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Growing Our Future!

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Growing our Future!

Highlights of today's events

- Continuation of APFC's 26th session
- Stream events
- Closing Ceremony

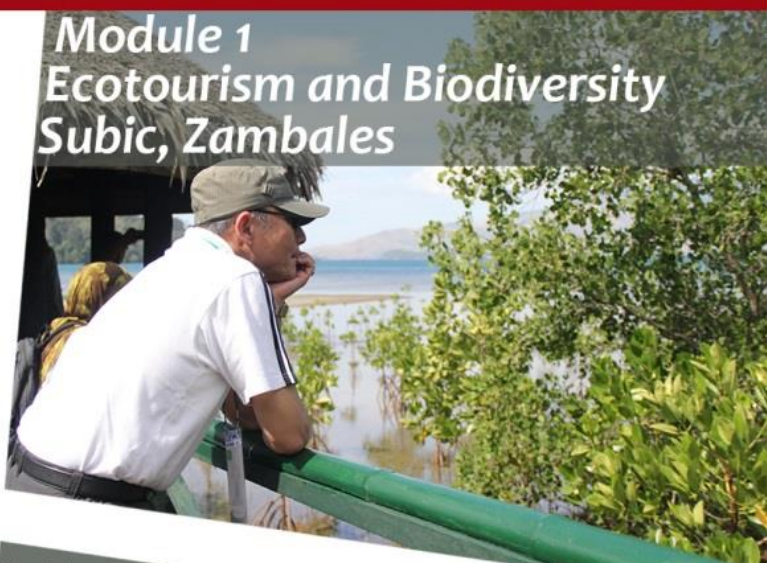
Yesterday, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Philippines organized field trips to various sites near Clark Freeport, Pampanga. Delegates chose from three modules, each tackling certain environmental concerns. Module 1 covered Ecotourism and Biodiversity and was held in Subic, Zambales. Module 2, which focused on Forest Rehabilitation, travelled to Paradise Ranch and Nayong Pilipino in Clark Pampanga. Module 3 on Forest Research and Extension included a visit to the Pampanga State Agricultural University in Magalang, Pampanga and Nayong Pilipino in Clark.



Trips and Treats!

The following are highlights of the educational trips that concluded yesterday.

“A place where forest and marine ecosystems meet.” This was how Mr. Patrick Escusa of SBMA introduced the Triboa Bay Mangrove Park, the first stop of the field trip on eco-tourism and biodiversity. He also mentioned that Triboa Bay is one of the six mangrove forests in Subic with 38 mangrove species comprising 48% of all mangrove species in the Philippines. Delegates then observed Subic Bay’s flying foxes found along the highway. The area is one of the last large bat colonies in the country, home to 10,000 fruit bats (*Pteropus vampyrus*). The final destination was the Jungle Environmental Survival Training (JEST) Camp. Activities included learning jungle survival tips, watching an entertaining bird show and eating lunch boodle fight style where delegates ate with bare hands on a long table with banana leaves serving plates.



Module 1 Ecotourism and Biodiversity Subic, Zambales



Module 2 Forest Rehabilitation Clark, Pampanga

First stop was Paradise Ranch, previously a denuded site now planted with more than 500,000 trees. The Ranch engages indigenous people as its staff and takes part in educating the public on environmental protection. The opening activity was 138 delegates planting tree seedlings of Molave (*Vitex parviflora*). They were then treated to a tour of the Ranch’s tourist attractions, including Turtle Island, Birds and Flowers Kingdom, Little Baguio Viewpoint and a boat ride. After lunch and some dancing and singing with the staff of the Ranch, delegates proceeded to Nayong Pilipino, where they were shown exhibits of traditional fabrics from Mindanao, including the malong. Nayong Pilipino Dance Troupe and Rondalla, then showcased the Philippines’ rich culture in pre-colonial and colonial dances and music.

Participants went to Pampanga Agricultural State University (PSAU) in Magalang, Pampanga where they were shown the university’s rainforestation efforts, bambusetum, mahogany park, and clonal nurseries. PSAU President Honorio Soriano, Jr. discussed the university’s efforts to protect and conserve Mt. Arayat’s rich forest and natural resources through efforts in native tree reforestation and biodiversity conservation. Nayong Pilipino showcased the rich cultural heritage of the Philippines through a presentation of miniature versions of significant events in the country’s history. The Nayong Pilipino Dance Troupe entertained the delegates by performing colorful folk dances from in the Philippines.

Module 3 Forest Research and Extension Magalang, Pampanga





Forest Whisperers: Communicating For Our Future

More than 40 forest communicators from 15 countries in the Asia-Pacific region came together for the knowledge-sharing event aimed at enhancing forest communication. Participants, who together comprise the Asia-Pacific Forest Communication Network (APFCN) acknowledged that communication is vital to addressing forest-related issues, yet remains undervalued in terms of its potential to bring about change. Members of APFCN shared their diverse experiences as communicators from using participatory development communication approaches to effective ways of working with mass media, and discussed how to synergize and work together to improve forest communication. Members agreed to form a working group with the aim of developing a strategy for the network.



FACES OF THE DAY

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE FIELD TRIP?

“It was really good to see efforts to help indigenous people by engaging them in working as staff [at Paradise Ranch] and getting incentives.”

ZILPAH YAHAMANI
Papua New Guinea
FAO UNREDD



“I was interested to see ecotourism initiatives that are going on in the country.”

ANNA TYLER
New Zealand
Ministry for Primary Industries

“Bamboo Nursery was my major interest particularly the species taxonomy.”

AUNG MYN
Myanmar
Myanmar Forest Certification Committee

“The trip was very interesting. Philippines is a very nice country. I love Philippines!”

THOMAS A. TANJUNG
Indonesia
Airlangga University



MUST TRY RESTAURANTS IN PAMPANGA

CAMALIG (ancient rice mill converted into restaurant)

#292 Sto. Rosario St., Angeles City, Pampanga

A restored grain storehouse, the Camalig ("shed" in the Kapampangan vernacular) was built in 1840 by Don Ciriaco de Miranda, Angeles' first gobernadorcillo (mayor), as a farm shed of light materials (and later upgraded in the early 1900s to its present form by the town's first post-colonial mayor, Capitan Juan Nepomuceno)



ABE'S FARM (Events Village Country Cuisine and Spa)

Magalang, Pampanga (at the foothills of Mt. Arayat)

Enjoy the culinary delights of Abe's Restaurant right where it comes from - the gourmet province of Pampanga, in the town of Magalang where the famed writer and artist Abe Aguilar Cruz first saw the light of day and beneath the majestic beauty of Mt. Arayat.



MATAM-IH

Clark, Pampanga

Home of Authentic Kapampangan Cuisine

Canopy Room Events

15:30 - 18:00
NTFP-EP CRAFTS SHOW AND TELL

Reminders!

- Don't miss Closing Ceremony at 15:30
- Join the continuing session of APFC at 8:30



Exchange Rate

1USD = 47.6370 PHP

1EUR = 52.5728 PHP

Source: Bloomberg Business

#APFW2016
social media corner



Climate Change Monitoring and Information Network (CCMIN)

"Mr. Cong of CSDM, Vietnam: communities have traditional knowledge to protect and benefit from forests. #APFW2016"

HIGHLIGHTS OF TODAY'S EVENTS

The 26th session of Asia-Pacific Forestry Commission (APFC) will convene its final segments today following the agenda - forest and landscape restoration, inputs to FAO governance, other business, date and place of the next session and adoption of the report.

The remaining topics of the five streams are set to be discussed.

And, Asia-Pacific Forestry Week 2016 will officially end at exactly 1600.



Lyda Ngin
"It's a privilege to attend #Comms and #forestry training with group of #Comms around the #AsiaPacific region #APFW2016 @lydangin"

Weather Forecast
32° 23'
P/Cloudy
Clark, Pampanga

Source: CNN Weather

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