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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT



Sebastian C. Quiniones, Jr.
Chairperson
On Behalf of the Board of Trustees

**“OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN
2024 TESTIFY TO THE
POWER OF COLLABORATION
AND THE RESILIENCE OF
OUR SHARED VISION.”**

As we reflect on the achievements and milestones of the past year, it is also essential to acknowledge that our organization has faced significant challenges and transformative changes. Despite the hurdles we faced, our team remained resilient, agile, and committed to delivering outstanding results.

The past year presented unprecedented challenges, coupled with internal organizational changes, tested our collective resolve. However, we faced these head-on with strategic decision-making, strong leadership, and a relentless focus on our mission and values.

The organization's leadership transition was a critical moment. We welcomed new board members who brought with them a wealth of experience, innovative thinking, and diverse perspectives that play a pivotal role in guiding the organization through its next phase of growth and transformation. Our former board members remain honorary members or consultants to allow for the retention of critical knowledge and injection of needed expertise.

We also had the transition of the Executive Director, and we honor Grace Diamante, who led the team on the ground through many successes and also trials. A number of staff changes nearly brought the organization to a standstill, but key staff, namely Kathy Lene “Kyle” Cielo, Christine Joy “CJ” Bantiling, and Angelica Patrice Abes, formed the core of the new leaders of the organization.



In line with our goal of strengthening the organization and charting a clear path forward, our board members, and program focal persons, were brought together and successfully conducted a Strategic Planning workshop. This activity was essential in identifying priorities and aligning our programs and initiatives with our long-term conservation and community development vision and goals. The Strategic Planning provided a venue for open discussions on organizational challenges and opportunities, ensuring that all voices were heard and incorporated in shaping our way forward. The outputs of the workshop are now serving as a guiding framework for our actions in the coming years, including capacity building, resource mobilization, and the enhancement of our conservation strategies.

Despite the challenges, I am pleased to report that we achieved several noteworthy accomplishments that underscore our strength and adaptability. These key accomplishments during this transition period reflect our steadfast commitment to advancing conservation, fostering community engagement, and strengthening partnerships to safeguard Mindoro's rich biodiversity.

We have obtained a key grant, the Darwin Extra from the United Kingdom. A key strategic goal for our Foundation is to be self-sufficient in terms of funding, and this marks the first major grant apart from the Malampaya Consortium. We shall continue in developing more prospects for grants with the goal of having an endowment fund which can cover head office costs. This significant milestone for 2024, the launch of the new grant "Thriving Together – Lasting Solutions for Collaborative Management of Tamaraw Landscapes" project, is in partnership with the D'Aboville Foundation and Re:Wild. This initiative aims to develop innovative, community-centered approaches to managing Tamaraw habitats while ensuring sustainable livelihoods for local communities.

Notably, we gathered strong support from our key stakeholders, including the DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR-Tamaraw Conservation Program, Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park Protected Area Management Office, local communities, academe, local government units, other NGAs, and other partner organizations recognizing the importance of collaborative action for Tamaraw conservation. Their commitment and engagement have been vital in shaping the project's direction and ensuring its relevance and sustainability. It represents a forward-thinking strategy to address conservation challenges through collaboration and inclusivity.

Our RESEARCH initiatives have been pivotal in addressing critical conservation challenges. The Tamaraw Dietary Analysis, utilizing metabarcoding techniques, has deepened our understanding of the species' dietary needs, while comprehensive reporting for Chester Zoo underscores our commitment to accountability and transparency. The successful execution of the annual migratory waterbirds monitoring survey highlights our focus on preserving Mindoro's unique wildlife. Moreover, we undertook a comprehensive research gap analysis as part of our commitment to continuous improvement. This initiative was conducted to identify areas requiring further study and to prioritize key aspects for future research efforts.

In alignment with our commitment to fostering meaningful relationships and ensuring the sustainability of our MISSION Program, we partnered with Indigenous Peoples' organizations and local communities to gain a deeper understanding of their needs, cultural heritage, and environmental priorities. This collaboration was central to our needs assessment process and provided invaluable insights that will shape our future initiatives. Moreover, we have continued our activities in Mt. Halcon, including the construction of the KAWARAS Meeting Hall, along with nursery preparations and wildling collection activities, and the deputation of Wildlife Enforcement Officers, which exemplify our dedication to fostering sustainable practices, empowering communities and giving importance to the role of IPs as steward of the environment.

As part of our promise to continuous improvement, the CARE Program also revisited the communication plan to ensure its alignment with our strategic goals and the evolving needs of our diverse stakeholders. The updated plan focuses on strengthening internal and external communication, fostering transparency, and ensuring that we effectively share information with all relevant parties. Our educational outreach initiatives have inspired action across various sectors. From the release of our newsletters to the Biodiversity Camp at Apo Reef Natural Park, we have engaged diverse audiences in learning about Mindoro's ecological treasures. Events like the Mindoro Wildlife Quiz Contest have successfully raised awareness about conservation among the youth. Notably, Mindoro regained the top place in the National Wildlife Quiz Contest, a testament to the level of understanding and knowledge of our local students and educators related to biodiversity.

Likewise, our participation in policy dialogues and advocacy efforts continues to influence environmental governance at the provincial and national levels. Participation in international platforms, such as the 8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum and national workshops on conservation measures, underscores our growing influence and leadership in biodiversity conservation.



Significant strides have been made to enhance the infrastructure and operational capabilities of the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center (MBCC). Trail improvements, regular patrolling, and maintenance activities have fortified our on-ground demonstration site.

The celebration of MBCFI's 16th Anniversary provided an opportunity to honor our journey and achievements while reaffirming our vision for the future.

Our accomplishments in 2024 testify to the power of collaboration and the resilience of our shared vision. As we move forward, we are confident that the challenges of the past year have positioned us for even greater success. The transitions we have undergone will lay a strong foundation for the future, and we are committed to continuing our journey of innovation, growth, and impact.

I sincerely extend my deepest gratitude to our partners, donors, staff, and communities for their unwavering support and dedication. Together, we will continue to thrive, ensuring that Mindoro's natural heritage remains a legacy for generations to come.

With steadfast resolve,

Sebastian C. Quiniones, Jr.
Chairperson

Accreditations & Memberships



MBCFI has received reaccreditation and membership renewals from various government agencies and non-government institutions, both locally and internationally.

- Department of Science and Technology - February 16, 2023 to February 16, 2026
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources - March 25, 2024 to March 25, 2025
- Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro - September 6, 2022 to June 30, 2025
- Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro - September 6, 2022 to June 30, 2025
- Local Government of Calapan City - September 14, 2022 to June 30, 2025
- Philippine Council for NGO Certification - December 7, 2022 to December 6, 2027
- DOLE Certificate of Registration - since February 22, 2021 (lifetime validity)
- Association of Foundations - member since February 28, 2020
- International Union for Conservation of Nature - member since June 13, 2017
- MIMAROPA Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (MAARRDEC) - member since November 2020
- PAMB Member (Naujan Lake National Park, Apo Reef Natural Park, Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park, Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary)
- Provincial Environment Council of Oriental Mindoro
- Provincial Cave Council of Occidental Mindoro
- Provincial Statistics Committee of Oriental Mindoro
- Calapan City Development Council
- Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Alliance Advisory Council



Financial Report



In 2024, MBCFI remained financially stable despite a decrease in donations compared to the previous year. Through careful expense management and strategic use of resources, the Foundation still ended the year with a surplus. Strong asset growth and continued investments reflect MBCFI's commitment to long-term sustainability and responsible financial stewardship.

Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. (A non-stock, non-profit organization)

Statements of Income
For the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023
(All amounts in Philippine Peso)

	Notes	2024	2023
Receipts			
Donations	8	10,681,737	18,019,972
Unrealized foreign currency exchange gains	2	593	
Interest income	2	2,220	1,819
Total receipts		10,684,550	18,021,791
Expenses			
Program expenses	9	(7,820,795)	(11,626,092)
Operating expenses	10	(2,007,032)	(1,171,306)
Unrealized foreign currency exchange losses	2	-	(10,948)
Total expenses		(9,827,827)	(12,808,346)
Excess of receipts over expenses		856,723	5,213,445

Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance As at December 31, 2024 and 2023 (All amounts in Philippine Peso)

	Notes	2024	2023
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash	2	9,337,892	5,998,775
Prepayments and other current assets	3	504,510	475,898
Total current assets		9,842,402	6,474,673
Non-current asset			
Property and equipment, net	4	34,189,425	33,216,140
Total assets		44,031,827	39,690,813
Liabilities and Fund Balance			
Current liabilities			
Advances from donors	5	5,620,873	2,102,151
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	6	448,308	482,739
Total current liabilities		6,069,181	2,584,890
Fund balance			
Prior period accumulated excess of receipts over expenses		37,105,923	31,892,478
Excess of receipts over expenses during the year		856,723	5,213,445
Total fund balance		37,962,646	37,105,923
Total liabilities and fund balance		44,031,827	39,690,813

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

RESEARCH

- Participated in the Regional Consultation Workshop on the Assessment and Updating of the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP) held in Legazpi City, Albay on April 2024.
- Conducted bat counting in Muelle, Puerto Galera from January to June 2024.
- Conducted the Annual Migratory Waterbirds Monitoring Survey in Apo Reef Natural Park on July 08–12, 2024.
- Participated in the Workshop on the Establishment of Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) – Module 1, from October 14–17, 2024, at Magsaysay Hillside Resort, Occidental Mindoro.
- Participated in the MIMAROPA Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (MAARRDEC) Proposal Writeshop on October 16–18, 2024, via Zoom.
- Actively participated in the 2nd National Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Updating Workshop held from October 16–18, 2024, at Astoria Plaza, Pasig City.
- Addressed the identified research gap by conducting an in-depth analysis and proposing actionable recommendations to bridge knowledge gaps effectively.
- Participated in the 20th PSS National Cave Congress in Puerto Princesa, Palawan, on November 4–7, 2024.
- Actively engaged in the Naujan Lake Protected Landscape Declaration Consultation process.





MISSION



Conducted focus group discussions on the conservation needs of the area with members of various Mangyan Tribes and the local community

- Alangan Tribe (Mt. Halcon Community PO, KAWARAS and SARIG) on September 22, 2024, in Bayanan, Baco
- Buhid Tribe from Sitio Bato Singit, Manoot, Rizal, Occidental Mindoro on October 05, 2024
- Ilin-Ambulong communities in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro on October 05, 2024
- Iraya Tribe from Sitio Ulasan and Hinugasan, Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary in Paluan, Occidental Mindoro on October 08, 2024

Conducted WEO Training and Deputation in Baco, Oriental Mindoro with KAWARAS and SARIG in November 2024.



CARE

Presented “Mindoro Biodiversity” in Victoria during the World Wetlands Day Celebration organized by CENRO Socorro and Naujan Lake National Park.

Participated in various Provincial and PAMB meetings, including:

- Provincial Environmental Council and Provincial Multipartite Environmental Impact Assessment Monitoring Team Meetings
- Quarterly PAMB and special meetings for MCWS, ARNP, and NLNP
- Joint PPOC, PADAC, and Provincial DRRM Council Meeting
- Provincial Statistics Council Meeting
- Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Stakeholders’ Consultation for the Victoria-Sablayan Road Project
- Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Advisory Alliance Council Meetings
- Participated in the Provincial Development Council Full Meeting

Conducted the Apo Reef Natural Park Biodiversity Camp 2024. Activities included waterbird monitoring, owling at Apo Island, coastal clean-up, and marine monitoring.

International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) was conducted on September 21, 2024, with around 150 volunteers from various community groups and organizations

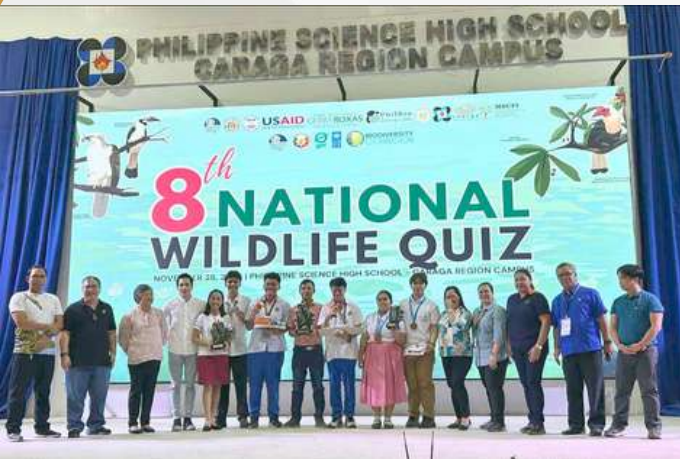
Tamaraw Month Activities

- “Kulayan ang Kinabukasan” Art Exhibit
- Kids’ Art Workshop
- Mindoro Wildlife Quiz Bee
- Tamaraw Month Culminating Event





CARE



Public Engagements and Partnerships

- Participated in the NAPERSEP Data Stocking Workshop (May 2–4, 2024, Quezon City)
- Joined the 25th General Assembly of the Philippine Council for NGO Certification (PCNC) on June 5, 2024.
- Ms. Kyle Cielo served as a feature speaker during the Provincial Cave Committee 2nd Council Meeting on September 23–24, 2024
- Attended the NAPERSEP Planning Workshop for Luzon (October 8–10, 2024, Quezon City)
- Attended the Southeast Asian Bat Conference on November 25, 2024 at Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Provided support to the Mindoro delegates in preparation for the National Wildlife Quiz Contest held on November 28–29, 2024, in Butuan City.
- Attended the 8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum in Bangkok, Thailand
- Took part in the MIMAROPA Regional Science and Technology Innovations Week in Calapan City
- Engaged in the Naujan Lake Protected Landscape Declaration Consultation
- Provided biodiversity and plastic pollution talks, including a Flying Fox Count session with Stairway Foundation Inc.
- Delivered awareness talks on biodiversity and plastic pollution, including a Flying Fox Count session in collaboration with Stairway Foundation Inc.

Thriving Together Project

● **Successfully held the Partners Convention** with broad participation from key stakeholders, including DENR offices (Regional, PENRO, CENROs, PAMO, TCP, and Biodiversity Corridor), Indigenous Peoples (Taobuid, Alangan, Buhid), LGUs (Provincial Governments of Occidental and Oriental Mindoro; Municipal LGUs of Sablayan, Santa Cruz, Calintaan, and Rizal), NCIP Community Service Centers (Sablayan and San Jose), and Occidental Mindoro State College (OMSC).

● **Conducted a Painting Exhibit and Kids' Art Workshop** featuring the vibrant works of 15 outstanding Mindoreño artists. The workshop, facilitated by renowned local artisan Mr. Ruben "Nonoy" Casuncad, engaged 30 children aged 6 to 13 from various schools in San Jose, showcasing their creativity and knowledge of conservation themes.

● **Facilitated the formation of the Conservation Areas Advisory Committee (CAAC) Subcommittee on Tamaraw**, further strengthening multi-sectoral coordination and focus on Tamaraw conservation efforts.





In line with the mission of the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. to lead scientific research in Mindoro, the RESEARCH Program continues to spearhead critical studies across the island. These include biophysical and socio-economic surveys, species-specific research, and other biodiversity-related assessments. In 2024, the program also strengthened its role in providing technical assistance to various agencies and institutions in biodiversity monitoring, data analysis, and conservation planning. Below are the highlights of the RESEARCH Program's accomplishments for the year 2024.

Waterbird Survey and Biodiversity Camp at Apo Reef Natural Park

Apo Reef Natural Park, located off Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro, is the largest coral reef system in the Philippines and the second-largest contiguous reef in the world. Spanning 15,799.23 hectares, this Ramsar and UNESCO World Heritage Site boasts rich ecosystems, including coral reefs, lagoons, seagrass beds, mangroves, and beach forests. These diverse habitats support more than 100 bird species and designate Apo Reef as both a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) and Important Bird Area (IBA).

From July 9 to 11, 2024, MBCFI spearheaded the Annual Migratory Waterbird Monitoring Survey and hosted a Marine Biodiversity Camp, identifying 112 bird species, including resident seabirds such as Egrets, Black-naped Orioles, Pied Imperial Pigeons, Collared Kingfishers, and Philippine Pied Fantails. Migratory species, including Black-naped Terns (*Sterna sumatrana*) and Bridled Terns (*Onychoprion anaethetus*), were also observed, affirming Apo Reef's role as a vital migratory stopover.



Seabirds serve as bioindicators of ecosystem health. By monitoring them, MBCFI gathers essential data that guides conservation efforts for both species and habitats. Apo Reef continues to play a crucial role in marine conservation, climate resilience, and sustaining biodiversity in the region.

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MBCFI Endorsed as NGO Member of the Provincial Cave Committee

The Provincial Cave Committee of Oriental Mindoro held its second meeting on September 23–24, 2024, in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro. During this meeting, MBCFI was officially endorsed as an NGO member of the committee. This recognition strengthens the foundation's role in the inventory, assessment, and sustainable management of caves and karst landscapes across Oriental Mindoro. MBCFI is also a member of the Provincial Cave Committee of Occidental Mindoro.



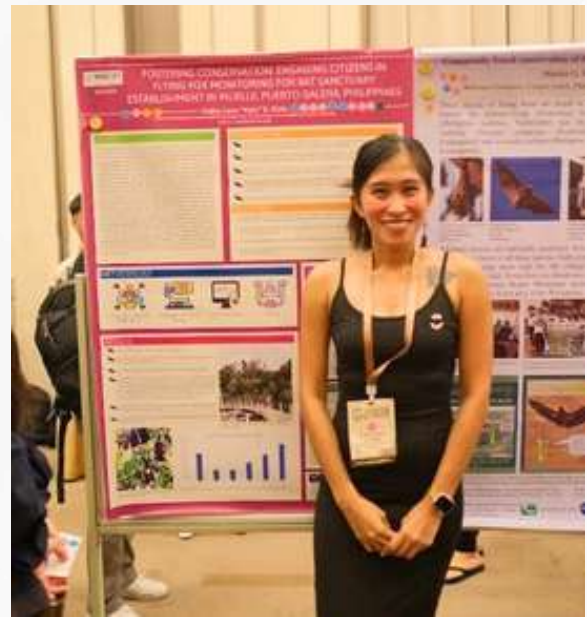
MBCFI's Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Kyle Cielo, represented the organization and emphasized the ecological significance of Mindoro's cave systems. She highlighted how these habitats host unique species and deliver critical ecosystem services. Ms. Cielo also shared MBCFI's continuing work in developing science-based conservation strategies.

The council also adopted Resolution No. 1, supporting the identification, assessment, and classification of caves under the National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act (RA 9072). This meeting was facilitated by For. Bea Fortu of PENRO Oriental Mindoro.

MBCFI at the Southeast Asian Bat Conference (SEABCO 2024) in Vietnam

MBCFI took part in the Southeast Asian Bat Conference (SEABCO 2024) on November 25 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam—an important regional event focused on the conservation of bat species and their ecosystems.

MBCFI's Deputy Executive Director, Ms. Kyle Cielo, assisted in the facilitation of a workshop on flying foxes and presented a poster entitled "Fostering Conservation: Engaging Citizens in Flying Fox Monitoring for Bat Sanctuary Establishment in Muelle, Puerto Galera, Philippines." The presentation emphasized the importance of citizen participation in conservation and the critical ecosystem services provided by bats, including pollination, seed dispersal, and pest control.



Organized by the Center for Biodiversity Conservation and Endangered Species (CBES), the event brought together leading researchers and practitioners from across Southeast Asia to tackle key issues in bat research and conservation. MBCFI's participation reflects its continued commitment to regional and global biodiversity efforts.



MISSION

Mindoro Island Symbolic Species Icons of Nature

MBCFI continues to provide ongoing support to communities in its priority areas, focusing on capacity-building activities, livelihood enhancement, habitat restoration, and the establishment and maintenance of woodlots. Through its MISSION Program, the organization fosters stronger partnerships with Peoples Organizations (POs) through conservation agreements. MBCFI has enhanced the capabilities of PO leaders and members in effectively managing their organizations, while also supporting the improvement of their livelihoods and the sustained maintenance of restoration and woodland sites.

MBCFI has been working with the locals of different Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) in Mindoro. The following are the organizations supported by MBCFI:

Mt. Halcon

- Sarig Agunaker sa Bulod Sialdang (SARIG) in Brgy. Lantuyang, Baco
- Kawaras Gabay Akyat Halcon sa Bayanan (KAWARAS) in Brgy. Bayanan, Baco





WEO Deputation Training in Bayanan, Baco

As part of the MISSION Program, a Wildlife Enforcement Officer (WEO) training was held on November 28, 2024, in Bayanan, Baco. This training equipped local enforcers with the tools and knowledge to implement Republic Act 9147, which safeguards the Philippines' wildlife.

A total of 46 participants—22 from SARIG, 17 from KAWARAS, 5 from DENR-CENRO Socorro, and 2 MBCFI staff—underwent training focused on wildlife law enforcement and the identification of threatened species. Among the speakers were Forester Leonida Mindaros and Atty. Julius Pastrana, who shared insights on enforcement best practices and the legal framework for biodiversity protection.



The training featured resource speakers Forester Leonida Mindaros and Atty. Julius Pastrana, who provided technical and legal insights on biodiversity protection and enforcement strategies.

This initiative contributes to MBCFI's ongoing efforts to build a grassroots network of conservation advocates dedicated to safeguarding Mindoro's threatened and iconic wildlife species.



In 2024, MBCFI advanced its conservation advocacy through a range of awareness-raising activities, including workshops, seminars, and special events that engaged diverse stakeholders. By leveraging both traditional and digital media platforms, the organization effectively disseminated key messages that deepened public understanding and appreciation of Mindoro's rich biodiversity. These efforts empowered local communities, promoted collective environmental action, and reinforced MBCFI's ongoing commitment to safeguarding the island's natural heritage for future generations.



Igniting Youth Conservation Awareness Through The Mindoro Wildlife Quiz Contest

As part of the 2024 Tamaraw Month celebration, the Mindoro Wildlife Quiz Contest was successfully conducted on October 18, 2024, simultaneously in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro and Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. With over 130 junior and senior high schools across Mindoro participating, the event aimed to spark youth interest and awareness in the conservation of Mindoro's endemic species and ecosystems.

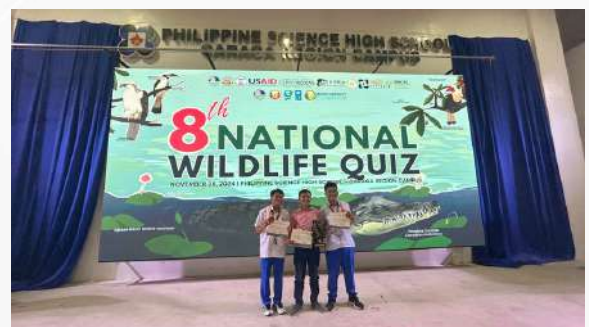


The quiz contest was organized by the MBCFI in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) – Occidental and Oriental Mindoro, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), and the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project (MBC), with the support of Toyota Motor Philippines Corporation and Forest Foundation Philippines.



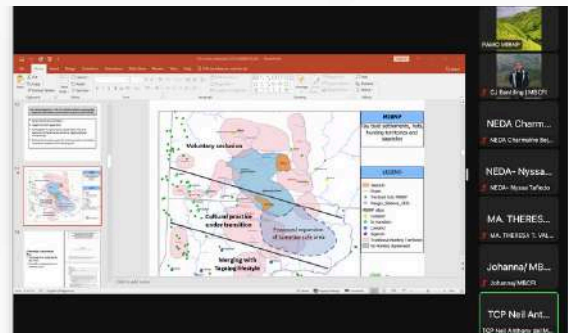
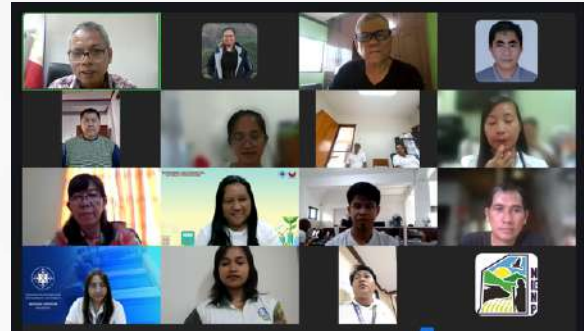
The activity tested students' knowledge in areas such as biodiversity, environmental laws, and conservation practices specific to Mindoro. Acknowledging that youth play a pivotal role in the island's future, the contest also served as a platform to encourage critical thinking, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation of local natural heritage.

Following the regional quiz, grand winners from both provinces were sponsored to join the National Wildlife Quiz Contest held on November 29, 2024, in Butuan City, organized by the Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (PBCFI). Mindoro's student representatives proudly ranked first among the all the participating schools, reflecting the depth of knowledge and commitment in the region.



Policies and Council Representations

In 2024, MBCFI sustained its strong commitment to biodiversity and conservation efforts across Mindoro. The foundation remained actively engaged in key technical and policy-making bodies, maintaining its memberships and participation in various committees. These include the Protected Area Management Boards (PAMBs) of four protected areas in Mindoro, the Provincial Environment Council, the MIMAROPA Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium, the City Project Monitoring Committee, the Philippine Statistics Council, the Corridor Alliance Advisory Council, and the Provincial Multipartite Environmental Impact Assessment Monitoring Team. Through these affiliations, MBCFI continued to play a critical role in shaping and influencing conservation-related policies and programs in the region.



THRIVING TOGETHER



The Thriving Together with Tamaraw Project aims to strengthen conservation efforts for the Critically Endangered Tamaraw across its entire range on Mindoro Island. The project focuses on empowering Indigenous communities through governance and co-management, applying science-based conservation practices, and fostering island-wide policy collaboration to ensure the long-term survival of the tamaraw and its ecosystem.

Colors of Conservation: Celebrating Tamaraw Month with Art and Awareness

In October 2024, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro celebrated Tamaraw Month with creativity and purpose through the “Kulayan ang Kinabukasan” Art Exhibit and the “Kids’ Colors of Conservation” Workshop. These events used art as a platform to promote awareness and appreciation for Mindoro’s unique wildlife, particularly the Tamaraw.

Fifteen local artists from the Gintong Tamaraw Artist Association of San Jose showcased artworks that highlighted the deep connections between the Tamaraw, Indigenous Peoples, and the island’s biodiversity. The exhibit attracted strong support from local government units, conservation groups, and community members.



To inspire younger generations, MBCFI hosted a Kids’ Art Workshop facilitated by renowned artist Ruben “Nonoy” Casuncad. The event engaged 30 children aged 6 to 13 in hands-on activities that encouraged them to express conservation themes through art.

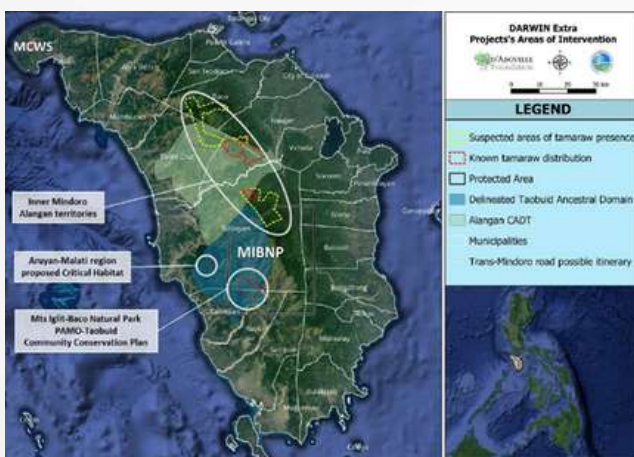
These creative initiatives helped foster environmental awareness and cultural pride across age groups. By engaging both artists and youth, the celebration highlighted the power of community-led conservation through art and education.



Thriving Together with Tamaraw: Scaling Conservation Through Strategic Partnerships

In 2024, MBCFI officially joined a groundbreaking consortium with Re:wild and the D'Aboville Foundation to launch the Thriving Together with Tamaraw Project, a five-year UKAID Darwin Initiative-funded program focused on scaling up tamaraw conservation efforts across Mindoro. This marks a significant expansion of our conservation work and reinforces our commitment to species recovery and habitat protection.

Through this partnership, MBCFI contributes its landscape-based approach, technical expertise, and community engagement experience to co-develop and implement lasting solutions for tamaraw conservation. Together with our partners, we are advancing Indigenous-led conservation, strengthening legal frameworks, and enhancing collaboration among government, NGOs, and local communities.



The project was officially inaugurated through a series of planning and inception workshops that brought together over 40 stakeholders, including the DENR, NCIP, LGUs, and Indigenous representatives. These consultations laid the groundwork for coordinated action aimed at achieving long-term ecological and cultural resilience in tamaraw landscapes.

MBCFI is proud to be at the forefront of this unified effort to ensure a thriving future for one of the Philippines' most iconic and endangered species.

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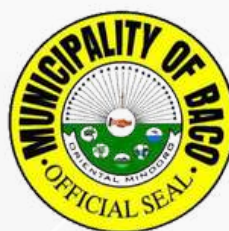
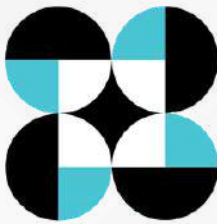


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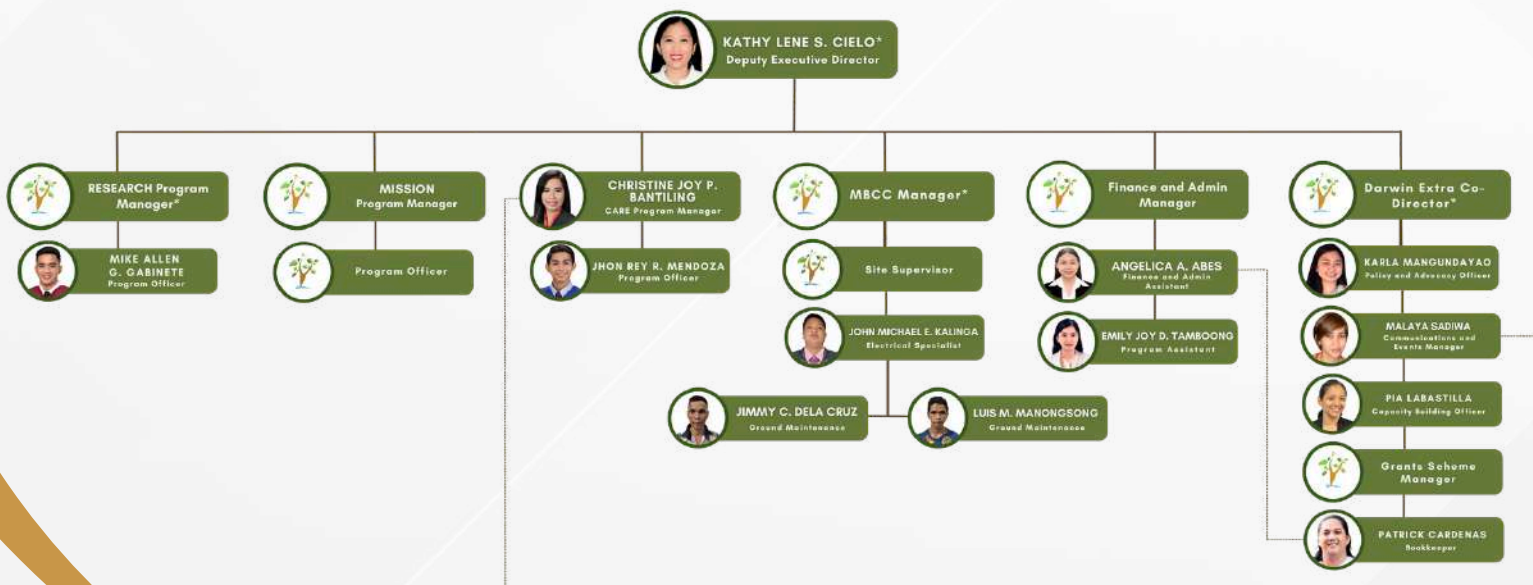
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VISION AND MISSION

VISION

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



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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