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GUEST EDITORIAL ~Marivic Pajaro. Daluhay is currently a recipient of a Strategic Grant from the 5th Operational Phase of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) – Small Grants Programme in the Philippines. The GEF-SGP5 is implemented by the United Nations Development Programme with the Biodiversity Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources as implementing partner. The GEF-SGP5's primary goal is *to secure global environment benefits through community-based initiatives and actions in priority Philippine sites*. As a strategic project grant holder, Daluhay solidifies



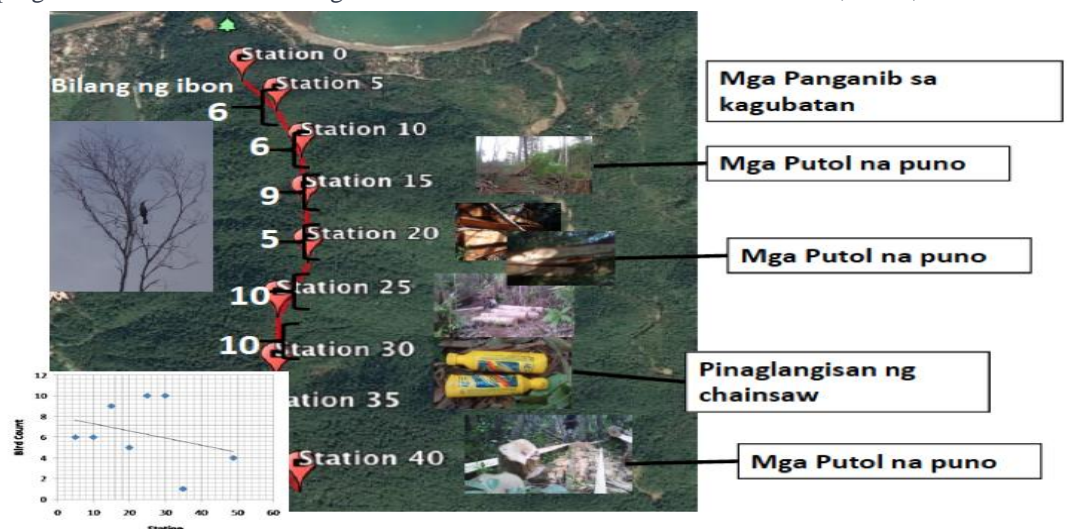
initiatives of various community-based organizations to amplify project results. Our project, the *Synergistic and Ecocentric Capacitation of Sierra Madre's Indigenous and Artisanal Communities* implemented in Aurora Province, partners with 10 community organizations, including indigenous peoples. Integrated management linking the forest, agricultural and coastal ecosystems will be piloted in close coordination with the local government of San Luis municipality. Ending in 2017, the targets are: establish 500 hectares of marine protected areas and turtle sanctuaries, conserve 10 hectares of agricultural land and protect 26,000 hectares of forests. This landmark project contributes to the future of Filipinos as it helps to protect the largest remaining cover of old-growth tropical rainforest that shields us from strong typhoons and provide basic needs like food, water and shelter.

SIERRA MADRE UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CONFERENCE

The Lower Sierra Madre Hub Annual conference was held at the Central Luzon State University (CLSU) on September 7-9, 2016. The Hub is managed by Tanggol Kalikasan as Hub Leader, and funded by UNDP SGP5. It was a three day activity full of project presentations from grantees and partners. Most of the Grantees belong to Indigenous Peoples Organizations and People's Organizations and share their experience on their project. Certificate of pre condition is required for work within ancestral domain. However, while we are waiting on national work by the Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Daluhay is helping to build the financial and administrative capacity of the grantees, through establishment of organizational track records and personal development of individual members.

SIERRA MADRES' BIODIVERSITY ~ ERMITA WEST TRANSECT

As part of our facilitation of community-based monitoring through the UNDP program we initiated monitoring in the Sierra Madre Mountains on Ermita Hill, Baler, Aurora. We



established a 40 station transect along the Ermita Hill Ridge of Baler. Our focus is to monitor different birds species present in the area. On one of our surveys we were thrilled to see a flock of Luzon (Tarctic) Hornbills (*Penelopidesmanillae*) which is one of the indicator bird species that we used in evaluation, as well as observing a variety of other mountain species. The surveys also revealed significant illegal cutting of trees and other human destructive activities. Our preliminary results indicated that bird diversity was reduced in areas where illegal timber harvesting was occurring. Our findings have led to renewed monitoring and enforcement actions in the area in partnership with DENR.

Ang *community-based monitoring* ay isang proseso ng pagkagalap ng mga datos upang malaman ang estado ng kagubatan. Layunin nito na magkaroon ng kamalayan ang mga mamamayan hinggil sa kahalagahan at kalagayan ng ating kagubatan maging ang mga buhay-ilang nananinirahan dito. Layunin din nito na magkaroon ng mga programa sa tulong ng UNDP at iba pang sector upang mapanatili ang pagtatasa para sa *biodiversity conservation*.



Marilyn Dela Torre reporting on a test transect for biodiversity conservation on Ermita Hill

CHANGES IN LATITUDE ~ PAUL WATTS ON THE ARCTIC COAST

Paul Watts is now in Churchill, Manitoba, Canada where he is teaching into a business development program aimed at building capacity with indigenous peoples. In addition, he is researching traditional conflict resolution and undoubtedly, tracking the odd polar bear! In his first week there he spotted about 20 Beluga Whales (late to see them in Hudson Bay – a warm year!), a Snowy Owl, 2 Red Fox, an elusive Arctic Hare and two beautiful polar bears.

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Barbara Stone

DIWALI! From the creativity of Barbara Stone, celebrates the 5 -day holiday of India, Nepal, called Diwali, or *Festival of Lights* that begins Sunday Oct. 30th. Please contact bstonepolarbears@isomedia.com to learn more about her doula research in Nepal or to share your story if you have experience in the post-earthquake rebuild there. Barbara Stone and Paul Watts have worked together for many years based upon their shared interest in people and polar bears.

