




*SOCIETY OF FILIPINO FORESTERS, INC*  
**2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

The Atrium, Limketkai Center, Cagayan de Oro City

October 23-27, 2024



**THEME:**  
**SEIZING THE MOMENT: TOWARDS**  
**ACHIEVING WOOD SUFFICIENCY AND**  
**TRANSFORMING FILIPINO FORESTERS AS**  
**WORLD LEADERS**



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## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

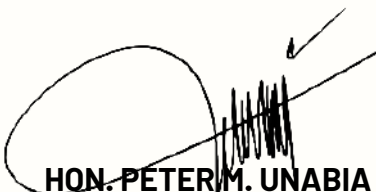
To the Society of Filipino Foresters,

It is my honor to extend my warmest support to all of you as you gather to celebrate your Annual National Conference. Your unwavering dedication to sustainable forestry and your ambitious mission to achieve wood self-sufficiency while transforming Filipino foresters into global leaders, as emphasized in this year's theme, is truly inspiring. This commitment not only reflects your passion in safeguarding our forests but also your profound vision for a sustainable future that empowers our communities.

As the Governor of Misamis Oriental, I take great pride in our province's ongoing efforts to protect our natural resources, including our cherished protected areas, critical habitats, and vital river basins. These initiatives exemplify how conservation and responsible resource management can work hand in hand to create a balanced ecosystem that benefits both nature and society.

Together, we can seize this moment to build a future where environmental stewardship and economic progress are not mutually exclusive but rather intertwined. Let us continue to collaborate, innovate, and advocate for a vision that preserves our forests and enriches the lives of generations to come.

Thank you, and I wish you all a fruitful and successful conference.



**HON. PETER M. UNABIA**

Governor

Province of Misamis Oriental



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CONGRESSMAN



The Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc. stands at the forefront of sustainable forestry and national resilience. As you gather for the 2024 National Conference, I commend your commitment to achieving wood sufficiency and transforming Filipino foresters into global leaders.

Our forests are vital to our economy, environment, and the future of our communities. Through your dedication, we can build a greener, more resilient Philippines one where sustainable forestry is the foundation of prosperity and environmental protection.

Let us continue working together to nurture our forests, empower our people, and lead the world with homegrown solutions.

Mabuhay ang Pilipinong Mangungubat!



**HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ**

Congressman, 2nd Congressional District  
Cagayan de Oro City



## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MAYOR



For the esteemed members of the Society of Filipino Foresters Inc. It is my utmost pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you all as you gather in Cagayan de Oro City for your national convention from October 23 to 27, 2024 with the theme "Seizing the Moment: Towards Achieving Wood Sufficiency and Transforming Filipino Foresters as World Leaders".

I am confident that your convention will be a resounding success, filled with insightful discussions, knowledge sharing, and networking opportunities. I encourage you to take full advantage of your time here to explore our city, interact with our friendly people, and experience the vibrant culture of Cagayan de Oro.

May your stay be filled with meaningful experiences and lasting memories. Once again, welcome to Cagayan de Oro City!

**HON. ROLANDO "Klarex" A. UY**  
City Mayor, Cagayan de Oro City



## MESSAGE FROM THE SFFI NORTHERN MINDANAO CHAIRPERSON



Kalinaw!

As we all stand at the crossroads of national and sustainable development, our community as foresters are presented with a unique opportunity to reexamine and redefine our relationship with our forests. For the year 2021, the total importation of forest-based products was valued at \$1.88 Billion, contributing to 2.10% share of the country's total imports of \$89.81 Billion. Region 10 in particular, produces 15.5% of log products in the country coming in second from Region 13 which holds majority of these products at 69.8%. Exports of forest-based products posted a value of \$911.57 Million or a 1.40% share of the country's total exports of \$65.21 Billion.

Despite these data, our country still faces challenges in the sustainable protection and conservation of our forest's resources. Achieving wood sufficiency goes beyond securing our nation's resources — it is about empowering a new generation of Filipino foresters to lead on the global stage. By embracing sustainable forestry, innovation and modern conservation techniques, we can not only meet our economic demands but also position the Philippines as a model for sustainable forest management. Let us seize this moment with vision, collaboration, and dedication, that we as a community, can be an instrument in achieving wood sufficiency whilst actively protecting biodiversity, support the livelihood of communities, and combating climate change. Our forests are the lifeblood of our communities, let us help continue that foundation and let that be our legacy.

There is no best time than now to nurture and develop the new blood of Filipino foresters who will champion this transformation. Education, technology, and collaboration — can equip them to become world leaders capable of addressing global challenges with homegrown solutions.

May you all enjoy this convention and step into the heart of the City of Golden Friendship. Together, let us seize this moment to enable our forests to thrive, for our economy flourish, and our people to blaze the trail.

Mabuhay ang Pilipinong Manguubat!

**FOR. HENRY A. ADORNADO, PHD**

Regional Executive Director

Overall Chairperson, SFFI Northern Mindanao



## MESSAGE FROM THE SFFI NATIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENT



I am honored to be entrusted with the position of President of the SFFI at this juncture of the forestry profession's history.

Indeed, our forests have been decimated and we continue to face forest degradation. Already, the country imports 60% to 70% of its wood requirement, unthinkable during the 80's and 90's. However, the foresters' have resolved to advocate for the reversal of this situation. This year's theme of **"Seizing the Moment: Towards achieving Wood Self-Sufficiency and Transforming Filipino Foresters as World Leaders"**, speaks very well about the commitment of Foresters to be at the cutting edge of the country's development.

I enjoin every forester and like-minded friends to continue closing our ranks and advocating for meaningful policies that will ultimately lead to our becoming self-sufficient in wood again. Together, let us strive to advance sustainable practices, foster collaboration and advocate policies that protect our forests. I encourage you to engage fully in the discussions and activities as your insights and participation are vital to our mission.

Mabuhay!

**ATTY. ROBERTO V. OLIVA, RPF**  
President, SFFI/National Council



## MESSAGE FROM THE SFFI NORTHERN MINDANAO PRESIDENT

My warmest greetings and Assalamu Alaikum to all the officers and members of the Society of Filipino Foresters from different regions who are attending physically as well as to those who are attending through online, and to everyone. I am very much excited and honored to welcome you all to this annual event of the Society of Filipino Foresters' National Conference 2024, with the theme: **"Seizing the moment towards achieving wood sufficiency and transforming Filipino Foresters as world leaders"**. Achieving wood sufficiency and transforming Filipino Foresters as world leaders are both challenging yet impactful outcome that we are looking forward as a society and as a nation.



Wood sufficiency is seen as a huge gap of being effective and responsive foresters in the country. In the past decades, the Philippines is a wood exporting country but presently our country has become a wood importing nation from our neighboring ASEAN countries. With this trend, it is high time for us Foresters to re-define the critical role of our profession in restoring back our vast forest resources and again achieve the country's wood sufficiency and contribute to economic development of the nation. Today, I am encouraging everyone to hold on to our eagerness towards attaining wood sufficiency and keep the flame of courage burning. Another call to action is how to transform us all into a world class leaders while facing the global challenge such as those harmful inevitable effects of climate change. We foresters are crucial to our nation as well as global future. The future of all other professions is independent to our task performance on how we protect our environment and natural resources pursuant to our commitment as responsible foresters of this nation. According to the 2020 data of the Forest Management Bureau, the total forest cover in the Philippines is 7,226,394 has. Unfortunately in 2023, the Global Forest Watch disclosed that Philippines lost 32.4 kha of natural forest which is equivalent to 25.6 Mt of CO2 emissions. Therefore the rate of deforestation in the Philippines is quite alarming. We the Filipino foresters took a noble role in this lifetime journey in protecting our bloodline as well as our nation. We are today's living heroes who are continuously defending our nation against climate crisis.

Climate change is a world's critical concern. As we embark on this momentous event, we pledge to evolve into the best version of us as world leaders who will take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts pursuant to the global sustainable development goal agenda 2030 which is climate action.

To my co-world leaders in this challenging era, I am looking forward that you will enjoy your stay here in Cagayan De Oro City. In behalf of the Society of the Filipino Foresters Inc. Region 10, I welcome you all and have a great experience with us in Northern Mindanao.

Mabuhay ang Society of Filipino Foresters! Mabuhay ang Pilipinong Mangugubat!

  
**KHARIS R. MARANDA, RPF**  
President, SFFI Northern Mindanao

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## SFFI 2024 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF OFFICERS



**ROBERTO V. OLIVA, RPF**  
National Council President



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National Council Vice- President



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Regional President  
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Regional President  
Central Visayas Region



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Regional President  
Eastern Visayas Region



**DANTE A. OPORTO, RPF**

Regional President  
Zamboanga Peninsula



**KHARIS R. MARANDA, RPF**

Regional President  
Central Mindanao Region



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Regional President  
Eastern Mindanao



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SOCKSARGEN Region



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Bangsamoro Autonomous  
Region of Muslim Mindanao



**MARLON D. MENDOZA, RPF**

President  
Philippine Forestry Education Network



## SFFI 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



**ROBERTO V. OLIVA, RPF**  
National Council President



**LIVINO B. DURAN, RPF**  
National Council Vice- President



**EMMANUEL A. UMALI, RPF**  
Secretary General



**ANTONIO P. CONTRERAS, RPF**  
Deputy Secretary General



**MAILA R. VASQUEZ, RPF**  
National Council Treasurer



**RROJA GUIA S. BATI-ON, RPF**  
Asst. National Council Treasurer



**BRESILDA M. GERVACIO, RPF**  
Senior Manager



**TOMMY T. VALDEZ, RPF**  
Immediate Past  
National Council President



# BECOMING AN SFFI MEMBER

Article II, sections 2 and 3 of the Society of Filipino Foresters, Inc., elaborates the membership classifications of the SFFI as well as the nature of admission, to wit

## Classification and Qualification of Member

**Regular Member** - A regular member is a natural person, Citizen of the Republic of the Philippines, and a Registered Professional Forester pursuant to Republic Act No. 6239.

**Life Member** - A life member is a regular member who is elevated to be a life member by paying the prescribed one-time dues or fees thereof provided.

**Fellow** - A fellow is a regular member and/or life member who has achieved outstanding accomplishment in any field of forestry worthy of national or international recognition and, for such reason, has also enhanced the prestige of the Society.

**Honorary Member** - An honorary member is a natural person not qualified for admission as a regular member but has consistently represented the interests and objectives of the Society, or has achieved national or international recognition as an advocate of forest conservation; or by reason of exceptional knowledge, background, or training, is capable and willing to lend support to the Society.

**Sustaining or Subscribing Member** - A sustaining or subscribing member is a juridical person who fully subscribes to the objectives of the Society and/or supports the Society by way of money, goods, and/or service contributions.





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**Life Member** - A candidate, who is regular member, may opt to be a life member by paying the prescribed dues or fees thereof.

**Fellow** - A candidate, who is regular or life member, may be elevated to the status of a fellow by meeting certain conditions or criteria set by the Society therefor and by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the National Council.

**Honorary Member** - A candidate may be admitted to become an honorary member by recommendation of the Executive Committee and affirmative vote of a least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the National Council.

**Sustaining or Subscribing Member** - A candidate may become a sustaining or subscribing member upon invitation by the Society.

Other provisions pertaining to membership are contained in sections 4 to 6 of the Bylaws.



# SFFI 7-POINT PROGRAM 2023-2025

## **VISION**

Rekindling the pride in the profession. Committed forestry professionals advancing sustainable forest management.

Thrusts:

### **1. Policy Advocacy**

Advocate important forestry and environment and natural resources policies that will promote wood sufficiency, biodiversity conservation, provision of ecosystem services, climate change adaptation and mitigation, community welfare and sustainable development;

### **2. Forester's Welfare**

Strengthen forestry professionals' welfare by working for more forestry opportunities and coming up with the welfare programs for its members;

### **3. Community Service**

Instill pride in the forestry profession by showcasing forestry expertise in community extension work, piloting SFFI forest and leading carbon neutral professionals;

### **4. Networking**

Strengthen linkages with local, national and international forestry professional and academic organizations; forest and wood-based industries; government and non-government organizations;

### **5. IEC**

Increase visibility in all forms of media, including the development of publications, to inform and educate citizens on the importance of the forests and the forestry profession;

### **6. Organizational Strengthening**

Strengthen the SFFI organization through financial sustainability; promote more active engagement and participation of members; update SFFI code of ethics and strengthening regional operations, and;

### **7. Capacity Development**

Capacitate forestry professionals to be local, national and international leaders in promoting sustainable natural resources management and development.



# CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

<b>OCTOBER 23</b>	Arrival of Participants
<b>OCTOBER 24</b>	Opening Ceremony
<b>OCTOBER 25</b>	Conference Proper Plenary Session Open Forum Foresters' Ball
<b>OCTOBER 26</b>	Ecotours/Field Session



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### OCTOBER 23, 2024

Arrival Forestry Exhibit Ingress

Registration National Council Meeting

Golf Tournament

### October 24 (9:00 am -12:00 am)

#### OPENING CEREMONY

Entrance of Colors, Regional and  
National Councils and Guests of  
Honor

Invocation

National Anthem

Welcome Messages

**Mr. Kharis Maranda, RPF**

Region 10 Council President, SFFI

**Dr. Henry A. Adornado**

Regional Executive Director, Region 10  
Department of Environment and Natural  
Resources

**Hon. Rolando A. Uy**

Mayor, Cagayan de Oro City

**Atty. Roberto V. Oliva, RPF**

National Council President, SFFI





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**October 24 (9:00 am -12:00 am)**

Introduction of Speaker	<b>Mr. Emmanuel A. Umali, RPF</b> Secretary General SFFI
Inspirational Message	<b>Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez</b> District Representative City of Cagayan De Oro, 2nd District
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	<b>Mr. Emmanuel A. Umali, RPF</b> Secretary General SFFI
Keynote speech	<b>Hon. Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga</b> Secretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Photo ops	
Book Launching: <b>Crisis and Recovery: Forests, Foresters and Forestry</b>	<b>SFFI National Council President and Regional Council Presidents and Dr. Antonio P. Contreras</b> Acting Vice Chairperson and Member for Education Sector Board of Directors People's Television Network, Inc., and Deputy Secretary General, SFFI
Ribbon Cutting of the SFFI Exhibit	
Press Conference	

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**October 24 (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM)**

### **SFFI GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

1. Call to order
2. Declaration of Quorum
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting
5. President's report
6. Treasurer's report
7. Presentation of SFFI Projects
  - a. Forest and Landscape Restoration in Bataan
  - b. Philippine National Standard for Sustainable Forest Management – Plantation
  - c. Carbon Neutral Program
  - d. Policy Advocacies
  - e. Save Toog Program
8. Constitutional amendments
9. Operationalization of the Welfare Fund
10. Confirmation of Resolutions
11. ORFA Outstanding Regional Foresters Award
12. Awarding of Plaque of Appreciation to the outgoing Regional Presidents
13. Oath-taking of the New Honorary Members
14. Oath-taking of the New members of SFFI
15. Launching of the Forestry Loan
16. Launching of the SFFI Plantation Foundation
17. Messages
  - o Mr. Virgilio Fabian, Jr. RPF  
President  
Society of Filipino Foresters North America
  - o Mr. Romeo Udanga, RPF  
Chair  
Multi-Sectoral Sector of New Zealand Labour Party
18. Adjournment
19. Photo-ops

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October 25, 2024 (8:00 AM – 12:00 NN)

### CONFERENCE PROPER

#### Plenary Session 1: Achieving National Wood Self-Sufficiency

This session will discuss how the country will gear towards attaining wood sufficiency given the fact that 70-80% of the country's demand for wood are sources from abroad. Analyzing the past and current situation, measures/strategies will be discussed, including potential areas for investment.

Plenary Speaker:

**Hon. Jose C. Alvarez**

District Representative  
Palawan, 2nd District

Topics:

a. Where have all the forest gone?

**Dr. Antonio P. Contreras**

Acting Vice Chairperson and Member for Education  
Sector Board of Directors  
People's Television Network, Inc. and  
Deputy Secretary General, SFFI

b. How to achieve wood self-sufficiency from the SFFI perspective

**Dr. Florentino O. Tesoro, RPF**

Interim President  
SFFI Forest Foundation, Inc.

c. Opportunities and Challenges in  
Developing Tree Plantation to Produce  
Biomass Fuel as an Eco-friendly  
replacement for Coal in Coal-fired  
Power Plants, Promoting Renewable  
Energy and Reducing Carbon Emission

**Mr. Joseph C. Nocos**

Senior VP for Business Development  
Alsons Power Group

**Mr. Casimiro V. Olvida, RPF**

Manager, Liaison Officer and Technical Adviser  
Alsons Power Group and Alcantara Group on  
Environment and Natural Resources

Open Forum



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d. Potential Investment Areas for  
Forestry

**Dr. Carlos Primo C. David**

Undersecretary for Integrated Environmental  
Science, DENR

Open Forum

**Moderators:**

**Ms. Maila R. Vasquez, RPF**

Executive Director

Philippine Wood Producers Association, Inc. and  
National Council Treasurer, SFFI

**Mr. Melencio C. Jalova, Jr., RPF**

Director, University Extension Services Center  
Mindanao State University



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**October 25, 1:00-4:00 pm**

### **Plenary Session 2: Transforming Filipino Foresters as National and International Leaders**

This session aims to strengthen the capacities of Filipino Foresters to become national and international leaders by learning experiences of other professions and discussing strategies protecting the forestry profession and business opportunities that foresters can engaged to.

Plenary Speaker:

**Hon. Jose Y. Cueto, Jr.**

Commissioner

Professional Regulation Commission

Topics:

a. A glimpse on the operations of the  
Geodetic Engineers of the Philippines, Inc.,  
and the Philippine Dental Association, Inc.

**Engr. Ralph C. Pablo**

Regional Executive Director

Region 3

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

**Dr. Emmanuel T. Centeno**

Immediate Past President

Philippine Dental Association, Inc.

b. Protecting the Forestry Profession

**Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., RPF**

Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity and

Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau

c. Foresters' Empowerment Program

**Ms. Bresilda M. Gervacio, RPF**

Chief Executive Officer

Biodiversity Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. and

Senior Manager, SFFI

d. Business Opportunities for Foresters

**Associate Professor Mario D. Mendoza, RPF**

Dean, UPLB College of Forestry & Natural Resources

and President, Philippine Forestry Education Network

Open Forum

Moderator:

**Dr. Alona C. Linatoc, RPF**

Associate Professor

UPLB College of Forestry & Natural Resources, and Chair,

External Committee, SFFI



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**October 25, 4:00-5:00 pm**

### CLOSING CEREMONY

Conference synthesis

Messages from Regional Council  
Presidents and PFEN President

Regional Council Presidents, SFFI and  
PFEN President

Hand-over of National Conference  
Hosting to the next Host Regional  
Council

**Mr. Kharis R. Maranda, RPF**  
President  
SFFI Region 10 Council

Closing message

**Mr. Tommy T. Valdez, RPF**  
Vice President for Corporate Affairs  
San Roque Powers Corporation, and  
Chair, Ways and Means Committee and Immediate  
Past President, SFFI

Adjournment of Conference

**Atty. Roberto V. Oliva, RPF**  
President, National Council, SFFI



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**October 25, 6:00 PM onwards**

### **FORESTERS' BALL**

Opening message

**Mr. Renato A. de Rueda, RPF**

Former President  
SFFI National Council

Intermission Number

Live band with audience participation

Introduction of Speaker

**Ms. Ma. Theresa J. Allen, RPF**

Assistant Regional Director for Management Services  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources,  
and  
President, Misamis Oriental Chapter, SFFI

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Keynote speech

**Honorable Peter M. Unabia**

Governor  
Misamis Oriental

Intermission Number

c/o SFFI Region 10 Council

Presentation of Forestry March

Forester Says

Raffle Draw

Intermission Number

c/o SFFI Region 10 Council

Awarding of Winner of Forestry March

Closing Remarks

**Mr. Kharis R. Maranda, RPF**

President  
SFFI Region 10 Council



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### October 26, Ecotours/Field Session

7:00 am

Field Experience/Site visits to areas demonstrating sustainable forest management/biodiversity conservation:

- Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape, Misamis Oriental
- Tubahon Mangrove, Laguindingan
- Malasag-Mapawa Forest Park, Cugman, Cagayan de Oro

### October 27, Departure

CPD Unit: 28 including field visits; 18 units for virtual



## SUGGESTED TOUR SITES

### **Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape**

#### **Initao, Misamis Oriental**

An initial component of National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) and became a legislated Protected Area on June 22, 2018 composing 921.02 hectares. This protected area is forest over limestone and it features century old trees, caves and known habitat of Philippine Tarsier (*Tarsius syrichta*) and one of the diving sites.

The forest or landscape area bisected by the national highway and its seascape area is one of the diving sites in Northern Mindanao and part of Iligan Bay. This protected area is managed by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) and has a functional fees system.

From Cagayan de Oro City, it is 50 kilometers and can be reached through Public Utility Bus at a regular fare of P115.00 through the Westbound Bus Terminal at Bulua, Cagayan de Oro City. From the Limketkai Center, taxis are available going to the terminal at more or less P200.00 fare.

#### **Assisting site Forester, Lovern Grace Amilao, RPF**

### **Carbon Sink Project at E. Pelaez Ranch (IFMA No, IFMA-R10-95-001)**

This reforestation project, initiated by STEAG Power Inc. in partnership with E. Pelaez Ranch (holder of IFMA-R10-95-001), is located in the upland area of Malasag Heights, Cugman, Cagayan de Oro City. The initiative aligns with global climate mitigation efforts, focusing on reforestation and carbon sequestration. Launched in 2005 and continuing through 2023, the project has successfully reforested a total of 393.73 hectares, with a diverse mix of species including Narra, Malibato, Kalumata, and Kalumpit.

This area is part of a scenic section of the city, home to the 200-year-old Dao heritage tree (*Dracontomelon dao*). It is located near the Cugman-Catanico Protected Landscape and the Malasag Ecovillage, a facility managed by the Philippine Tourism Authority.

It can be reach by way of public transport or taxi. From Limketkai Center, Cugman bound jeepneys are plying their route to crossing Malasag Highway at a minimum fare of Php17.00. From crossing malasag, motorcycle for hire are available at a fare of Php150.00.

#### **Assisting site Forester, Marjun Marabe, RPF**





## SUGGESTED TOUR SITES

### **TUBAJON COASTAL ENVIRONMENT PROJECT (CEP)**

#### **Tubajon, Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental**

The Tubajon CEP is one (1) of the nine (9) pilot CEP sites established by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – 10 located in the Municipality of Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental. The site is one of the vegetated coastal areas visible during take off and landing of the planes at Laguindingan International Airport that features significant mangrove reforestation milestone of 50 hectares during the 1990's implementation of the CEP pursuant to DAO No. 19, series of 1993. Both of these project milestones reflect the Coastal Resources Management strategies being adopted by the concerned Municipal and Barangay Local Government Units in collaboration with the project beneficiaries and People's Organization therein which is the Tubajon Coastal Dwellers Association Incorporated.

The project site can be reached through Public Utility Vehicles (Bus, Van, Taxi, Tricab, and Single Motor) within 45-50 minutes away from the Cagayan de Oro City proper at a minimum total fare of Php200.00. The visitors are advised to observe/comply with the local ordinances in Tubajon. Each visitor will be collected with an Environmental fee (Php 30.00) upon entering the Barangay Tubajon and an Entrance Fee (Php 30.00) upon entering the Tubajon Aquamarine Mangrove Park. The fees collected by the LGU will be used for the sustainable maintenance and management of the project.

#### **Assisting site Forester, Mercedita G. Barbarona, RPF**





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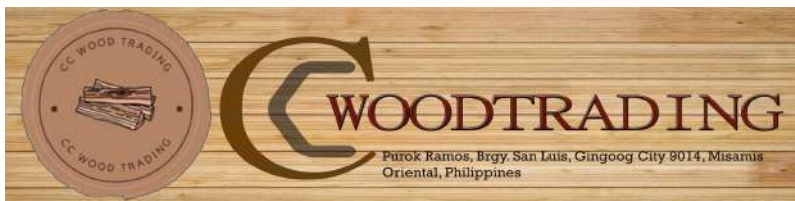


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AT KALINGAIN ITO  
BILANG TAGAPANGALAGA  
NG ATING KAGUBATAN

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TAYONG TAGAPANGALAGA  
NG GUBAT AT KALIKASAN  
ATING PAG-IBAYUHING  
DANGAL NG KABUHAYAN  
TUNGKULIN DI LANG SA BAYAN  
KUNDI SA LIKAS NA YAMAN  
PATI NA RIN SA SANGKATAUHAN  
TAYONG TAGAPAGKALINGA  
NG YAMANG LIKAS NG BAYAN  
IMAGING TAPAT SA TUNGKULIN  
AT SA 'TING SINUMPAAN  
MANGUNA SA SERBISYO SA BAYAN AT SA KAPWA  
TUNGO SA PAGLAGANAP NG KALIKASAN

## REPEAT REFRAIN 2X

BILANG TAGAPANGALAGA NG ATING KAGUBATAN