

Biodiversity Conservation Training for Teachers

The Philippine Association of Tertiary Level Educational Institutions on Environmental Protection and Management (PATLEPAM), in its pursuit to enhance environmental education at the tertiary level, jointly conducted with the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), a four-day National Trainers' Training on Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development Education at the Tertiary Level. The training was held on June 26-29, 2001 at the SEAMEO-INNOTECH, Quezon City. Funding assistance was provided by the ASEAN Regional Centre for Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC).

The training strengthened the institutional capabilities of the 32 participants, particularly teachers who have interests in promoting biodiversity conservation and sustainable development and its institutionalisation in the existing curriculum through the prototype

syllabus for the proposed 3-unit course entitled "Environment and Sustainable Development" for the general education curriculum at the tertiary level. The training further produced more teacher-trainers in the various regions of the country, which could later establish links with other ASEAN countries and the European Union (EU).

The participants formulated their action plans to strengthen biodiversity conservation and sustainable development education at the tertiary level. These include among others the following:

- Review of present environmental course offered in the university;
- Adoption of the 3-unit course entitled "Environment and Sustainable Development";
- Conduct of echo-seminar on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development education among biology and natural science instructors in the different colleges and universities; and

- Continuous build up and maintenance of linkages/network for data exchange and sharing of expertise on biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. ■

List of Agencies Represented

- Rizal Polytechnic College
- De La Salle University- Dasmariñas
- University of the Philippines- Baguio
- Camarines Sur State Agricultural College
- Batangas State University
- Camarines Norte State College
- Don Mariano Marcos State University
- University of the Philippines Los Banos- College of Forestry and Natural Resources
- Leyte Institute of Technology
- University of the Philippines- Visayas
- Xavier University
- Western Mindanao State University
- University of Southern Mindanao
- Central Mindanao University
- University of Southeastern Philippines
- Ateneo de Manila University
- Polytechnic University of the Philippines
- University of the Philippines- Manila
- University of Sto. Tomas
- Philippine Women University
- Pamantasan ng Makati
- Babilonia Wilner Foundation
- Isabela State University
- Commission on Higher Education
- Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystem- UPLBCFNR
- Central Luzon State University
- NGOs for Integrated Protected Areas, Inc.
- South East Asia Regional Institute for Community Education
- Philippine Council for Aquatic and Marine Research and Development- DOST
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau
- Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
- Environmental Management Bureau

