

DENR releases three pythons into the wild

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Tacloban City – The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) office for Eastern Visayas released recently reticulated three pythons into the wild.

DENR Regional Director Leonardo Sibbaluca told reporters the pythons (*Python reticulatus*) were released in the Mahagnao Volcano Natural Park in Burauenin, Leyte, one of the DENR-protected areas in Eastern Visayas.

The reticulated python, found in Southeast Asia, is the world's longest snake, growing to over 20 feet. It is not venomous.

Sibbaluca said the pythons were rescued by his office three months ago and turned over to the Regional Wildlife Rescue Center (RWRC) in Barangay Baras, Palo, Leyte,

The center serves as the rehabilitation area for confiscated, rescued, and abandoned wildlife in the region.

Sibbaluca said the center is taking care of several kinds of wild cats, birds, snakes, and other animals.

He said the rescued animals are released in the protected areas of the region as soon as they are fit and healthy.

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