

Quarterly Newsletter

2024 | January to March



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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



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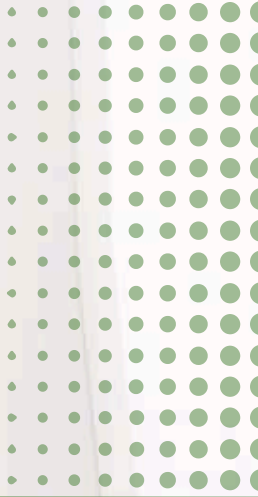
- Completed processing of data for Mt. Halcon Foot Patrolling Report for the first three quarters (Q1 to Q3) of 2023 , ensuring comprehensive and accurate insights into the patrolling activities during that period
- Prepared the proposal and budget for Ilin Cloudbunner Purposive Search Survey, narrative report and budget under review
- Finalized report for Biophysical Site Profiling Survey conducted last March 2023



Grazing Tamaraws in MIBNP. Photo by E. Tan

Tamaraw Dietary Analysis

- Metabarcoding report prepared and reviewed
- Financial report for Chester Zoo completed in January, providing a detailed overview of the financial status
- Narrative report for Chester Zoo prepared, providing a descriptive account of relevant events or activities



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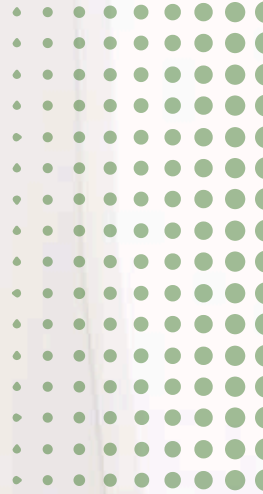
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Environmental Events

- Presented “Mindoro Biodiversity” in Victoria as part of the World Wetlands Day Celebration organized by CENRO Socorro and Naujan Lake National Park, in partnership with the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project
- Copies of Mindoro TREASURES sourcebooks were given to teacher attendees as tokens of appreciation



World Wetlands Day Celebration, in Victoria. Photo by E. Evora.



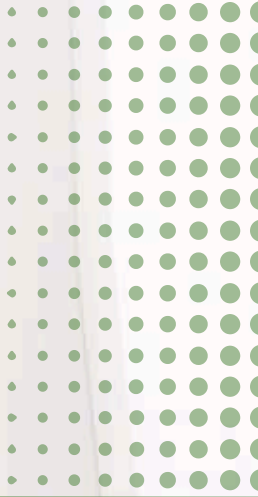
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Policy and Advocacies

- Participated in the 1st Quarter Provincial Environmental Council and Provincial Multipartite Environmental Impact Assessment Monitoring Team Meetings
- Participated in the 1st Quarter PAMB Meetings and Special Meetings for MCWS, ARNP, and NLNP
- Participated in the 1st Quarter Joint PPOC, PADAC and Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council Meeting
- Participated in the 1st Quarter Provincial Statistics Council Meeting
- Participated in the Capacity Building, MOA Signing, and Citizen Participatory Audit (CPA) Team Planning for the Citizen Participatory Audit on January 29 to 30, 2024, focused on the compliance of the City of Calapan, following the provisions of R.A. No. 9003, the Ecological Solid Waste Act of 2000
- Participated and presented in UNESCO Programmes Orientation for Philippines' Natural Heritage Sites (Luzon Cluster) on February 27 to 29, 2024
- Participated in "A Learning Session on CSO-LGU Engagement" via Zoom on February 27, 2024, organized by the Association of Foundations
- Attended the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2023-2028: Provincial Roadshow last February 21, 2024 at the Calapan City Convention Center
- Presentation of the Enhanced Regional Collaborative Program (ERCP) to the DOST-PCCARRD Directors' Council for MAARRDEC



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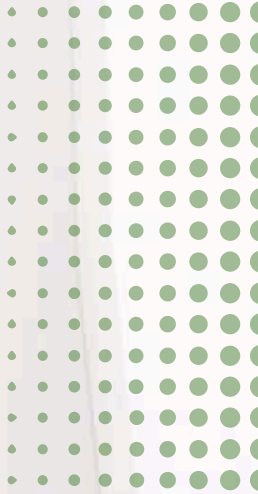


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Others

- Release of the 2023 4th Quarter Newsletter
- Resubmitted draft proposed ordinance on the formation of Environmental Council for Occidental Mindoro to their respective Provincial Government-ENRO
- Biodiversity Month Resolution Proposal resubmitted to Oriental Mindoro Sangguniang Panlalawigan
- Dr. Leticia Afuang and Grace Diamante participated as preliminary judges in “The Outstanding Farmers of the Philippines”
- Participated in the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Stakeholders’ Consultation on the Victoria-Sablayan Road Project
- Attended the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Advisory Alliance Council Meeting on March 7





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MBCC



New trail to MBCC. Photo by K. Cielo.



Awarding of Certificate of Appreciation to Ms. Belen. Photo by K. Cielo.

Operationalization

- Improvement of trails completed
- Road Right Of Way (RROW) Agreement for signing of Mayor Rocky Ilagan of Puerto Galera, awaiting SB Resolution allowing Mayor Ilagan to sign
- Initial arrangements for the MBCC soft launch conducted
- Regular patrolling of guards and nursery area monitoring of ground maintenance conducted
- Regular monitoring and maintenance of electrical equipment conducted by the electrician

MBCC Museum

- Loan agreement for ammonite specimens signed by donor, Ms. Susan Belen

THE MBCFI WAY



MBCFI's 16th Anniversary Celebration



Last March 14, 2024, MBCFI commemorated its 16th year of dedication to environmental conservation and sustainable management. The celebratory event took place at the B Hotel in Alabang, where esteemed individuals, including MBCFI staff members, esteemed members of the Board of Trustees, and invited guests from Prime Energy and Prime Infra gathered to honor MBCFI's journey and accomplishments.

The anniversary celebration served as a testament to MBCFI's unwavering dedication to conserving Mindoro's biodiversity and empowering communities. Since its establishment in 2008, MBCFI has led the way in innovative programs geared towards the preservation of Mindoro's ecosystems.

Adding an element of excitement to the occasion, MBCFI incorporated engaging activities and games into the anniversary celebration. Notably, participants had the opportunity to indulge in fun and interactive games.

The anniversary gathering provided a platform for reiterating MBCFI's dedication to its fundamental principles while also plotting a path for ongoing innovation and influence in the field of conservation.

As the event ended, expressions of gratitude echoed throughout the venue, acknowledging the collective efforts of individuals and organizations that have played a pivotal role in MBCFI's success.

The anniversary celebration served as a reminder of the power of collaboration and the transformative potential of collective action in safeguarding our precious natural resources.

In essence, MBCFI's 16th anniversary celebration was more than just a milestone marker; it was a celebration of resilience, collaboration, and unwavering commitment to environmental conservation.



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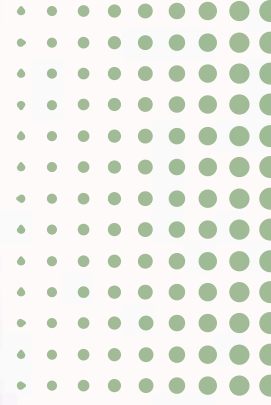


MBCFI's Get Together



On January 12, 2024, the dedicated team of MBCFI comprising staff, esteemed Board of Trustees, and committed members convened at the Palms Country Club in Alabang. The event was not just a gathering, it was an opportunity for camaraderie and synergy. Through engaging games and heartfelt bonding sessions, they strengthened their relationships, deepening unity and purpose in their shared goal of conserving biodiversity.

ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATES



New Members of the Board of Trustees

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Honorary Member



VISION AND MISSION

OUR VISION

Sustained conservation of Mindoro's natural treasures for future generations.

OUR MISSION

To lead scientific research and catalyze collaborative and participative conservation efforts in key biodiversity areas of Mindoro resulting in empowerment of Mindoreños through increased awareness and care.

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