

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*A*t the conclusion of year 2023, with a sense of pride, we present the Annual Report 2023 of DENR in Region VI highlighting the accomplishments on various environment and natural resources (ENR) activities for the year.

Confronted with different challenges, yet the Region was able to facilitate the completion of the targets involving conservation, management, rehabilitation and protection of the environment across Western Visayas. Remarkably, through the land disposition program of the Department, hundreds of qualified beneficiaries beamed with happiness for the security of tenure as they finally hold the title of the lands they occupy and toiled. This has come to reality with the issuance of residential and agricultural patents. The government agencies and/or institutions have been granted special patents, giving them the full ownership of the alienable and disposable lands they exclusively used for public purpose in pursuit of their mandate.

In consonance with the objectives to provide



water quality to the general public, water quality monitoring and ground resources assessments have been conducted as well as to provide early warnings to prevent further damage to properties and life and limbs, geohazard and vulnerability and risk assessments have been implemented.

To address the issue on pollution, air quality monitoring stations were established, and regular monitoring of sewage plants, dump sites, establishments and companies were conducted.

Continued management of Boracay



Island has been conducted through monitoring of tourist influx, air and water sampling monitoring on established stations, compliance to proper waste disposal of establishments and other rehabilitation activities.

So huge the tasks in terms of environmental concerns, to which the Department needs to align with the President's vision for the country's resiliency and adaptability to climate change and in support to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), hence collaborations and partnerships to the Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations, Other National Government Agencies, People's Organizations, academe, and private individuals have been strengthened through forging of Memorandum of Agreement and/or Understanding. Thus, my gratitude for these alliances which facilitated the successful implementation of the ENR activities in Western Visayas.

Significantly, carrying out various ENR activities can be attributed to the working men and women of the DENR in Western Visayas who collectively worked


so hard to attain the targets of the Region. Guided by the core values of discipline, excellence, nobility and responsibility, the personnel from the field and regional offices headed by the Assistant Regional Directors, Regional Directors, PENR and CENR Officers continually served the general public. I understand the difficulties encountered during the process from planning stage to implementation and during monitoring, yet steered by your respective heads you have surpassed such complexities resulting not only completion of targets but have actually exceeded what have been entrusted to us.

This Annual Report 2023 not only embodies the lessons learned in 2022, but it also chronicles what we have worked for the year.

My grandest congratulations to all, may we all keep up with the value of servanthood regardless of the adversities faced in the course of our work.

*"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision...
It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."*

- Andrew Carnegie -


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