

DENR-8 kicks-off ‘Earth Month; cites village chief for mangrove protection

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Tacloban City – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources, regional office 8 (DENR-8) recently awarded the barangay chairman of barangay 69, this city, for his contribution to environmental protection and conservation in Eastern Visayas.

DENR-8 Regional Director Leonardo Sibbaluca said that as a kick-off activity for the “Month of Planet Earth” celebration, his office presented a certificate of recognition to Barangay Chairman Noel Tabao of Barangay 69, Anibong, this city.

Sibbaluca cited Tabao’s contributions to the rehabilitation of mangrove areas in Leyte through the Leyte Gulf Rehabilitation Project launched after Super Typhoon Yolanda, particularly citing the 12-hectare mangrove area in Bgry. 69. His assistance in organizing the Greening Initiators and Nature’s Advocate People’s Organization or GINAPO as DENR partner in the establishment, maintenance, and production of seedlings for DENR-8 Central Nursery in Anibong was also cited.

Sibbaluca explained the crucial role mangroves play in protecting the coastline, and serving as buffer for tidal currents and storm surge.

“The DENR needs the cooperation of all sectors of society in ensuring a safer and sounder environment to live,” he said.

April has been declared as Month of the Planet Earth per Presidential Proclamation No. 1482 signed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2008. This intends to enjoin all sectors of society to protect and save our planet from environmental degradation and ensure a sustainable future for all.

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