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7. Endangered Species Conservation

Frequently Asked Questions
About YSDA

Youth for Sustainable Development Assembly (YSDA) is a national youth-led and youth-serving organization in the Philippines that support youth involvement in all aspects and levels of sustainable development, starting with local communities. We aspire to play a critical role in creating a critical youth base for sustainable development advocacy and environmentalism in the Philippines. Our main thrust is to support young people in the development and implementation of community-based sustainable development demonstration projects, and provide platforms where young people can voice out their concerns (such as representation in consultations; policy recommendations to concerned government agencies).

Over the years, YSDA has joined several national and international networks, serving important roles in most of them. We are affiliated with the Network for Voluntary Development in Asia; International Association for Volunteer Effort – Philippines; Civil Society Counterpart for the Council on Sustainable Development; Philippine Youth Environment Network; Asian Youth Network and many more.

YSDA was founded in 1998, registered under the Philippine National Youth Commission in 1999 and incorporated in 2010. Since then, it has trained youth leaders, mobilized volunteers and empowered communities. It continues to expand to other communities that need assistance.
YSDA Programs

Pinoy Conservation Corps
focuses on direct and participation of local communities to be actively involved in environmental restorations

Youth Leadership Development Program
develops the capacities of elected youth leaders in establishing long-term action plans; implement, manage and evaluate projects; and identify needs-specific activities for their community

Youth for Social Enterprise
promotes social entrepreneurship as an alternative source of livelihood for local communities, especially youth

YouthTRAIN
summarizes YSDA mechanisms and approaches to develop capacities of communities through different sets of activities that cater to specific focus areas (e.g. camps, work camps, site visits, immersions, job shadowing, research)

International Volunteerism Program
YSDA partners with organizations in other countries to facilitate volunteer exchanges and foster a global community in service (best characterized by YSDA Volunteer Work Camps).
YSDA Volunteer Work Camps

Work Camps allow international volunteers to work hand-in-hand with Filipino youth and communities to contribute to society, enhance understanding of diverse culture, and foster an appreciation for cultural differences.

Depending on their availability and preference, interested volunteers may choose from the following:

- **Short Term Work Camps** (10 days)
- **Long and Mid-term Work Camps** (3-6 months)
- **International Work Camps** (open to all)
- **Group Work Camps** (Bilateral)
- **Group Work Camps** (Bilateral)

YSDA is open to arranging special work camps to cater to certain preferences (e.g. shorter duration of work camp, specific topic, etc.). Please coordinate with YSDA staff on this.

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  - volunteerabroad@ysda.net (for Filipino volunteers who wishes to volunteer abroad)
- **Website:** www.ysdaph.net (under construction)
Location of Work Camps in the Philippines
Work Camp Accommodations Information

**Metro Manila**
Volunteers of Manila-based workcamps will stay at the YSDA Dormitory in Quezon City. It has four bedrooms and can accommodate a maximum of 25 people. It provides basic amenities and internet connection. It is also near the train station, universities, restaurants and malls.
Bohol
For volunteers of the “Endangered Species Conservation” workcamp in Bohol, volunteers will stay at the Philippine Tarsier Foundation Inc.—Tarsier Sanctuary in Corella, Bohol. The sanctuary gives a different ambiance with its serene wildlife setting. Internet access is available via a portable broadband stick. Malls and supermarkets are 45 minutes away by public transport. A wet market is accessibly by public transport and is only 10 minutes away.

LEFT: The volunteers’ sleeping quarters.
A typical provincial kitchen uses firewood for cooking (called “siga”). Volunteers will be experiencing this in their Bohol accommodation.
Oriental Mindoro
The YSDA Training Center in Oriental Mindoro will accommodate volunteers of all Mindoro-based work camps. The center was purposefully built as a venue for training youth leaders or volunteers who are interested in farming. Internet access is available via a broadband stick.

Getting in touch with the farm’s livestock is one of the most enjoyable part of Mindoro work camps as described by the volunteers.
The physical set-up of the farm provides a simple trek for volunteers every day. Fun, fun, fun!
The “Bahay Tulugan” or Rest House was built by volunteers of previous projects and work camps. As each set of volunteers come, more improvements for the house are added.
Short-term Work Camps

Short-term work camps last no more than 10 days in a local community. Camps are categorized under the following themes:

- **ENVI** Environment: include restorations, awareness-raising, clean-ups, tree-planting, conservation of animals, research
- **AGRI** Agriculture: deals with promoting sustainable agriculture/organic farming, learning local farming practices, assisting local farmers (and when applicable, fishermen)
- **CONS** Construction: include repairing and construction of important structures like houses, day care facilities, classrooms, etc.
- **KIDS** Kids: activities with children (often disadvantaged) like those who are abandoned, orphaned, victims of disasters, belonging to ethnic groups
- **RELI** Relief: provides assistance to post-disaster areas and may include preparing and delivering relief goods, stress therapy for victims, reconstruction efforts
- **CULT** Culture: promotes multicultural awareness and may include cultural immersions, exchanges and festivals
### Summary List of Projects

**International Work Camps (open to all)**

*NOTE: The duration of all work camps are 10 days, including travel time and free days.*

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Work Camp Information

International Work Camps

1. Bangon Bohol

| SW1401 | Bangon Bohol | Bohol | Feb 11-20 | CONS, RELI, | 12 vols. |

In October 2013, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Bohol and destroyed many structures on the island. Government engineers have advised for reconstruction efforts to begin in 2014 and wait for the ground to be stable, as aftershocks are still occurring. The workcamp is organized with a local relief and rehabilitation group, and will focus on destroyed classrooms and some communities.

Work: Volunteers will help clear debris left by the earthquake, repair broken chairs and school furniture, and assist in the reconstruction or repair of classrooms.

Study theme: Providing relief/reconstruction assistance to post-disaster areas

Accommodation: Home stay

Location: Tagbilaran and neighboring cities in Bohol

Terminal: Tagbilaran Airport

Leisure Activities: Excursion, beach, sightseeing, cultural party

2. Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture

| SW1402 | Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture | Mindoro | Apr 1-10 | ENVI, AGRI | 12 vols. |

At a time when sustainable practices and food security are most important, interest in the industry that promotes it – i.e. sustainable agriculture – is at a low, especially for young people. As one of YSDA’s flagship programs, the “Intro to Sustainable Agriculture” work camp will take place in the YSDA Training Center that was built to promote and introduce sustainable agriculture to interested young people.

Work: Volunteers will first be oriented by an agro-ecology seminar, and then help implement an existing farm plan. They will practice organic farming with other youth, assist in local farms, manage the nursery and learn how to make organic fertilizers.

Study theme: Appreciate sustainable agriculture and its contribution to society

Accommodation: YSDA Training Center

Location: Victoria, Mindoro

Terminal: Ninoy Aquino International Airport (6 hours by bus and ferry) or Calapan Port (in Mindoro)

3. Food for Thought

| SW1403 | Food for Thought | Manila | Jun 16-25 | KIDS, EDU | 12 vols. |

Poverty is one of the leading causes of high school drop-out rates. When students are unable to afford to eat nutritious meals, they are unable to focus on their studies, affecting their performance in school. It has now become clearer that improving the quality of education for students also involves looking into the health and social aspects of a student’s life. In this work camp, volunteers will work with local volunteers to keeping students healthy enough to focus in class. The work camp is organized with a local university.
Volunteers will assist in the school feeding program (preparing, cooking and serving the food to students; recording the vital health statistics of the students) and organize an art workshop for a special education class.

**Study theme:** Learning how to keep students interested in school, and how poverty affects education

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing, cultural party

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### 4. Building More Disaster-Resilient Communities

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At least 20 typhoons hit the Philippines every year. Recent reports indicate that most of the typhoons will now start to hit and affect the central regions of the country, including Bohol. This is something that has not happened before. In partnership with local government units in Bohol, the workcamp strives to make coastal communities, which are vulnerable to rising sea waters, storm surges and flooding, more resilient to typhoons and other disasters.

**Work:** Volunteers will lead the clean-up of the coastal area and clear out the site from any waste. They will plant and take care of the mangroves on the site.

**Study theme:** Learning how communities protect themselves from disasters

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house near work camp site

**Location:** Jagna, Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran Airport (two hours from Jagna)

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing

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### 5. Endangered Species Conservation

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Besides the carabao, the tarsier is an iconic animal of the Philippines with its wide brown eyes and sheer small size. Endemic to the Philippines, it is also considered endangered due to habitat loss and degradation of the environment. A sanctuary was established to protect the tarsier. The workcamp is organized with the first and only tarsier sanctuary in the Philippines.

**Work:** Volunteers will help make an eco-trail, manage the botanical garden which provides the food for the tarsier, and help the staff in taking care of the tarsier.

**Study theme:** Learn about endangered species and related environmental issues

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Corella, Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran Airport (45 minutes from Corella)

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing, cultural party
6. Learning Agro-Forestry

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Agro-forestry is different from most agricultural practices in that it focuses on non-timber products from the forests. In partnership with local groups, the work camp aims to increase the understanding and appreciation of volunteers about forestry and connect it with economic-drivers like agriculture.

**Work:** Volunteers will assist in planting, harvesting and pruning of non-timber products.

**Study theme:** Learn what and how agro-forestry is done

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental

**Terminal:** Sibulan Airport or Dumaguete Port

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing, visit to Apo Island (sanctuary)

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7. Sharing Happiness with Children (infants)

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Certain social and economic factors sometimes drive parents to leave their children behind, or expose them to danger. A local foundation has committed to take care of these children, and the work camp was organized to assist them in their advocacy.

**Work:** Volunteers will share games, songs and art activities with children to provide therapy for them and make them happy. They will also assist in taking care of infants who were abandoned by their mothers.

**Study theme:** Learning and helping about disadvantaged children

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing

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8. International Dance Festival

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Dance binds peoples and cultures together. To some people, it is the universal language. The Philippines has hundreds of folk dances, all with distinct cultural roots. In this work camp, volunteers will experience an exchange of culture through dance – where they share their dances, and learn others’. This is organized in partnership with a local cultural group.

**Work:** Volunteers will learn cultural dances on the first half of the work camp and practice their own. They will also teach their dances to Filipino volunteers. Together, they will organize a dance festival for schools, out-of-school youth and slum children.

**Study theme:** Appreciating cultures through dance

**Accommodation:** Volunteer House

**Location:** Tagbilaran City, Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran City Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing, beach, cultural party
9. **WASH Campaign for Children**

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In cooperation with local groups, the work camp is organized to conduct activities that poor children will enjoy. The goal is to promote proper hand washing and basic hygiene/sanitation to prevent common diseases among children.

**Work:** Volunteers will play games, teach proper hand washing and basic hygiene, and exchange songs with children.

**Study theme:** Promoting healthy living among children and inculcating values of respect and camaraderie

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Cebu City, Cebu

**Terminal:** Mactan International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing

10. **Youth for Organic Farming**

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While a huge share of the Philippine economy is dependent on the agriculture industry, there is very little interest from young people about farming – organic farming, specifically. In cooperation with local groups, volunteers will try out organic farming with Filipino youth and together, work to promote organic farming to other young people.

**Work:** Volunteers will be oriented about organic farming and ecology with other youth. They will assist in local farms and practice what they have learned.

**Study theme:** Learn what and how organic farming is done

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental

**Terminal:** Laguindingan Airport or Macabalan Port

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing, cultural party
International and Weekend Work Camps

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**Study theme:** Promoting healthy living among children and inculcating values of respect and camaraderie

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Cebu City, Cebu

**Terminal:** Mactan International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing

2. **Bangon Bohol**

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In October 2013, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake hit Bohol and destroyed many structures on the island. Government engineers have advised for reconstruction efforts to begin in 2014 and wait for the ground to be stable, as aftershocks are still occurring. The work camp is organized with a local relief and rehabilitation group, and will focus on destroyed classrooms and some communities.

**Work:** Volunteers will help clear debris left by the earthquake, repair broken chairs and school furniture, and assist in the reconstruction or repair of classrooms.

**Study theme:** Providing relief/reconstruction assistance to post-disaster areas

**Accommodation:** Home stay

**Location:** Tagbilaran and neighboring cities in Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing, cultural party

3. **Endangered Species Conservation**

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**Work:** Volunteers will help make an eco-trail, manage the botanical garden which provides the food for the tarsier, and help the staff in taking care of the **tarsier**.

**Study theme:** Learn about endangered species and related environmental issues
4. **Sharing Happiness with Children (infants)**

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Certain social and economic factors sometimes drive parents to leave their children behind, or expose them to danger. A local foundation has committed to take care of these children, and the work camp was organized to assist them in their advocacy.

**Work:** Volunteers will share games, songs and art activities with children to provide therapy for them and make them happy. They will also assist in taking care of infants who were abandoned by their mothers.

**Study theme:** Learning and helping about disadvantaged children

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing

5. **Reconstruction of Eco-Village**

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After typhoons hit Cagayan de Oro, much of what was constructed in the Eco-Village was damaged or destroyed. The Eco-Village is the relocation sites for victims of the 2011 typhoon that left Cagayan de Oro in tatters. The work camp is organized with a local university.

**Work:** Volunteers will help reconstruct or make repairs to existing houses in the eco-village, and conduct activities with children to make them happy. Volunteers may choose to have art, music, games or other similar activities.

**Study theme:** Rehabilitating post-disaster areas, and helping communities cope with disasters

**Accommodation:** Volunteer House

**Location:** Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental

**Terminal:** Laguindingan Airport or Macabalan Port

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing, beach, cultural party

6. **Building More Disaster-Resilient Communities**

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At least 20 typhoons hit the Philippines every year. Recent reports indicate that most of the typhoons will now start to hit and affect the central regions of the country, including Bohol. This is something that has not happened before. In partnership with local government units in Bohol, the
workcamp strives to make coastal communities, which are vulnerable to rising sea waters, storm surges and flooding, more resilient to typhoons and other disasters.

**Work:** Volunteers will lead the clean-up of the coastal area and clear out the site from any waste. They will plant and take care of the mangroves on the site.

**Study theme:** Learning how communities protect themselves from disasters

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house near work camp site

**Location:** Jagna, Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran Airport (two hours from Jagna)

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing

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### 7. International Dance Festival

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Dance binds peoples and cultures together. To some people, it is the universal language. The Philippines has hundreds of folk dances, all with distinct cultural roots. In this workcamp, volunteers will experience an exchange of culture through dance – where they share their dances, and learn others’. This is organized in partnership with a local cultural group.

**Work:** Volunteers will learn cultural dances on the first half of the workcamp and practice their own. They will also teach their dances to Filipino volunteers. Together, they will organize a dance festival for schools, out-of-school youth and slum children.

**Study theme:** Appreciating cultures through dance

**Accommodation:** Volunteer House

**Location:** Tagbilaran City, Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran City Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing, beach, cultural party

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### 8. Food for Thought

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Poverty is one of the leading causes of high school drop-out rates. When students are unable to afford to eat nutritious meals, they are unable to focus on their studies, affecting their performance in school. It has now become clearer that improving the quality of education for students also involves looking into the health and social aspects of a student’s life. In this work camp, volunteers will work with local volunteers to keeping students healthy enough to focus in class. The work camp is organized with a local university.

**Work:** Volunteers will assist in the school feeding program (preparing, cooking and serving the food to students; recording the vital health statistics of the students) and organize an art workshop for a special education class.

**Study theme:** Learning how to keep students interested in school, and how poverty affects education

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory
9. **Introduction to Sustainable Agriculture**

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1. At a time when sustainable practices and food security are most important, interest in the industry that promotes it – i.e. sustainable agriculture – is at a low, especially for young people. As one of YSDA’s flagship programs, the “Intro to Sustainable Agriculture” work camp will take place in the YSDA Training Center that was built to promote and introduce sustainable agriculture to interested young people.

**Work:** Volunteers will first be oriented by an agro-ecology seminar, and then help implement an existing farm plan. They will practice organic farming with other youth, assist in local farms, manage the nursery and learn how to make organic fertilizers.

**Study theme:** Appreciate sustainable agriculture and its contribution to society

**Accommodation:** YSDA Training Center

**Location:** Victoria, Mindoro

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport (6 hours by bus and ferry) or Calapan Port (in Mindoro)

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Ethnic traditions are very much alive in the northern parts of the Philippines. This work camp is anchored to YSDA’s flagship program of promoting ethnic traditions and preserving cultures.

**Work:** Volunteers will help make eco-trails to an undiscovered waterfall; scout in the area and learn how to survive in the mountain. They will also be immersed in the community and learn the culture of the ethnic groups.

**Study theme:** Preserving culture

**Accommodation:** YSDA Training Center

**Location:** Lias, Mt. Province

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport (12 hours from Lias)

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, picnicking, sightseeing, cultural party
Long and Mid-term Volunteers

Long and mid-term volunteerism activities last between 3-6 months in a local community. Activities are categorized under the following themes:

**ENVI** Environment: include restorations, awareness-raising, clean-ups, tree-planting, conservation of animals, research

**AGRI** Agriculture: deals with promoting sustainable agriculture/organic farming, learning local farming practices, assisting local farmers (and when applicable, fishermen)

**CONS** Construction: include repairing and construction of important structures like houses, day care facilities, classrooms, etc.

**KIDS** Kids: activities with children (often disadvantaged) like those who are abandoned, orphaned, victims of disasters, belonging to ethnic groups

**RELI** Relief: provides assistance to post-disaster areas and may include preparing and delivering relief goods, stress therapy for victims, reconstruction efforts

**CULT** Culture: promotes multicultural awareness and may include cultural immersions, exchanges and festivals
Summary List of Projects

NOTE: All activities last for three months, unless otherwise indicated.

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Work Camp Information

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The work camp is organized with a local partner that takes care of abandoned infants and small children. It aims to provide care and nourishment to these children.

**Work:** Volunteers will assist social workers when conducting site visits; take care of babies and children with the assistance of the work supervisor; and assist in everyday administrative tasks when necessary. Depending on the availability of resources, volunteers may also organize a play with the children.

**Study theme:** Addressing problems of socially disadvantaged children

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing

2. Working for Clean Air in Cities

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Every November, the Philippines celebrates its Clean Air Month and the Clean Air Act. To prepare for the Clean Air month, air advocates prepare activities that lead up to a culminating event in November. There have been concerts and carless Sundays organized in the past. The work camp is organized with local air groups and government agencies.

**Work:** Volunteers will organize youth activities to promote clean air; assist in raising funds for clean air campaigning; and research on air quality, climate change and transport trends in Asian cities.

**Study theme:** Understanding air quality, climate change and urban transport trends in Asia

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing

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The Philippines is home to many endemic plant and animal species, and is thus vulnerable to poaching or illegal trade of wildlife. To respond to this, rescue centers were established by the government. The work camp is organized with a local rescue center in Manila.

**Work:** Volunteers will assist in caring for abandoned and rescued animals, and assist in researching about Philippine wildlife.

**Study theme:** Understanding wildlife conservation, trade and protection

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing
4. **Promoting Farmer’s Rights and Organic Rice**

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The work camp is organized with a local partner that advocates for farmer’s rights and organic rice, in support of the International Day of the Farmer.

**Work:** Volunteers will organize youth activities to promote farmer’s rights and organic rice; attend policy discussions; assist in administrative tasks and research on farmer’s rights and organic rice

**Study theme:** Understanding farmer’s rights and organic rice

**Accommodation:** YSDA Dormitory

**Location:** Quezon City, Metro Manila

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing

5. **Reviving the Eco Village**

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The Eco-village is a relocation site for typhoon victims in Cagayan de Oro. The work camp is organized in partnership with local groups that aim to enhance the living conditions in the eco-village.

**Work:** Volunteers will work at the Xavier University Eco-village in assisting to manage the organic farm and the eco-village, organize activities for children, help construct homes for affected families, and tour-guide in white-water rafting.

**Study theme:** Learning about post-disaster areas and how communities live after

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Cagayan de Oro, Misamis Oriental

**Terminal:** Laguindingan Airport or Macabalan Port

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing, white water rafting

6. **Women in Farming**

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Women are an unrecognized sector in agriculture, despite the contributions they have on the industry. A local partner works to promote more women involvement in farming and encourage interest from people across different sectors.

**Work:** Volunteers will participate in an orientation on organic farming and assist in managing a learning/organic farm. They will also develop materials on organic farming and gender rights, as well as assist in campaigning for it.

**Study theme:** Learning about the involvement of women in agriculture/farming

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Palayan City, Nueva Ecija

**Terminal:** Ninoy Aquino International Airport

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, sightseeing,
7. Endangered Species Conservation

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Besides the carabao, the tarsier is an iconic animal of the Philippines with its wide brown eyes and sheer small size. Endemic to the Philippines, it is also considered endangered due to habitat loss and degradation of the environment. A sanctuary was established to protect the tarsier. The work camp is organized with the first and only tarsier sanctuary in the Philippines.

**Work:** Volunteers will help make an eco-trail, maintain the botanical garden which provides the food of the tarsier, assist in the conservation of the tarsier, and organize youth activities to promote species conservation

**Study theme:** Learn about endangered species and related environmental issues

**Accommodation:** Volunteer house

**Location:** Corella, Bohol

**Terminal:** Tagbilaran Airport (45 minutes from Corella)

**Leisure Activities:** Excursion, beach, sightseeing, cultural party
Frequently Asked Questions

Visa Requirements
Unfortunately, there is no specific visa category for VOLUNTEERISM. Nationals from most countries who are travelling to the Philippines may choose between business and tourism to enter the Philippines WITHOUT VISAS for STAY NOT EXCEEDING 30 DAYS. You may check visa requirements for your country on this link:


Upon arriving in the Philippines, please make sure you can present to Immigrations valid return journey tickets to port of origin/next port of destination, and passport valid for a period of at least six (6) months beyond period of stay.

Nationals who hold Hong Kong Special Administrative (SAR) and Macau Special Administrative (SAR) passports may stay without a visa for STAY NOT EXCEEDING 14 DAYS. Those who hold Macau-Portuguese and Hong Kong British passports may stay WITHOUT EXCEEDING 7 DAYS.

For LMTV volunteers, you must get a Tourist Visa, which allow you to stay for 3 months in the Philippines. More information on types of visas and requirements is available here:

http://www.philippineconsulatela.org/consular%20services/conserv-visa.htm#2a

Participation Fee
For short-term work camps, volunteers must pay a participation fee of PHP 11,000 (255 USD). This covers accommodation, food, local transportation and activity expenses during work camp days. It does not cover expenses during free days, visa processing (if applicable), airfare and transportation to and from the meeting point. Please prepare your own travel insurance and medical documents.

For LMTV volunteers, the participation fee is PHP 15,000 (355 USD) per month. It covers accommodation, food, local transportation and activity expenses during work camp days. It does not cover expenses during free days, visa processing (if applicable), airfare and transportation to and from the meeting point. Please prepare your own travel insurance and medical documents.

The participation fee must be paid upon arrival, or deposited in advance to:

Account Name: YSDA Inc.
Account Number: 1883-1083-09
Bank: Bank of the Philippine Islands
Bank Address: 0188—Pasong Tamo, La Fuerza Branch
SWIFT Codec: BOPI PHMM