivers of Kaayatan nga Dako (Big) and Kaayatan Gamay (Small) in the said locality by a resident named Dodong Watang.

The discovery of the juvenile Philippine Eagle prompted Elpedio Suclatan, Chairman of the local People's Organization NAMAMAYUK, to coordinate with Xavier Science Foundation, Deputy Director Thieza Verdijo, Philippine Eagle Foundation Director for Operations Dr. Jayson C. Ibañez, PhD and DENR 10 PAMO of MKRNP Protected Area Superintendent (PASU) Ner Doydoy.

The PEF dispatched a team from Davao City led by PEF Senior Animal Keeper Dominic Tadena along with Biologist Andrei Von Mariano Tirona and Dr. Sheen Erica Gadong, PEF Veterinary Consultant to administer first aid care to the juvenile eaglet. During the initial examination, it showed a superficial wound on the left wing indicating a potential injury or trauma. It was also identified and projected that the bird is between 1.5 to 2 years of age, male and

weighs 3.45 kilograms.

After the initial examination, the juvenile eaglet was transported to Davao City for its follow-up check-up and X-ray imaging. It was revealed that it sustained wounds coming from airgun pellets, and the absence of entry wounds indicated that it happened a few months back.

Director Ibañez shared that this is the third case of a Philippine Eagle being purposely shot with airguns in the province since the pandemic. The first was Philippine Eagle "Taoyaman Fernando," a

rescued immature bird in 2020 whose X-ray also showed airgun pellets lodged on its right wing, and the second case was Philippine Eagle "Sinabadan," who was also shot and is now permanently injured.

Director Ibañez added that with these incidents, it is high time to seek assistance and lobby to the concerned (p. 8)

DENR 10 leads celebration of World Wetlands Day

To increase public awareness of the importance of wetlands, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 (DENR 10) along with the Provincial and Community Environment and Natural Resources Offices (PENROs and CENROs) conducted an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign in observance of the World Wetlands Day on February 2, 2024.



DENR 10 Conservation and Development Division Chief, Roel G. Dahonog (right) expresses his gratitude to Misamis Oriental General Comprehensive High School (MOGCHS) Secondary School Principal IV Abdon R. Bacayana, PhD for allowing the Office to conduct an Information, Education and Communication campaign to Grade 11 students on the Importance of Wetlands as part of the World Wetlands Day 2024 with the theme "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing" Life Interlaced Wetlands and People CARENATURE-SUPPORT.

The Conservation and Development Division (CDD) through the Protected Area Management and Biodiversity Conservation Section (PAMBCS) of DENR 10 led the IEC campaign participated by students from the Misamis Oriental General Comprehensive National High School (MOGCHS) in the city. The lecture was anchored on this year's theme "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing" Life Interlaced Wetlands and People CARENATURE-SUPPORT which focuses on the interconnection of wetlands to humans that aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and the planet.

The IEC campaign was headed by CDD OIC-Chief, Forester Roel G. Dahonog and PAMBCS Chief Ranoray Love A. Noro PAMBCS staff Junrey L. Labalan lectured and highlighted the topic Importance and Role of Wetlands and the World Wetlands Day 2024 theme "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing" Life Interlaced Wetlands and People CARE-NATURE-SUPPORT.

The PENROs and CENROs also organized activities in observance of the World Wetlands Day. PENRO Bukidnon along with its CENR Offices spearheaded tree planting and clean-up activities; PENRO Camiguin led the hanging of tarpaulin on World Wetlands Day in the office, facilitated a Community Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) campaign, tree-growing and clean-up activities; and PENRO Misamis Occidental also conducted CEPA campaign, Mangrove and Tree-growing and Coastal clean-up activities.

These activities in the field offices were supported and collaborated with various partner national government agencies including the Local Government Units, Barangay Local Government Units, Philippine National Police, academe, 4 Ps and other private organizations and individuals in Region 10. (p. 8)

DENR 10, stakeholders join International Day of Forest and World Water Day celebration on March

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 (DENR 10), with the support of various local government units and private sectors, spearheaded the simultaneous celebration of International Day of Forest 2024 and World Water Day 2024 on March 22 in Northern Mindanao to highlight the importance of sustainable management of our remaining forests and freshwater resources.

DENR 10 Regional Executive Director (RED) Henry A. Adornado, through the Conservation and Development Division and the Licenses, Patents, and Deeds Division, conducted a Tree Growing activity in Sitio Mapawa, Barangay Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City, and a Clean-up activity in Zone 6, Barangay Igpit, Opol.



The simultaneous celebration aimed at raising awareness of the importance of all types of forests and ecosystem restoration, including reforestation efforts that significantly contribute to climate change mitigation, as well as focusing on the importance of water to people living without access to safe water and the critical role of freshwater in the sustainability and prosperity of the world.

Various national government agencies, local government units, their respective barangay local government units, and selected DENR regional office and line bureau personnel attended the activity in separate locations.

Participants planted 30 indigenous species of Balakat-Gubat, Dao, and Kalumata seedlings and collected approximately 15 sacks of waste during the simultaneous activities.

Additionally, on the same day, DENR personnel also participated in the removal of Water Hyacinth along the riverbanks of Isla de Oro in Cagayan de Oro City. The activity was organized by the Cagayan de Oro City Local Environment and Natural Resources Office (CLENRO) and was participated in by various stakeholders, national government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and selected DENR regional office

The International Day of Forest and World Water Day were both proclaimed by the United Nations General (p. 8)

Orientation for the new PAMB members



Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Ronald D. Gadot, Sr. (right) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 (DENR 10), welcomes the members of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) in Region 10 during the opening program of the Orientation for the new PAMB members spearheaded by the Protected Area Management and Biodiversity Conservation Section on March 6 -8, 2024 in Cagayan de Oro City.

He said that the activity is very important especially for the new PAMB members to gain more understanding not only to their respective duties and responsibilities but also to the ultimate goal in the conservation, management and development of the

The activity was participated in by the Protected Area Superintendents, Local Government Units and DENR 10 personnel.



Chief, Protected Area Management and Biodiversity Conservation Section Ranoray Love Noro (right) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 answers query from the member of the Protected Area Management Board regarding the issues and concerns within their protected area during an open forum of the Orientation for the new PAMB members.

Turn Over Ceremony



Pursuant to Regional Special Order No. 2024-01020, DENR 10 Regional Executive Director Henry A. Adornado and Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Ronald D. Gadot, Sr. (2nd and 3rd from left, respectively) administer the turn-over and installation of Development Management Officer IV Dennis Juab (left) as OIC, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) of Ozamiz City and out-going CENR Officer Thomas Cardente (right) on January 15, 2024 in Ozamiz City.

RED Adornado handed-over the symbolic key of responsibilities to Forester Juab in place of CENR Officer Cardente who was designated as the new OIC, PENRO of Bukidnon.

Present during the turn-over ceremony are Misamis Occidental PENR Officer Rey S. Fernandez (2nd from right), newly designated Conservation and Development Division Chief, Roel Dahonog (not in photo) and other officials and personnel from the PENRO Misamis Occidental and CENRO Ozamiz City.

Forester Closas awarded as the Best ADRO



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 (DENR 10) recognizes Development Management Officer III Forester Orlan A. Closas of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources (PENRO) Bukidnon as the Best Alternative Dispute Resolution Officer (ADRO) for his outstanding performance and hardwork as a third party neutral in providing ADR services in the Department during the 2023 DENR ADR Day Celebration on February 8, 2024 in DENR Social Hall, Quezon City. (p.8)



OIC, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations-Western Mindanao and Director, Forest Management Bureau, in concurrent capacity, Arleigh J. Adorable (left) and DENR 10 Regional Executive Director Henry A. Adornado (right) administer the turn-over of responsibilities between PENR Officer Vergilino P. Alima and incoming OIC, PENR Officer of Bukidnon Thomas L. Cardente II in a simple ceremony in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon on January 4, 2024.

PENRO Cardente, prior to his designation as OIC in PENRO Bukidnon was the CENR Officer of CENRO Ozamiz. While PENRO Alima is the new PENRO of Misamis Oriental.

The turn-over ceremony was witnessed by CENR Officers and other PENRO staff from Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental.



DENR 10 Regional Executive Director Henry A. Adornado (center) and Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services Ronald D. Gadot, Sr. (right) administer the installation of Roel G. Dahonog as the new chief of the Conservation and Development Division (CDD) on January 10, 2024 in Puntod, Cagayan de Oro City.

Prior to his designation, Chief Dahonog was the OIC-Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer of Gingoog City.

The installation ceremony was witnessed by the CENRO Gingoog and CDD staff.

Tree Hugging Day



Selected Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Region 10 and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) key officials and personnel headed by Regional Executive Director Henry A. Adornado and CENR Officer Jerome G. Pioquinto of Initao, Misamis Oriental participate in the Tree Hugging activity, an alternative way to celebrate Valentines Day, in Initao Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape (ILPLS) on February 14, 2024.

The participants hug the 70 feet Centennial Tree, Talisay-gubat (Terminalia foetidissima Griff.), a native tree in the Philippines associated with beach-type forests. ILPLS is located within the municipalities of Initao and Libertad, Misamis Oriental covering an area of 921.02 hectares. It was declared as protected area under Republic Act 11038 on June 22, 2018. The landscape portion of the protected area contains primary forest with century-old trees that serve as habitat to diverse wildlife. Its seascape holds an excellent coral reef teeming with diverse marine life and a portion of its coastline is a nesting site of the endangered marine turtle.

The Forest Management Bureau leads the Tree Hugging Campaign from February 12-16 to promote the social/health benefits that can be derived from nurturing trees/forests and raise awareness on the importance of this movement.

DENR 10 joins DSWD's 73rd **Anniversary**



DENR 10 Regional Executive Director Henry A. Adornado, PhD (3rd from right) along with Department of Interior and Local Government Regional Director Wilhelm Mark Suyko, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional Director Ramel F. Jamen, Assistant District Director of Congressman Lordan Suan-Bert Amplayo, Civil Service Commission Acting Director Noemi Rabe-Torres (3rd from left to right, respectively) join the celebration of the 73rd Anniversary of the DSWD on March 9, 2024 in a Reforestation Project in Barangay Pagatpat, Cagayan de Oro City.

A tree planting activity highlighted the significant event wherein participants from various national government agencies planted a total of 500 seedlings of Narra, Bamboo and Lauan species.

Also present during the activity is DENR Misamis Oriental Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Vergilino P. Alima and Community Environment of Natural Resources Officer of CENRO-Initao Forester Jerome G. Pioquinto.

Women's Month Celebration

Environmental activities



CENRO Iligan City personnel join the simultaneous National Clean-up activity labeled as Kalinga at Inisyatiba para sa Malinis na Bayan (KALINISAN Program) spearheaded by the Department of Interior and Local Government on January 6, 2024 at Barangay Tubod, Iligan City.

The activity was participated in by more or less 60 volunteers from the Barangay Local Government Unit of Tubod along with its residents and CENRO Iligan City personnel. The group collected 27 sacks of garbage with a total weight of 324 kilograms.



As part of the World Wetlands Day celebration, CENRO Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon conducts a tree growing activity at Municipal Park, along the riverbank on February 2, 2024.

Representatives from Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, Philippine National Police, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Bureau of Jail Management and Penology, BLGU officials and residents participated the said activity.

A total of 300 Molave seedlings and native trees were planted with an area of 0.25 hectare.



CENRO Don Carlos spearheads a clean-up drive in collaboration with the local government unit of Kitaotao, Bukidnon and Tribu Laaw as part of the World Seagrass Day along Kipilas Falls, Kipilas, Kitaotao, Bukidnon on March 23, 2024.

collected and delivered to sanitary landfill of LGU Kitaotao, Bukidnon for proper disposal.

World Seagrass Day is celebrated on March 1 every vear to raise awareness about seagrass and its important functions in the marine ecosystem.



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CENRO Ozamiz City conducts a mangrove planting/growing activity in line with the World Wetlands Day celebration on February 2, 2024 at Dela Paz, Clarin, Misamis Occidental.

A total of 2,500 mangrove propagules were planted by the representatives from the local government units of Clarin, BLGU Dela Paz, Philippine Coast Guard, Philippine Statistics Authority and CENRO Ozamiz personnel covering an area of 0.40 hectare.



In celebration of the World Wildlife Day with the theme, "Connecting People and Planet: Exploring Digital Innovation in Wildlife Conservation, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Camiguin conducts a Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) campaign to selected junior and senior high school students of Mambajao National High School (MNHS) at Balintawak St., Poblacion, Mambajao, Camiguin on March 1, 2024.

Topics discussed were Republic Act 9147 or Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act presented by Forest Technician II Don Fernando C. Quililan, and Salient Feature of Mts. Timpoong-Hibok-Hibok Natural Monument by Forester



In line with the World Seagrass Day celebration, CENRO Oroquieta City leads some 113 volunteers from barangay local government unit of Puntod. Lopez Jaena, Philippine National Police, Mindanao State University, and Saint Francis Xavier High School in a coastal cleanup activity at Seven sacks of recyclable and residual waste were Puntod, Lopez Jaena, Misamis Occidental on March 1, 2024.

> A total of 45 sacks of waste with an estimated weight of 250 kilograms of non-biodegradable waste were collected mostly food wrappers, sachets, foams, and plastic packaging.



PENRO Bukidnon conducts an Environmental Symposium to the On-the-Job Trainees from Bukidnon State University, Mindanao Arts and Technology and IBA College of Mindanao, Inc. in line with the World Wildlife Day celebration on March 1, 2024 at PENRO Conference Room, Malaybalay City.

Topics discussed were DENR Priority Programs and Organizational Structure presented by Criselda Gumocio, World Seagrass celebration by Glissy Aparici Renacia, World Wildlife Day by Jessie Bucar, Republic Act 9003 discussed by Michael Gimena, and PD 1586 Environmental Impact Statement System by Arvin Mark Edeier.



CENRO Oroquieta City spearheads a coastal clean up at Barangay Punta, Panaon, Misamis Occidental in line with the celebration of the World Wetlands Day on February 2, 2024.

Some 103 volunteers from local government units of Panaon, BLGU Punta, Philippine National Police, Philippine Maritime Police, Bantay Dagat, USTP-Panaon students, private organization and CENRO Oroquieta City personnel collected 13 sacks of waste with an area approximately 1 kilometer mostly grocery bags, beverage bottles, diapers, plastic cups and plates, straws, electronic waste and others.



CENRO Valencia City spearheads a clean up drive along Caul-Mansikol Creek in Barangay 2, 6 and 9 as part of the World Wetlands Day celebration on February 2, 2024.

Volunteers from City Environment and Natural Resources Office, barangay officials/residents, and CENRO Valencia personnel collected 1 ton of wastes like plastics, diapers, textiles and others.

The theme for this year "Wetlands and Human Wellbeing" highlighted the interconnectedness between wetlands and human well-being, encompassing physical, mental and environmental health