

## SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS

In every organization, it is important that support services are established to enable the operations to further the implementation of various ENR activities. For Region 6, Support to Operations focused on Data Management including Systems Development and Maintenance; Production and Dissemination of Technical and Popular Materials in the Conservation and Development of Natural Resources including Environmental Education; Legal Services including Operations on Unlawful Titling of Public Lands; Conduct of Special Studies, Design and Development in Support of Forestry, Mining and Environmental Management Operations, including Climate Change Resilience; and Formulation and Monitoring of ENR Sector Policies, Plans, Programs and Projects.

On Data Management, the Region maintained 15 network infrastructures with 100% uptime using Paessler Router Traffic Grapher (PRTG) Network Monitoring Tool. This ensures interconnectivity of desktop computers through Local Area Network (LAN) and secures stability during online meetings and sustains fast paced communications among offices. Information System Analysts (ISA) monitor systems, and internet connections including trouble shooting of LAN issues. Coordination with the internet service provider (ISP) was done when complex issues can no longer be resolved within the confine of the IT focal person.



*PENRO Aklan — Trouble shooting of system and network related problems*



*Regional Office — Repair of internet connectivity and configuration of voice over internet protocol phone (VoIP) at the Server Room*



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With the issuance of Sub-Allotment Advice (SAA), several ICT equipment were procured such as high-end desktop computers, laptops, and other ICT equipment and hiring of ICT and GIS staff.

The activities on production and dissemination of technical and popular materials in the conservation and development of natural resources including environmental education have been significant in the promotional campaigns of DENR where for CY 2023 26 radio airtimes were conducted; 93 radio/TV guestings coordinated; nine (9) radio plugs/spots advertised/produced, reproduced; 16 digital ads produced and aired; 44 audio visual presentations; 580 editorial materials press/



Panay News interviews RED Duran during the Coastal Clean-up in celebration of World Environment Day at Brgy. Sto. Nino Sur, Arevalo, Iloilo City on June 5, 2023



Interview with RED Duran during the launching of DENR-DOLE-TUPAD GUGMA Youth Clean-up and Tree Planting Program at Esplanade 4, Iloilo City on July 14, 2023



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*PENRO Negros Occidental—Dalaw-turo in Lopez Jaena National High School in Negros Occidental*

photo news prepared and submitted; submitted nine (9) editorial materials feature story; produced 1,260 flyers/brochures; produced two (2) in-house newsletters; produced promotional materials (customized water tumbler, tee-shirt, jacket, tarpaulin and print advertisement); six (6) press conferences; 341 posts in social media (FB); and management of 12 environmental events. To augment the regular employees in the conduct of these activities, two (2) Information Officers were hired.

Another significant accomplishment on environmental awareness was the conduct of 23 dalaw-turo with the students and residents. It was stressed during the lecture the importance of biodiversity, climate change mitigation and adaptation, solid waste management, land, water and air. During the dalaw-turo with the students games were integrated with ENR themes, while those conducted with residents, the requirements on the different services of the Department were explained, i.e. application for patent issuance, permit to transport, etc. The activity does not only educate the participants and become agent of change but it was an avenue to bring the ENR services closer to the people.

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The activities carried out under Legal Services including operations on unlawful titling of public lands were highlighted by the conduct of 41 inventory of cases; 10 preliminary investigations; eight (8) Alternative Dispute Resolutions (ADRs); issuance of 343 decisions/resolutions/ orders; filing of 67 pleadings; and 169 court appearances. Furthermore, filing of 18 oplan fake titles/ENR cases/issuance of formal charge; and resolution of two (2) cases through ADR.

In the conduct of special studies, design and development in support of forestry, mining and environmental management operations, including climate change resilience, the Region deliberated and endorsed the four (4) proposals entitled: Ecosystem-based adaptation in Candoni public forest through local conservation area development located in Candoni City, Negros Occidental; Scaling up LCA development as ecosystem-based adaptation in Cauayan, Negros Occidental; Enhancement of forest protected area management within Ilog-Hilabangan River Basin located in Sipalay City, Negros Occidental; and Community-Based Pilot Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Assessment and Rehabilitation Project located in Ivisan, Capiz. These proposals were submitted for possible funding under Special Project Funds.

Monitoring of completed/ongoing special projects and foreign assisted projects was also targeted for this year to document the lessons learned, good management practices, innovations and success stories in pursuit of improving the implementation of FASPs as well as to serve as reference in identifying related projects to sustain positive impacts of the project to community beneficiaries and to the environment.

The heart of an organization is the formulation and monitoring of ENR sector policies, plans, programs and projects for without such the Region will not be able to secure funds to finance the various activities targeted for the year.



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On the other hand, monitoring on the status of the implemented PPAs is very important and has implication on the next planning cycle. The observations will be used as reference during preparation of proposals for the following and succeeding years.

### *Monitoring Activities*

*PENRO Antique—Monitoring of Marine Protected Area Information Center in Brgy. Lisub, Barbaza, Antique on March 8, 2023*



*PENRO Capiz—Fruiting cacao within the CY 2016 established ENGP plantation in Brgy. Sta. Ana, Tapaz, Capiz during the March 13-16, 2023 monitoring in the province*



*PENRO Negros Occidental—Inspection inside the Mt. Kanlaon Natural Park (MKNP) Administration Building in Negros Occidental on April 18, 2023*



*PENRO Capiz—Planted “botong” in its towering height planted in CY 2021 established plantation in Brgy. Sta. Petronila, Tapaz, Capiz during the monitoring on March 15, 2023*



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For CY 2023, FY 2024 work and financial plan was submitted including 2024 budget proposal and forward estimates and FY 2023 Office Performance Commitment Review (OPCR) commitment. To facilitate the submission of the plans, planning workshops were conducted to discuss the operational planning guidelines for commonality of understanding.



*Planning workshop conducted on September 19-22, 2023 at Smallville21 Hotel, Iloilo City.*

In terms of monitoring of ENR sites, 422 sites were monitored and evaluated across the region. These include established ENGP plantations, nurseries, Marine Protected Area (MPA) Information Centers, Small Water Impounding System (SWIS), and PA structures and facilities among others. The information centers have not been turned-over yet to the LGUs awaiting for the finalization of MOA. The SWIS completed in the previous years were already functional and accessible to nearby residents. During interview with the members of the POs who happened to be within the vicinity of the structure expressed gratitude for the construction of the said structures that addressed their difficulty on water accessibility. The gains of the established eNGP plantations spring from the economic uplift of the family/PO contractors through contract engagement out of the harvests on agroforestry and fruit trees planted. According to them since their involvement with the DENR their financial struggles eased out. They were able to send children to school, purchase motorcycles, repair houses, etc.

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### *Monitoring Activities*



*PENRO Capiz—Constructed spring box connecting to the SWIS in Brgy. San Antonio, Tapaz, Capiz during the monitoring on November 28-December 01, 2023*



*PENRO Capiz—Completed SWIS in Brgy. Agsirab, Dumarao, Capiz during the monitoring on November 28-December 01, 2023*



*PENRO Negros Occidental—Installed monument inside MKNP as part of demarcation activity for PA during the monitoring on September 13, 2023*



*PENRO Negros Occidental—Monitoring of installed signages within MKNP on September 13, 2023*



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Two (2) POs were provided with technical assistance on the preparation of simplified Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) and five-year work plan (FYWP), namely: Katilingban sang Magagmay nga Mangingisda (KAMAMADO) in Brgy. Dolores, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras and Navillan Forest Managers Association, Incorporated (NAFOMA) in Brgy. Navillan, Tubungan, Iloilo.

Ten (10) Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) including map and 5-year workplan were updated by the provinces of Aklan, Antique, Iloilo and Negros Occidental.

<i>Table 3. Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF), CY 2023</i>	
PO Name	Address
<b><i>Preparation of Enhanced CRMF including map and 5-year workplan</i></b>	
Navillan Forest Managers Association Incorporated (NAFOMA)	Brgy. Navillan, Tubungan, Iloilo
Katilingban sang MagagmayngaMangingisdasa Dolores (KAMAMADO)	Brgy. Dagsa-an, Buenavista, Guimaras
<b><i>Updating of Enhanced Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) including map and 5-year workplan</i></b>	
Ondoy SamahangNayon Credit Coop. (OSNCC)	Brgy. Ondoy, Ibajay, Aklan
Samahan ng MagbubukidkagMangungumasa Laserna kagGibon (SAMMLGI)	Brgy. Gibon& Laserna, Nabas, Aklan
CarawisanAgro Forester's Multi-Purpose Cooperative Inc. (CAFMPA)	Brgy. Carawisan I, San Remegio, Antique
Brgy. Patlabawon ISF Upland Farmers Association Inc. (BPISUFUAI)	Brgy. Patlabawon, Patnongon, Antique
Cag-an Upland and Lowland Development Association Inc. (CULDA)	Brgy. Cag-an, Anilao, Iloilo
Katilingban sang Pumuluyonganaga-atipan sang Watershed sang Maasin (KAPAWA-Maasin)	Brgys. Abay, Buntalan, Bolo. Dagami, Daja, Linab, Nagba, Punong, Sta. Rita and Trangka, Maasin; Brgy. Canawilian, Janiuay; Brgys. Umingan, Dao, Bugang, Bagsakan and Punong, Alimodian, Iloilo
Katilingban sang Mangungumasa Cayas (KASAMACA-MAFAI)	Brgy. Manlocahoc, Sipalay, Negros Occidental

