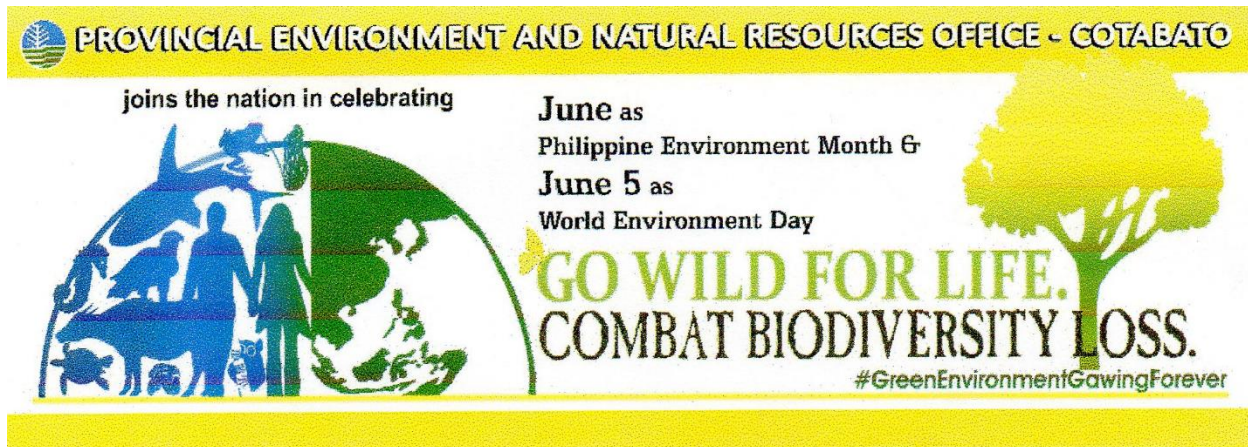


DENR-PENRO Cotabato Leads Month-Long Celebration of Environment Month



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources in the Province of Cotabato (DENR-PENRO XII-4) will lead the 2016 environment month celebration with various indoor and outdoor activities with the theme “Go Wild for Life. Combat Biodiversity Loss”

Philippines is part of the 18 “megadiverse” countries in the world, and is also considered as a biodiversity hotspot. It also contains two-thirds of the earth’s biodiversity. In addition, more and more newly species are being discovered year after year. Because of this, the rate of endemic species also continues to rise. Combating biodiversity loss and being an advocate of wildlife protection starts with being vigilant. Biodiversity loss and extinction are brought about by habitat loss, deforestation, trade and climate change. Awareness of these causes will help us stop the irreversible loss in the diversity of life on earth.

To celebrate the 2016 Environment month, PENRO Cotabato lined up various activities such as the World Environment Day on June 5, Philippine Eagle Week on June 5-10, Tree Planting Program on June 25 and culmination program on June 30, 2016.

A motorcade will be the kick-off activity for the month-long celebration. At 6:30 am on June 1, 2016 all PENRO Cotabato, CENRO Matalam and CENRO Midsayap personnel will converge at the office together with the participating agencies. Both public and private entities will be enjoined to participate not only in this activity but also to hang tarpaulin on their office premises/business establishments. A sports competition among PENRO personnel will follow the said activity.