

World Wetlands Day '07

Short Activity Report

Title of Activity	: Wetland Awareness Orientation & Poster & Slogan Contests
Theme	: "Fish for Tomorrow"
Objective of the Activity	: to increase the environmental awareness and knowledge of high school students on the importance and present status of the wetland ecosystems, particularly in Murciellagos Bay, Mindanao, Philippines.
Participants	: 193 students (and 9 teachers) of Sebaca National High School, Sebaca, Rizal, Zamboanga del Norte, Mindanao, Philippines
Sponsor	: Partnership for Rural & Technical Services Inc(PARTS) Oroquieta City, Mindanao, Philippines Email: parts_inc2003@yahoo.com
Co-sponsors	: Sebaca National High School & the Local Government Units of Rizal, Zamboanga del Norte
Date Conducted	: February 1-2, 2007
Activity Processes	: Participants of these two-day learning activity underwent an orientation awareness on wetlands through lecture discussions, web animation film showing provided by Ramsar secretariat, and interaction processes. Knowledge and awareness gained from these processes were captured by the students through the making of poster and slogan contest entries with the theme: "Fish for Tomorrow" which were presented on the second day during a short program participated in by the school teachers, local government officials, and some community members. Participating students with winning entries were given with solicited cash awards and stickers/posters from Ramsar secretariat.
<p>Summary of Results: Participating students and teachers had both understood the value of protecting the wetlands because of tremendous ecological and economic benefits generated from it, particularly in their own localities. The teachers had also realized the importance of holding this activity as part of inculcating positive ecological values amongst students. The elected local government officials attending the activity had verbally given their support in protecting wetland areas of the municipality, specifically mangroves which presently face the danger of conversion into fish ponds.</p>	
<p>Recommendation: For the next WWD '08 event, sponsor and co-sponsors of this activity have agreed to make</p>	

part in the celebration the planting of mangroves in areas needing restoration and rehabilitation and at the same time, do a coastal clean up along the shorelines of the municipality of Rizal, Zamboanga del Norte



..Mayor Roseller Manigsaca during his short message on the challenges to the LGU in wetland management in Rizal, Z.N....



..students attending the WWD '07 program celebration....



...the Mayor of the Municipality of Rizal awarded the 1st prize winner of the poster making contest....



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..students watching the 7- minutes web animation from RAMSAR secretariat.



..who's slogan entries deserved to receive the awards? Seemed to be the headache of the panel of judges.



...poster entries with their respective creators.



...and the winning posters are.... (center 1st prize winner)