

BANTAY WATERSHED TASK FORCE and WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL GAD PROGRAM

Consistent with the objectives of the program on the protection and rehabilitation of the eleven (11) watershed areas of NPC, the Corporation implements Gender and Development (GAD) activities that are aimed to improve the welfare, participation and involvement of the men, women and children members of host communities.

The NPC Watershed Management Department regularly conducts IECs and consultation meetings with host communities to orient and discuss their role in the protection and rehabilitation of the watershed areas. Participants and beneficiaries includes the men and women members and leaders of the communities. Through the years, the program helped in addressing gender issues arising from its implementation.

In order to address GAD concerns of communities affected by the enforcement, community-resource wardens are established called the “Bantay Watershed Task Force”. In cooperation with the Watershed Management Council in the area, the program activities done were always in line with addressing GAD issues and concerns, i.e. enhanced representation of women in all activities, children's welfare and awareness, etc.

In CY 2019, the Corporation with a total of P29.5M budget utilization has mobilized adequate resources to address GAD issues and ensured that women were represented/involved in the protection and rehabilitation of NPC watershed areas.

With law enforcement being dominated by male participants, the Watershed Management Council seek to improve, even equalize the number women participants in all the activities done in protecting the watershed areas.

Aside from the improvement of women participation, the program aimed to capacitate the children in the communities in understanding their role in the protection and preservation of the environment they live in.

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NPC conducts Paralegal Training on Forest Protection for its Bantay Watershed Task Force

As part of the continuing Gender and Development (GAD) Program for the benefit of the Bantay Watershed Task Force and to ensure proper communication flow for an effective forest protection, NPC's Buhi-Barit Watershed Area Team (BBWAT) conducted on May 15, 2019 training on organizational meeting and paralegal training for its personnel and the Community Resource Warden-Bantay Watershed Task Force, Inc. (CREW-BWTF, Inc.)

Sixty (60) participants (43 male & 17 female) gathered in Lake Buhi Resort, Cabatuan, Buhi in Camarines Sur to learn about the components of an effective meeting and the procedures in the apprehension of violators of environmental laws.

CREW-BWTF, Inc. president Nimfa C. Alina gave the concluding remarks during the training where she thanked BBWAT for its support to their organization.

The Buhi Barit Watershed supports the private sector-operated Buhi Barit Hydroelectric Power Plant. It is one of the 11 watershed reservations under NPC management.



NPC's Buhi Barit Watershed Area team conducts Leadership Training for a Sustainable Bantay Watershed Task Force

Under the Corporate Gender and Development (GAD) Program, a leadership training was organized by the Buhi Barit Watershed Area Team (BBWAT) of the Watershed Management Department for the members of the Community Resource Warden-Bantay Watershed Task Force, Inc. (CREW-BWTF) in Buhi, Camarines Sur.

The training was held as part of the Corporate GAD's endeavor in helping our partner organizations be sustainable and efficient so they can continue upholding environmental goals which are the same as NPC's.

The training was also a tool to identify potential leaders within the organization and assess their sustainability. It was attended by 13 male and 8 female members of the CREW-BWTF.

CREW-BWTF is an organization created through the help of BBWAT and is currently working to become an independent body registered to the Securities and Exchange Commission.



Caliraya-Lumot Watershed Ecological Community Executive Meeting

The Caliraya-Lumot Watershed Ecological Community (CLWEC) conducted its Executive Committee Meeting at Lagos Del Sol Resort in Brgy. West Talaongan in Cavinti, Laguna last November 29, 2019.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss updates and accomplishments of each of its committees and discuss other issues and concerns with regards to the protection and conservation of the Caliraya-Lumot Watershed Forest Reserve (CLWFR) and its surrounding areas.

Details regarding the conduct Information Campaigns and tree planting activities which will be facilitated by the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Chairmen of barangays within the watershed and other remaining activities for CY 2019 were also discussed during the meeting.



Training-Seminar on Protection and Conservation of Watershed in NPC's Makiling-Banahaw Watershed Area

NPC conducts training seminar on protection and conservation of watershed in Batangas NPC's Makiling-Banahaw Watershed Area Team (MBWAT) on July 3, 2019 granted the request of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of Sto. Tomas, Batangas and conducted a training seminar on the protection and conservation of the watershed for its officers and personnel.

The seminar, which was also participated by Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems-UPLB, discussed the strategies in taking good care of the mountain ecosystems and the important role of the participants in maintaining the lushness of the Makiling ASEAN Heritage Park.

MBWAT's Forrester Xiennia B. Meneses and Ms. Sarah Grace C. Peñalosa also shared NPC's thrusts and programs for the watershed.



NPC partners with DA Livelihood Training for Buhi-Barit Watershed Area Communities

To provide an alternative livelihood to the members of the community, NPC's Buhi Barit Watershed Area Team (BBWAT) has conducted a two-day training on vermicomposting to 59 members (21 male & 38 female) of Community Resource Warden-Bantay Watershed Task Force, Inc. (CREW-BWTF); Indigenous People Mandatory Representative (IPMR) and MENRO personnel of the Municipality of Buhi in Merlisig Reception Hall in Buhi, Camarines Sur.

The training was conducted in partnership with the Department of Agricultural Training Institute – Regional Training Center V. The resource person was Ms. Luisita B. Navo, an organic agriculture expert who shared her knowledge and personal experiences on vermicomposting.

Vermicompost can be sold as fertilizer and soil conditioner. It is a feasible source of income since it requires minimal production cost. It likewise provides environment equilibrium conservation as it effectively manages organic wastes and decreases the need for chemical fertilizers.

The training concluded with the participants sharing their action plans on their newly acquired knowledge. Certificates of completion were then awarded to the participants.

NPC manages the Buhi Barit Watershed that supports geothermal power plants in Albay region. It provides livelihood programs to stakeholders/communities to discourage them from doing harmful activities to or in the watershed.



NPC holds environmental film showing in 10 schools within the Tiwi Geothermal Reservation

To inculcate the importance of watershed and its conservation, NPC's Tiwi Watershed Area Team conducted and recently finished ten (10) sessions of school lecture and film showing in various primary and secondary schools in Tiwi, Albay.

The participants of the said activity are Grades 5 and 6 and Grades 11 and 12 who resides within the Tiwi Geothermal Reservation.

Through the lecture and film, students are made to reflect as well on their contributions to the environment and what else they can do for its preservation.

Tiwi Geothermal Reservation is one of the watershed areas under NPC's jurisdiction. It supports the Tiwi Geothermal Power Plant in Albay.



NPC conducts school lectures in Buhi-Barit Watershed Reservation

NPC's Buhi Barit Watershed Area Team in the month of July has conducted school lectures in four schools within the Buhi-Barit Watershed in Camarines Sur.

150 students attended the lecture in each of the schools which are Salvacion High School, Tambo National High School, Sta. Justina National High School and Iraya High School.

The lecture discussed the current condition of the Buhi-Barit Watershed, the area team's programs for the reservation, and climate change causes, effects, and mitigation strategies.

The program was held to instill a sense of environmental responsibility to the youth and encourage participation among them in preserving the forests.