

## SEAMEO - UNESCO Joint Webinar on World Environment Day





# Teacher Education Institution's Initiatives on Biodiversity in the Lens of ESD

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COVID-19 Effects on Biodiversity: Science Education Reimagined



Humans have increased the species extinction rate by as much as three orders of magnitude (Source: Greenfacts)

The extinction rate of species is taught to be 1,000 times higher than before. (Source: the benefits)

Nature, and its vital contribution to people, which together embody biodiversity & ecosystem functions and services are deteriorating worldwide. (Source:IPBES)

What does this imply to our future and how we can STOP it?



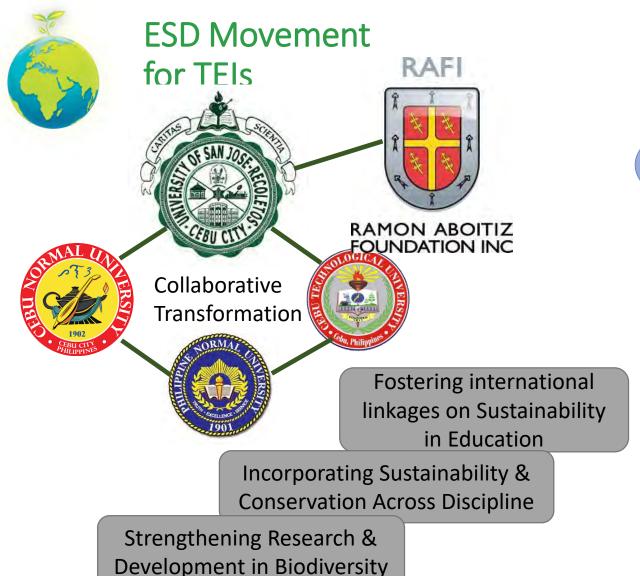


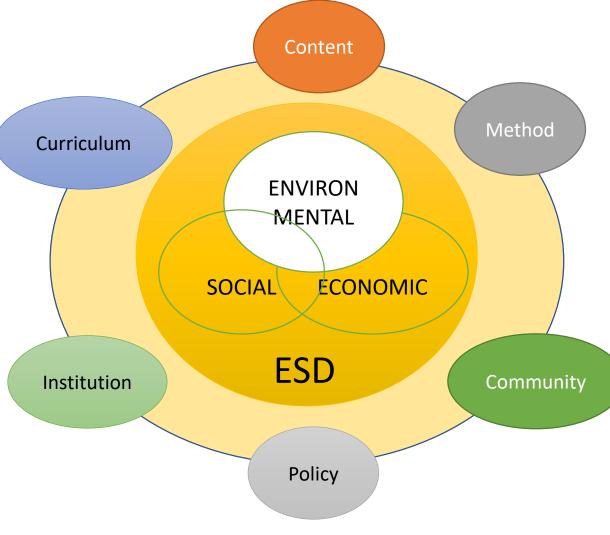
Teacher Education Institutions have a pivotal role in advancing biodiversity protection











Curriculum Integration & Local Partnerships





## Curriculum Integration & Partnerships



Philippine Normal University- Visayas created programs to reverse the degradation and loss of mangrove forest wetlands and their associated coastal ecosystems in partnership with fisherfolks, LGU, ESD universities, teachers and students.









# Strengthening of Research & Development in Biodiversity Issues

Cebu Technological University conducts researchbased initiatives on biodiversity and leads in the assessment of flora and fauna in biodiversity areas. The research results are then disseminated to these areas under the management of the Teacher Education Faculty





# Incorporating Sustainability and Conservation Accross Discipline

Cebu Normal University' incorporates 'greening' of the curriculum through Teacher Training for both inservice and pre-service teachers. Science classes also integrates outcomes-based education principles where students are immersed with human and nature connection through its program called CHANCE: Connecting Humans and Nature through Conservation Experiences. CNU in return, receives the 1st Lockton Legacy Award for its exemplary efforts for biodiversity protection.







# Fostering International Linkages on Sustainability in Education



With University of San Jose- Recoletos' extensive international partnerships with UNESCO Japan and Bangkok, Okayama University among others through the College of Education and ESD Center for Research, Training & Development, USJ-R continues to create programs on biodiversity through ESD. USJ-R receives the Climate Reality Award for its vision of propagating its acquired Recoleto Eco- park, a 100- hectare land that will grow an estimated number of 75,000 trees by 2022.

UGM and USJ-R presented at the 2019 Global Conference of Teacher



#### **OUR ADVOCACY MILESTONES**

#### **WE WORK WITH PARTNERS**

Over 10 Years in Native Tree Growing

#### **Bridging Businesses and Communities**

Our customers are individuals, groups or companies who are interested in environmental conservation. We develop partnership with local communities to plant, nurture and ensure the survival and growth of planted seedlings.



Over 10 Years in Native Tree Growing

# 45,000+ **Students Reached**

#### **Beyond the Four Walls**

We have partnered with more than 300 public schools in the province of Cebu and provided the needed support to integrate the habit of growing native trees along with their lessons.

#### REFORESTATION / FOREST ENHANCEMENT MANGROVE REHABILITATION



Filling the customer service gap

Tree growing CSR activities of various companies/ organizations (Upland & Coastal reforestation)



Requirements for industries with environmental impact (Mining, Power, Fuel, Real Estate, Construction, etc.)



Tapping individuals who are environmentally conscious and socially responsible through special project partnerships

#### We Plant. We Grow. We Nurture.

By combining the best practices in forestry with periodic maintenance and monitoring of every project, we greatly enhance seedling survival.





#### **Matter with Mangroves**

Living in two worlds at once, mangroves play an important role in healthy ecosystems. Despite that fact, mangroves were cut down at an alarming rate because of land conversion and fuel needs from communities.



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### What will become the new normal or trends in protecting biodiversity and environment?

Protected areas appear to be safe and, in many places, biodiversity is benefitting from reduced human activities. However, we can implement online content, webinars etc. on relevant updates of the Earth current condition and its direction and integrate it in some online classes in the academe.



















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