

## DENR PENRO COTABATO TOPS ON DENR XII REGIONAL STATISTICAL QUIZ BATTLE

The month of October of every year was declared as the National Statistics Month with the objectives to promote, enhance and instill nationwide awareness and appreciation of the importance and value of statistics to the different sectors of society and to elicit the cooperation and support of the general public in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country.

The overall theme for this year's celebration is "FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE FUTURE: Statistics for Evidence-Based Decisions Towards AmBisyon Natin 2040." For the whole month of October, various activities will be conducted by the different national government agencies like the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). One of the highlight activities for this year is the Regional Statistical Quiz Battle.



Forester I, Irene Manlani of DENR-PENRO Cotabato topped the DENR-XII Regional Statistical Quiz held on October 26, 2017 at the Conference Hall of DENR Regional XII Office, Aurora St., Koronadal City. Participants of these event are representatives from the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) within Region 12 including their CENROs offices. Each office has one participant in the said quiz battle. The winners received P 5,000, P 3,000, P 2,000 for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize winners, respectively, and P 1,000 consolation prize for the non-winners.

Awarding the certificates of recognition and cash prizes was Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services, Hadja Didaw Piang-Brahim. The topics of the quiz were focused on biodiversity, mining, environment, forestry, lands, statistics and other environmental current events. According to ARD Hadja Didaw Piang-Brahim, the activity is in support to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the lead in the celebration of the National Statistics Month. "We take part in promoting, enhancing and spreading awareness and appreciation of the importance of statistics to the different sectors of the society through participating in various interagency statistical advocacy initiatives and conducting activities that highlights its value," Didaw Said.

The National Statistics Month (NSM) was first observed in 1990 pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 647 signed by then President Corazon C. Aquino on September 20, 1990.