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Attached is the Letter of Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office dated July 2, 2024, requesting participation and dissemination on the **DENR-PENRO Aklan Youth Desk Office (YDO) “Project Coco Year 2”** as stipulated in the Letter. The details and overview of this program are attached for references.

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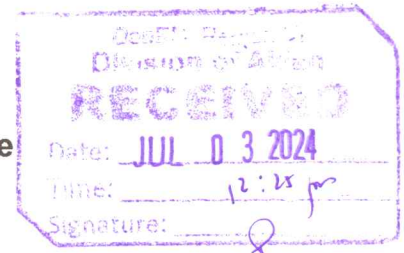
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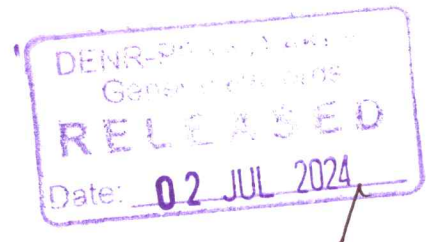
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Dear Dr. Buenafe,

Environmental Greetings!

We are writing to inform you about an initiative of DENR-PENRO Aklan Youth Desk Office (YDO) called Project CoCo Year 2, themed "Cultivating the Pursuit for Knowledge through Wild Seedling Collection". This project is part of the continued efforts of DENR-PENRO Aklan to support the youth and to create a positive impact on environmental conservation and youth education in the Province of Aklan. Last year's Project CoCo, themed "Seeds of Knowledge: Empowering Youth through Wild Seedling Collection and Education," was held at Ma. Cristina Integrated School in Brgy. Ma. Cristina, Madalag, Aklan from September 5 to October 4, 2023.

With this project, we intend to engage schools within the Aklan River Watershed Forest Reserve (ARWFR), an initial component Protected Area in the Province of Aklan, to heighten students' awareness of environmental challenges and develop a sense of responsibility for safeguarding our natural resources. After careful deliberation, we are pleased to inform you that Agtughangin Integrated School and Mananggal Primary School have been chosen as the recipients of this project.

In this regard, we seek permission from your level to allow the conduct of Project CoCo Year 2 in Agtughangin Integrated School and Mananggal Primary School, both located in Brgy. Panipiason, Madalag, Aklan. The proposed activity will run from July 15-30, 2024, in time before the opening of classes for SY 2024-2025. Attached is the project briefer for your information and perusal.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact our designated YDO Ms. Joanne C. Inguin through CP No. 09399241773 or via email at penroaklanydo@gmail.com.

Thank you for your commitment to education and environmental conservation. We look forward to working with you on this project to inspire collaboration in supporting our youth.

Very truly yours,


MERLENE B. ABORKA
PENR Officer





YEAR 2 PROJECT COCO

(Collect Seedlings to Connect with Nature)



Agtughangin Integrated School and Managgad Primary School
Brgy. Panipiason, Madalag, Aklan
July 15-30, 2024



PROJECT COCO (Collect Seedlings to Connect with Nature) YEAR 2



BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT

Project CoCo, an initiative of DENR-PENRO Aklan Youth Desk Officers (YDOs), is a successful activity that aims to promote innovative learning experiences, environmental awareness, and educational incentives for the youth as the target participants.

The youth can actively engage in hands-on learning about native and indigenous plant species, their significance, and the process of wildlings collection in exchange for school supplies.

The Project Coco Year 2 seeks to sustain the environmental initiatives and provide support to the youth in upland areas who have limited access to essential educational supplies and other student needs.



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THE FIRST PROJECT COCO

The first Project CoCo was held from September 5 to October 4, 2023, at Ma. Cristina Integrated School (MCIS) located in Brgy. Ma. Cristina, Madalag, Aklan, one of the nine (9) barangays of Aklan River Watershed Forest Reserve (ARWFR).

A total of 20,000 indigenous wildings including seeds were collected and turned in by the MCIS students in exchange for essential school supplies. The seedlings were hauled and transported to the DENR Mechanized and Modernized Forest Nursery (MMFN) in Brgy. Jawili, Tangalan, Aklan for potting and nurturing.



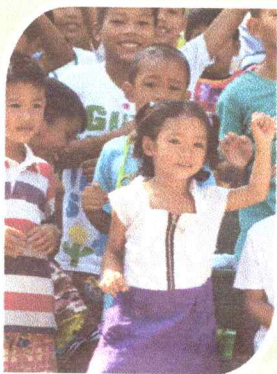
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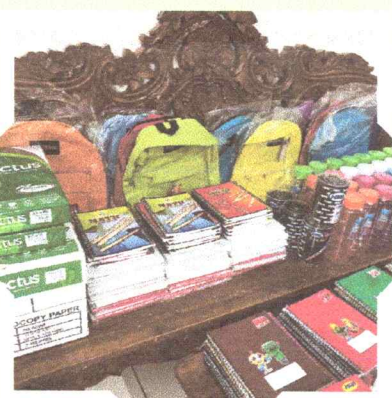
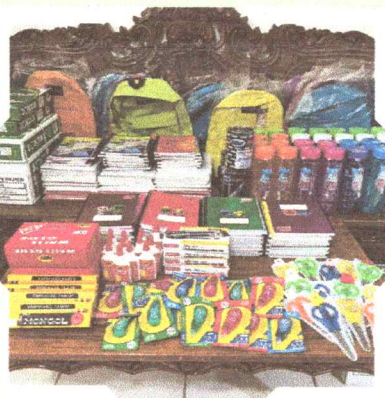
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OBJECTIVES OF THE PROJECT

- To strengthen the environmental awareness of the youth by involving them in the collection of wild seedlings within their community that allows them to be exposed to experiential learning with the environment.;
- To promote alternative production of tree planting materials and seedling production technology among the youth as a strategy to combat deforestation and mitigate the effects of climate change;
- To perceive the importance and knowledge in propagating native and indigenous plant species to maintain ecological balance and habitats for wildlife among the youth;
- To nurture the youth to be informed, proactive and engaged in the conservation, protection and sustainable management of our environment and natural resources.; and
- To sustain the environmental initiative and support for the youth in upland areas with limited access to essential educational supplies and other student needs.



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DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

1. This project is open to youth, pupils and students of Agtughangin Integrated School and Managgad Primary School in Brgy. Panipiason, Madalag, Aklan.
2. Prior to the commencement of the project, the DENR-PENRO Aklan TWG shall conduct an orientation among the target youth participants.
3. The orientation shall cover the following topics for presentations and discussions:
 - a. Biodiversity Talk
 - b. Native Tree Species and Its Importance
 - c. Steps in Collecting Wildlings
 - d. Demonstration on Wildlings Mudpacking Technique
 - e. Project CoCo Year 2 (Rationale, Objectives, Methodologies, & Mechanics)
4. The target of Project COCO Year 2 is to collect at least 20,000 indigenous wildlings.





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DETAILS OF THE PROJECT

5. The wildlings to be collected should primarily consist of Native and Indigenous species including but not limited to: Naga/Narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*); Badlan/Banai-banai (*Radermarchera pinnata*); Toog/Tuai (*Bischofia javanica*); Taghangin/Lipote (*Syzygium polycephaloides*); Agupanga/Malugai (*Pometia pinnata*); Himbabaeod /Bangkal (*Neonauclea reticulata*); Ayo/Mountain agoho (*Gymnostoma rumphianum*); Ughayan/Batino (*Alstonia macrophylla*); Luan (*Shorea negrosensis*); and other similar species.
6. The collected wildlings must have a height of 12 inches and below.
7. The youth will be responsible for collecting wildlings in Brgy. Panipiason, Madalag and its neighboring barangays.
8. The collected wildlings will be exchanged for essential school supplies.
9. Each youth must gather a specific number of wildlings to qualify for the exchange of school supplies.



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10. Number of wildlings required for exchange:

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| ▪ Backpack | (150 wildlings = 1 bag pack) |
| ▪ Tumbler | (75 wildlings = 1 tumbler) |
| ▪ Lunch Box | (75 wildlings = 1 lunch box) |
| ▪ Notebook | (50 wildlings = 1 notebook) |
| ▪ Intermediate Pad | (50 wildlings = 1 whole intermediate pad) |
| ▪ Scissors | (50 wildlings = 1 scissors) |
| ▪ Crayons | (30 wildlings = 1 box of crayons) |
| ▪ Correction Tape | (30 wildlings = 1 correction tape) |
| ▪ Glue | (30 wildlings = 1 glue) |
| ▪ Ruler | (30 wildlings = 1 ruler) |
| ▪ Pentel Pen | (30 wildlings = 1 pentel pen) |
| ▪ Ball Pen | (10 wildlings = 1 ball pen) |
| ▪ Pencil | (10 wildlings = 1 pencil) |
| ▪ Bond Paper (long) | (10 wildlings = 50 pcs bond paper) |
| ▪ Bond Paper (short) | (10 wildlings = 50 pcs bond paper) |



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11. The youth are required to collect wildlings within a specific time frame, preferably 2 days before the scheduled collection and school supplies exchange;
12. The DENR-PENRO Aklan TWG shall conduct an inventory of the collected wildlings and facilitate the school supplies exchange based on the number of wildlings each student has gathered.
13. The exchange of school supplies with collected wildlings will take place between July 24 and 26, 2024 in Brgy. Panipiason, Madalag, Aklan.
14. The DENR-PENRO Aklan TWG will turn over the collected wildlings to the Project Manager of Mechanized and Modernized Forest Nursery (MMFN) located in Brgy. Jawili, Tangalan, Aklan for potting;
15. Once the collected wildlings are received, they will undergo the potting process and will be nurtured and cared for in MMFN until they reach the appropriate stage for planting in the forest.
16. The seedlings will then be allocated to all stakeholders requesting planting materials for tree planting activities within the region.



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PROJECT SUSTAINABILITY & ORGANIZATION PARTNERSHIP

Having been proven to be a successful and remarkable environmental project for the youth, Project CoCo Year 2 with the theme "Cultivating the Pursuit for Knowledge through Wild Seedling Collection" is being proposed for the youth of Brgy. Panipiason, Madalag, Aklan, also one of the barangays of ARWFR from July 15-30, 2024. The schedule of the proposed activity is timely with the opening of classes for SY 2024-2025.

This project initiative embraces environmental conservation, community involvement, education, and sustainable practices among the youth in the upland community. Likewise, the project encourages partnerships with the private sector to achieve large-scale support for the youth in upland areas with limited access to essential educational supplies and other student needs.





THANK YOU!

