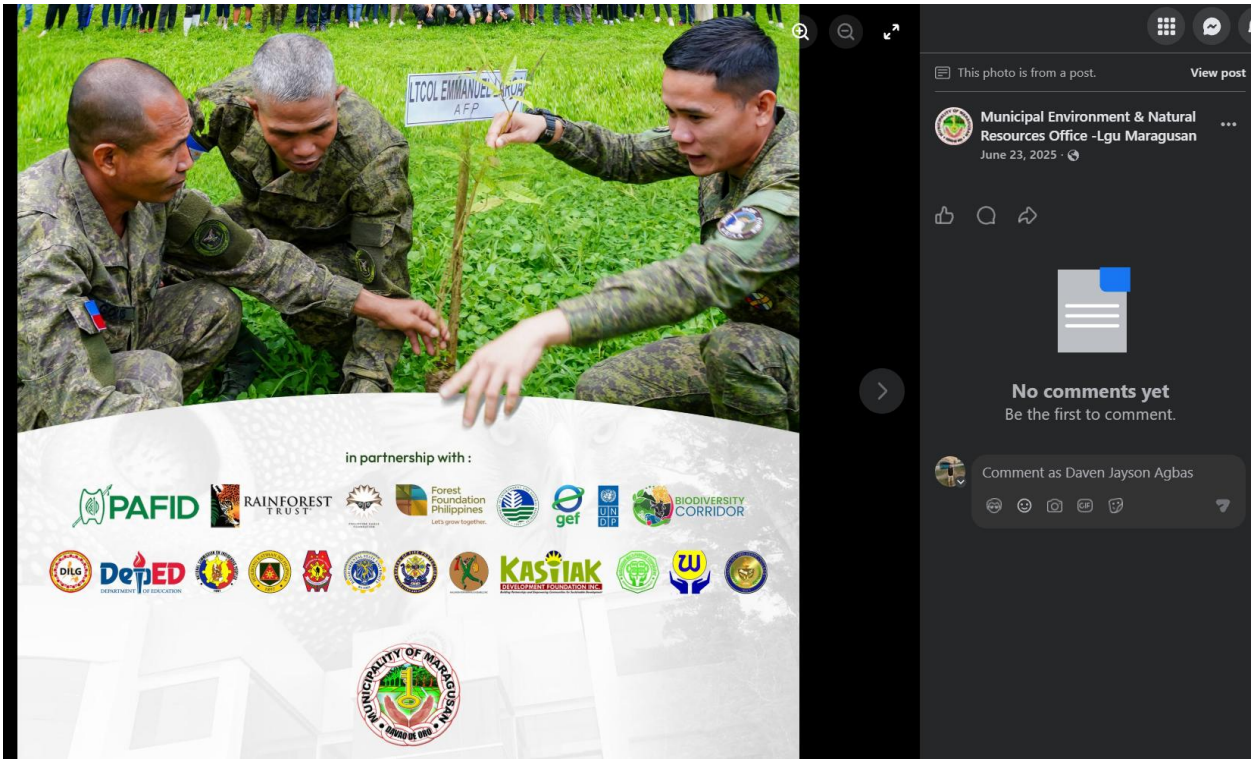
SDG 15: 15.2.6. Sustainable management of land for tourism (educational outreach), Offer educational programme/outreach for local or national communities on sustainable management of land for tourism

1. DOrSU Participates in Maragusan Municipal Arbor Day 2025

The Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor (EMBC) Project team of DOrSU participated in the 2025 Municipal Arbor Day celebration held on June 20, 2025, at the ESWM Park and Road Greenbelt Site in Barangay Mapawa, Maragusan, Davao de Oro. The activity was conducted in accordance with Municipal Ordinance No. 2024-04, which designates every third Friday of June as Municipal Arbor Day. Through tree nurturing and enrichment planting, the event brought together municipal employees, national government agencies, and non-government organizations in support of local environmental restoration. DOrSU's participation reflects its involvement in collaborative efforts to promote tree planting, green spaces, and the restoration of local environments.



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2. DOrSU Student Leaders Promote Regenerative Environmental Action

On December 5, 2025, DOrSU's Office of Student Affairs organized the seminar "REthinking IMPACT: Strengthening Environmental Awareness Through IEC Innovation" for student leaders at the Regional Innovation Center XI. Conducted in partnership with BSES GreenPulse, the Center for Futures Thinking and Regenerative Development, the EMBC Project, and other institutional partners, the seminar emphasized the importance of translating environmental awareness into concrete action. Discussions included research findings on microplastic contamination in locally sold seafood, the integration of waste management into student activities, and the role of student organizations in environmental advocacy. The event also featured DOrSU's artificial clay reef initiative in Pujada Bay, including the development of 3D-printed clay bricks for marine restoration. The EMBC presentation highlighted the importance of forest connectivity and watershed protection for Indigenous and coastal communities. Overall, the seminar encouraged student leaders to adopt environmentally responsible practices and participate in initiatives that support ecosystem restoration and sustainable development.



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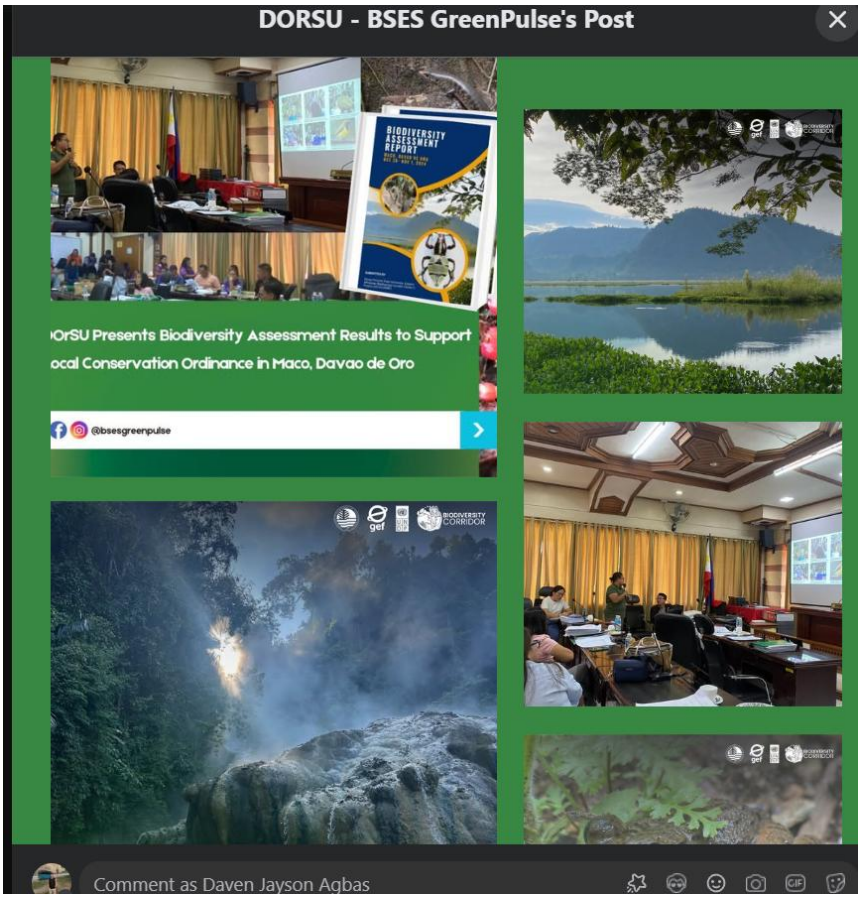
3. DOrSU Presents Biodiversity Assessment Results for Proposed Conservation Areas in Maco

On May 21, 2025, DOrSU faculty members and researchers presented the results of a biodiversity assessment to the Sangguniang Bayan of Maco, Davao de Oro, during a committee hearing on the proposed declaration of Bilawa Mainit Hot Waterfalls and Lake Leonard as locally managed conservation areas. The assessment, conducted from October 28 to November 1, 2024, documented several important groups of organisms, including bats, birds, amphibians and reptiles, beetles, trees, and shrubs. The findings identified endemic and ecologically important species that provide scientific support for the proposed conservation measures. The presentation also contributed to discussions on strengthening the proposed ordinance, recognizing Indigenous Peoples' rights, and considering the area's inclusion within a Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT). This initiative demonstrates how DOrSU's biodiversity research can provide scientific evidence for local environmental policy development and the establishment of conservation areas.



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4. DOrSU and LGU Caraga Explore Partnership for Indigenous Peoples' Education and Agro-Tourism

On October 2, 2025, representatives of the Local Government Unit of Caraga met with DOrSU officials to discuss the possibility of establishing external classes offering specialized programs in Indigenous Peoples' education and agro-tourism. The proposed partnership aims to expand access to higher education while addressing the educational and development needs of Indigenous communities. During the meeting, DOrSU emphasized the need to comply with Commission on Higher Education (CHED) requirements and other regulatory processes before establishing the proposed programs. Although still in the planning stage, the initiative reflects the university's efforts to work with local government units in promoting inclusive education, Indigenous community empowerment, and agro-tourism as a potential approach to sustainable local development.



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