



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

November 28, 2022

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **1339**, 2022

**IMPLEMENTATION OF TREE PLANTING AND TREE NURTURING ACTIVITIES
ON THE SITE PRONE TO FLASHFLOODS/ LANDSLIDES USING
LOCAL VARIETIES OF TREES**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

- Attached is Resolution No. 11, s. 2022 of the Regional Agriculture and Fishery Council VIII, Department of Agriculture (DA), **Recommending to the Department of Education to Implement Tree Planting Activities and Tree Nurturing on the Site Prone to Flashfloods/Landslides Using Local Varieties of Trees.**
- The Schools Division Superintendents (SDSs), through the Division Youth Formation Coordinators (DYFC) should take the lead in this activity and should enjoy the school Youth Formators to engage the leadership and participation of the Supreme Student Government (SSG) Officers and members in planning for the conduct of this activity in flood prone places in their specific areas, in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Municipal/ Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC/BDRRMC).
- A report on compliance with this Memorandum should be submitted to this Office through the email address essd.region8@deped.gov.ph cc eden.dadap001@deped.gov.ph and tedjuan.peleno@deped.gov.ph.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

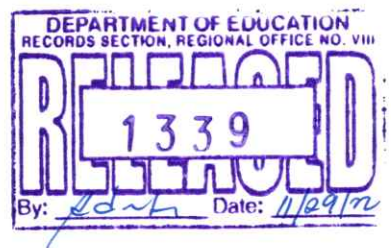

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Regional Director

Enclosures: As stated
References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

TREE NURTURING TREE PLANTING

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 Regional Director
 Department of Education, Regional Field Office 8
 Government Center
 Brgy. Candahug, Palo Leyte



Dear Director Fetalvero:

Greetings from RAFC VIII!

May we refer to you the attached Resolution No. 11, Series of 2022 of the Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council VIII, *recommending to the Department of Education to implement tree planting activities and tree nurturing on the site prone to flashfloods/ landslides using local varieties of trees.*

May we request that a reply be sent directly to RAFC Office, Department of Agriculture Regional Office VIII with office address at DA-RFO Compound, Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City on action taken on this request.

Your usual favorable action is highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,


ENGR. MIGUEL A. PEDROSO
 RAFC Executive Committee Chairperson



Resolution No. 11

Series of 2022

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT TREE PLANTING ACTIVITIES AND TREE NURTURING ON THE SITE PRONE TO FLASHFLOODS/ LANDSLIDES USING LOCAL VARIETIES OF TREES

WHEREAS, Philippines is easily vulnerable to the impact of climate change and global warming, given our climate, topography and geographical location;

WHEREAS, with illegal activities such as massive deforestation that destroys our forest causes major consequences not only for environmental issues but also for severe socioeconomic implications;

WHEREAS, Region 8 has almost 61% of forest land and the remaining portion is alienable and disposable. Of the region's provinces, Leyte has the biggest alienable and disposable lands while Samar has the biggest forest lands;

WHEREAS, in 2010, rest of Region 8 had 1.41Mha of tree cover, extending over 98% of its land area, however, in 2021, it lost 388ha of tree cover, equivalent to 283kt of CO₂ emissions;

WHEREAS, Forests provide raw materials for the pulp and paper industry, furniture manufacturing, and other industries; therefore, the resource should be renewed. Even so, reforestation is crucially important apart from supporting industrial needs;

CONSIDERING, with 20 tropical cyclones entering the region, 8 or 9 of which will cross the Philippines Because of its geographical location, facing the Pacific Ocean in the east and being part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, Eastern Visayas is one of the most disaster-prone areas in the country;

WHEREAS, the importance of reforestation it help prevent soil erosion or desertification; they are important to protect buildings and fields from winds. Trees along river banks or shorelines fortify and stabilize the coastal area. This is why it is important not only to regenerate the degraded or destroyed areas but also to plant new ones to refresh the tree cover;

WHEREAS, to address environmental concerns and respond to threats posed by climate change and global warming, the Department of Education has initiated a tree planting program in which students, faculty, including Superintends and Supervisors, are fully engaged;

CONSIDERING, the benefits, this activity should be carried out in areas prone to natural disasters such as flash floods and landslides;



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Furthermore, advocating for native trees is our way of ensuring the sustainability and continuity of life that is appropriate for a specific environment in effort to enhance much farther nature conservation;


WHEREAS, establishing links and partnerships with various government agencies such as DENR, PRRDMO, LGU's and Local Barangay officials, non-government and people's organizations is critical in order to seek training, support, and supply of seedlings and saplings to be used, as well as to further identify and intensify environmental programs and activities.;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, the Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council (RAFC) 8 Recommending to Department of Education to implement tree planting activities and tree nurturing on the site prone to flashfloods /landslides using local varieties of trees.

PASSED AND UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED during the RAFC Sectoral Committee Meeting on Climate Change held on November 11, 2022 at the Department of Agriculture, RAFC Office, Kanhuraw Hill, Tacloban City.

Noted by:

Approved by:


CECILIA PAZ P. ELORDE
RAFC Coordinator


ENGR. MIGUEL A. PEDROSO
RAFC Executive Committee Chairperson