

Press Release

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## PENRO-Cotabato Kicks Off Environmental Month Celebration

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Cotabato (PENRO-Cotabato) successfully kicks off the celebration of the World Environment Day and Philippine Environment Month with the theme “Sama-samang Pagkilos, Sama-samang Paghilom, (Ikaw, Ako, Tayo ang Kalikasan)” on May 31, 2021 at 8 am, despite of the adverse weather conditions.



Month in the Philippines was read in the presence of many employees before encouraging everyone to write their environmental commitment.

In the absence of PENR Officer, Mamutur D. Cariga, Conservation and Development Services (CDS) Chief Semona M. Bernadas highlighted in her Environment Month message that during this COVID-19 outbreak, everybody should adopt an innovative approach to properly implement environmental advocacies and programs.



Given the office's mandatory work schedule, half of the office staff and the head of various sections were present at the flag-raising ceremony and kick-off program. An article on the history of Environment



She also highlighted the overall improvement in environmental conditions in Kidapawan City and throughout the Province of Cotabato over this pandemic year, which has allowed the environment to rest and recover. She also encourages everyone to work together and give themselves the wherewithal to act to restore and revitalize the strength of rivers, forests, air and even the reduction of plastic consumption.

She reminds everyone to adhere to strict minimum health protocols when wearing a mask, frequent hand washing and physical distancing.