



PCSD Updates

Palawan Council for Sustainable Development

Students of Tagbarungis Elementary School raise their personal pledges to help conserve the rich biodiversity of Palawan.

PCSDS visits elementary schools to promote wildlife conservation

THE PALAWAN COUNCIL for Sustainable Development (PCSD) Staff is set to visit elementary schools in Puerto Princesa to raise awareness on wildlife conservation in Palawan and share the provisions of RA 9147 or the Wildlife Resources

Conservation and Protection Act.

The campaign entitled, “Batang Palaweño, Batang Makakalikasan” aims to let children value Palawan’s natural resources by helping them understand the island’s ecological significance.

PCSD IEC Officer Mencho Dimaranan said, “What we want for this campaign is to make being ‘makakalikasan’ a given value for the children in Palawan, because as we all know, they hold a big number of population. . . (continue to page 2)”

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Five municipalities join forces to protect marine waters of southern Palawan (p.3)



Six business establishments in Palawan signed agreement to skip straws (p.3)



A grade IV student from Matahimik-Bucana Elementary School raises her hand to give the local name of Philippine Pangolin-- Balintong. Photo taken during one of PCSD Staff school visits last August 15 under the Batang Palaweno, Batang Makakalikasan Campaign.

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and they are the next generation of leaders.”

She added, “One of our top priority is to ensure that these children understand the provisions of Wildlife Act. Be instilled in their minds, at young age, that the wildlife is protected by the law.”

As of the moment, the staff is visiting public elementary schools in Puerto Princesa such as in Bucana, Brgy. Tagbarungis, Inagawan, Tagumpay, Kamuning and Mangingisda.

The campaign also exists in the northern and southern part of Palawan through IEC officers in the the district offices of PCSDS.

Aside from interactive lectures, activities include related games and giving of pledges.

People and organi-

zations who are interested in helping in the campaign are encouraged to volunteer or partner with the PCSD Staff.

First Youth Camp

After series of school visits at secondary schools, PCSD Stall will host its first ever Sustainable Development Goals Youth Camp on October 18 to 19, 2019 at Brgy. Irawan, Puerto Princesa City.

About sixty students from six different schools have already signed up.

The two-day camp will focus on lectures explaining the basic science of climate change and the ecosystem and activities that empower young people to fulfill their active role in achieving United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals. 🍀



KEEP WILDLIFE IN THE WILD: After sharing to his school mates one of his practices to save wildlife, ten-year old student of Matahimik-Bucana Elementary School held his new bag that says “Keep Wildlife in the Wild.”

Five municipalities in Palawan . . .

MUNICIPALITIES OF ABOR-LAN, Narra, Sofronio Espanola, Brooke's Point, and Bataraza signed an agreement to join forces in battling illegal fishing within their municipal waters through the establishment of a network called Southern Palawan Marine Protected Area and Fisheries Law Enforcement Network (SPIDERMAN), last August 19, during the MPA Summit at Citystate Asturias Hotel.

Through this Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), municipalities are empowered to "seek support from each

other outside their jurisdiction" and unify their efforts in monitoring and conserving their coastal and fishery resources especially among marine protected areas (MPAs).

This helps combat violators who escape apprehension by shifting from one municipality to another.

The signing was held during the first day of the Palawan MPA Summit 2019, a convention where stakeholders convene to share knowledge that could help improve the management of MPAs.

It is organized by the Province of Palawan Office of the Provincial Agriculture and the Palawan

Council for Sustainable Development through DENR-SMART Seas PH, supported by United Nations Development Programme and Global Environment Facility. It is co-organized with DENR-PENRO Palawan, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, WWF Philippines, Fish Right Program and Protect Wildlife, Malampaya Foundation Inc, Palawan NGO Network, Inc., and Western Philippine University. 🌿

Six business establishments . . .

SIX BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS in Palawan signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with JCI Puerto Princesa Peacock and Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) to eliminate the use of plastic straws, August 4, at Best Western Plus Ivywall Hotel.

The MOA under the project "Skip the Straw, Save a Turtle" states that the contracting parties, mainly hotels and restaurants, will highly encourage customers to "limit and eliminate the use of plastic straws."

Skip the Straw agreement aims to protect Palawan's wildlife, especially the marine turtles who are often victims of floating plastics in the ocean.

The initiative to skip straws in Palawan important as the province is known for being a home to five out of the

seven species of marine turtles.

The following are the business establishments who recently signed the MOA:

- Best Western Plus The Ivy Wall Hotel
- All in One RestoBar; Cacao-an Forest Park
- Burp Bakeshop Café
- Menungang Eldew Café
- La Terrasse Café

Back in 2016, PCSDS and JCI Peacock has started to partner in raising awareness on issues about wildlife, under JCI Philippine's Think Green Program. In 2017, the Skip the Straw, Save a Turtle was initiated.

To date, there are now a total of 31 business establishments who has signed the MOA that bind them to stop using plastic straws. 🌿



1 COUNTRY'S CONSUMPTION = ENOUGH STRAWS TO WRAP AROUND THE EARTH'S CIRCUMFERENCE 2.5 TIMES A DAY!



This establishment takes part in protecting our environment

* Straws will only be given upon request

* Data and visuals from Budgeteer News & thelastplasticstraw.org





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103.7 BROOKE'S POINT **79.2** NARRA



The Race for Water vessel. Photo by Peter Charaf of Race for Water Foundation

World's largest solar-powered catamaran to visit Palawan

The world's largest solar-powered catamaran, "Race for Water", will have a port of call in Palawan on September 18 October 6, 2019.

Under the auspices of Race for Water Foundation, the team is on a voyage around the world to showcase greener tech innovations and provide scientific and practical solutions to prevent plastic waste from reaching the ocean.

The crew will stay in Puerto Princesa City from September 18 to 29 and will have a stopover in the Municipality of Taytay until October 6.

In collaboration with PCSD Staff, Sulubaaï Environmental Foundation and partners, the Race for Water crew will welcome guests and hold activities in Palawan from September 19 to October 6, 2019.

The vessel uses both solar energy and hydrogen technologies, making it 100% self-sufficient. It has originated from North Atlantic, down to the South and North Pacific, Southeast Asia, the Indian Ocean, to the Mediterranean, and back to Europe.

Palawan is the only place in the Philippines that is included in the foundation's itinerary.

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