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Misamis University advances SDG 15 through extensive tree-growing, reforestation, biodiversity conservation, and ecosystem restoration efforts across Misamis Occidental. Faculty and staff members, Misamis Occidental Volunteers for the Environment (MOVE), NSTP students, and other volunteers planted 730 Philippine-endemic and native species, such as *Syzygium rubrovenium*, *Artocarpus camansi*, *Pterocarpus indicus*, and bamboo, in sites across the Mount Malindang Range Natural Park (MMRNP), Tangub City, Ozamiz City, and Tudela. In addition, 3,000 mangrove propagules were planted in the municipalities of Tudela and Clarin to help rehabilitate coastal habitats.

The University actively participates in national and international environmental observances, including Philippine Arbor Day, the International Day of Forests, and the International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem. Misamis University also hosted the International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change 2025, co-sponsored by Kasetsart University (KU), Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), and INTI International University, which further strengthened scientific collaboration and awareness on biodiversity protection.

These collective efforts underscore Misamis University's sustained leadership in nurturing resilient terrestrial and coastal ecosystems and fostering community-based environmental stewardship.



MISAMIS UNIVERSITY NSTP GROWS 500 NARRA SEEDLINGS



In response to the pressing challenges of climate change and environmental issues, Misamis University (MU) launched a series of tree-growing activities through its National Service Training Program (NSTP). It aimed to promote environmental stewardship among young leaders and contribute to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). A total of 500 Narra seedlings (*Pterocarpus indicus*) were planted on the perimeter of the MU Farm, Barangay Capucao, Ozamiz City.



MISAMIS UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES EARTH AND FORESTS DAYS 2025



Misamis University renewed its commitment to environmental sustainability by participating in two major tree growing activities in celebration of the 2025 International Earth Day and the International Day of Forests.

The Earth Day celebration, guided by this year's global theme "Our Power, Our Planet," was spearheaded by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-CENRO) Ozamiz City. The tree growing activity took place on April 23, 2025, at Barangay Penacio, Clarin, Misamis Occidental.



NURTURING A GREENER MU CARES WITH MOVE'S TREE GROWING ACTIVITY



The Misamis Occidental Volunteers for Environment (MOVE) - Misamis University Chapter conducted a tree growing activity at the Misamis University Center for Advocacy, Research, and Extension Services (MU CARES) Facility at Fertig Hills, Hoyohoy, Tangub City on November 16, 2024. It was participated by MU student-volunteers, facilitators, a representative from Hoyohoy Barangay Council, and Dr. Orlando D. De Leon, the MU Special Assistant to the President.

Despite the intermittent rain, the team planted 50 *Syzygium rubrovenium* seedlings, commonly called as Polayo. It is a Philippine endemic tree species that provides food and medicinal value to the ecosystem. These seedlings were sourced from the City Government of Oroquieta under the dynamic leadership of Hon. Lemwel Meyric M. Acosta through Dr. Maynard C. Bongcayao from the Oroquieta City Environment and Natural Resources Office.



200 SEEDLINGS PLANTED IN TUDELA TO MARK PHILIPPINE ARBOR DAY 2025



Misamis University joined the celebration of Philippine Arbor Day 2025 through a tree-planting and bamboo-planting activity on June 25 in Barangay Sebac, Tudela, Misamis Occidental. The event highlighted the planting of 200 seedlings, comprising 100 Narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*) and 100 Bamboo (*Bambusa vulgaris*), as part of the ongoing efforts to promote reforestation and environmental sustainability.




MISAMIS UNIVERSITY SUCCESSFULLY HOSTS THE 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIODIVERSITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE (IconBaCC) 2025




The Misamis University, Philippines, in collaboration with Kasetsart University (Thailand), VIT Bhopal University (India), and INTI International University (Malaysia), has successfully hosted the 4th International Conference on Biodiversity and Climate Change (IconBaCC 2025) on September 25–26, 2025, at the Hilarion T. Feliciano Activity Center, Misamis University, Ozamiz City. This year's conference, held in a hybrid format, carried the theme “Sustainable Peace with Nature: A Global Commitment towards Net Zero.”



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