

# P10.6 M to reforest 500 hain Capiz

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in Western Visayas has provided a total of P10.6 million to reforest some 500 hectares (ha) of denuded areas in Talaz, Capiz.

DENR-6 Regional Director Jim Sampulna said the allocation was given through the Expanded National Greening Program (eNGP) to five organizations based in Capiz. The groups were tapped to plant forest tree species, fruit-bearing trees and high value crops in identified eNGP sites.

The identified eNGP sites are located in the barangays of San Antonio, Taslan, San Julian and Sta. Ana, all in Tapaz.

Of the fund, P2,129,876.02 was recently given to Marugo Green life Association; P3,226,460.04 to Tascanara Farmers Association; P2,129, 876.02 to Marugo Farmers Association; P1,069,938.01 to Sta. Ana Mampaw Association; and P2,129,876.02 to Marugo Small Angler Association.

“With the implementation of the eNGP in the town of Tapaz, we are creating communities that are not only climate resilient but economically vibrant as well. Anchored on the framework of Sustainable Integrated Area Development (SIAD), the eNGP implementation will help the community beneficiaries in Tapaz to become self-reliant,” Sampulna said.

A letter of agreement (LOA) was also signed between the DENR-Capiz office and the Brgy. Agustin Navarra Environmental Conservation Association (BANECA) and Brgy. Council of Cudian in Ivisan town, for a comprehensive site development activity.

The development will cover a five-hectare mangrove plantation in Barangay Cudia, Sampulna said.

A fund of P210,256 for the program will be used in seedling production, establishment of a plantation, and the three-year maintenance and protection of the plantations from February, 2017 to December 2019.

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