

WORLD WATER DAY 2023



ILOILO CITY'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF EVENT:

World Water Day is celebrated on March 22 every year to spread awareness about the water crisis all over the world. This year, the focus of the UN observance is on “Accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis”.

The global campaign, called *Be the change*, encourages people to take action in their own lives to change the way they use, consume and manage water.

The promises made by individuals on the campaign website will contribute to the Water Action Agenda - a main outcome of the UN 2023 Water Conference, which opens on World Water Day, 22 March 2023.

“THE RESPONSE”

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has called on all stakeholders to continue to work together and scale up efforts to take urgent action to address the global water crisis.

The DENR issued the call which served as the highlights of the local celebration of WWD on March 22 under the theme, “**Accelerating Change through Partnerships and Cooperation.**”

It aims to at fostering greater discussion on water-related issues, including access to safe drinking water and sanitation, sustainable development, climate resilience, and international water cooperation.

“WHAT WE DO”

In observation to this event, the Iloilo City Government through the City Environment and Natural Resources Office headed by Engr. Neil G. Ravena, conducted several event such as: mangrove planting, coastal, Iloilo and Batiano River clean-up drive and a Stakeholders Forum on Commercial Wastewater Discharges for the implementation of Regulation Ordinance No. 2022-247, an ordinance regulating Commercial Wastewater Discharge otherwise known as “**THE COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE OF ILOILO CITY**”.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EVENT:

1. STAKEHOLDERS FORUM ON COMMERCIAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGES

- LGU's are mandated by the Clean Water Act to share the responsibility in the management and improvement of water quality.
- Waterborne diseases remains a severe public health concern of the country.
- In a study conducted by JICA, one of the priority issues to be addressed in Iloilo-Batiano River is the presence of substances or floating materials such as debris, oil, scum resulting from human activities in amounts that are unsightly.

- Location:** 2nd floor, Ker & Co Building, Muelle Loney, Iloilo City
- Partners:** Service Providers, Local Agencies, Private Sectors, ABC Presidents, Iloilo City Council, University Engineering Department Head and Professor, Business Partners and Joints Operations Team of Iloilo City Government.
- No. of Participants:** 95 participants

- Iloilo City Hospital Administrators and Pollution Control Officers
- Academe
- Iloilo City Business Center
- Hotels and Restaurants Owner
- Public and Private Partners
- Service Providers
- City Government/City ENRO Personnel (JOT)



Participants



Speaker's Presentation



Exhibit Area

2. COASTAL CLEAN UP

- a. Location/Area: Brgy. Sooc Arevalo, Sto. Niño Sur, Arevalo, Hinactacan Lapaz, Calaparan Arevalo, Sto. Niño Norte
- b. Partners: Luntian, Ateneo de Iloilo, Phil. Navy Reservist, JBLFMU Arevalo, Sto. Niño Sur 4P's, WVSU Stema, Phil. Army, PCG, Sooc Arevalo Brgy. Officials and 4P's, City Health Office, Staff of Councilor Alan Zaldivar, St. Therese, WIT, UI Phinma, Calaparan Brgy. Officials and SK, BJMP, EXLO, Alpha Phi Omega, JBLFMU Molo, DOLE-TUPAD, CPU, ABOITIZ, Iloilo City Community College, TIIC, Sigma Rho Fraternity
- c. Date: January 28, February 4, February 10, February 18, February 24, March 8, March 11, March 15 and March 17.
- d. Amount of garbage: **4,228 kilos** collected



Participants from different National and local Agencies, Academe, City Councils and Barangay Residents.

3. MANGROVE PLANTING

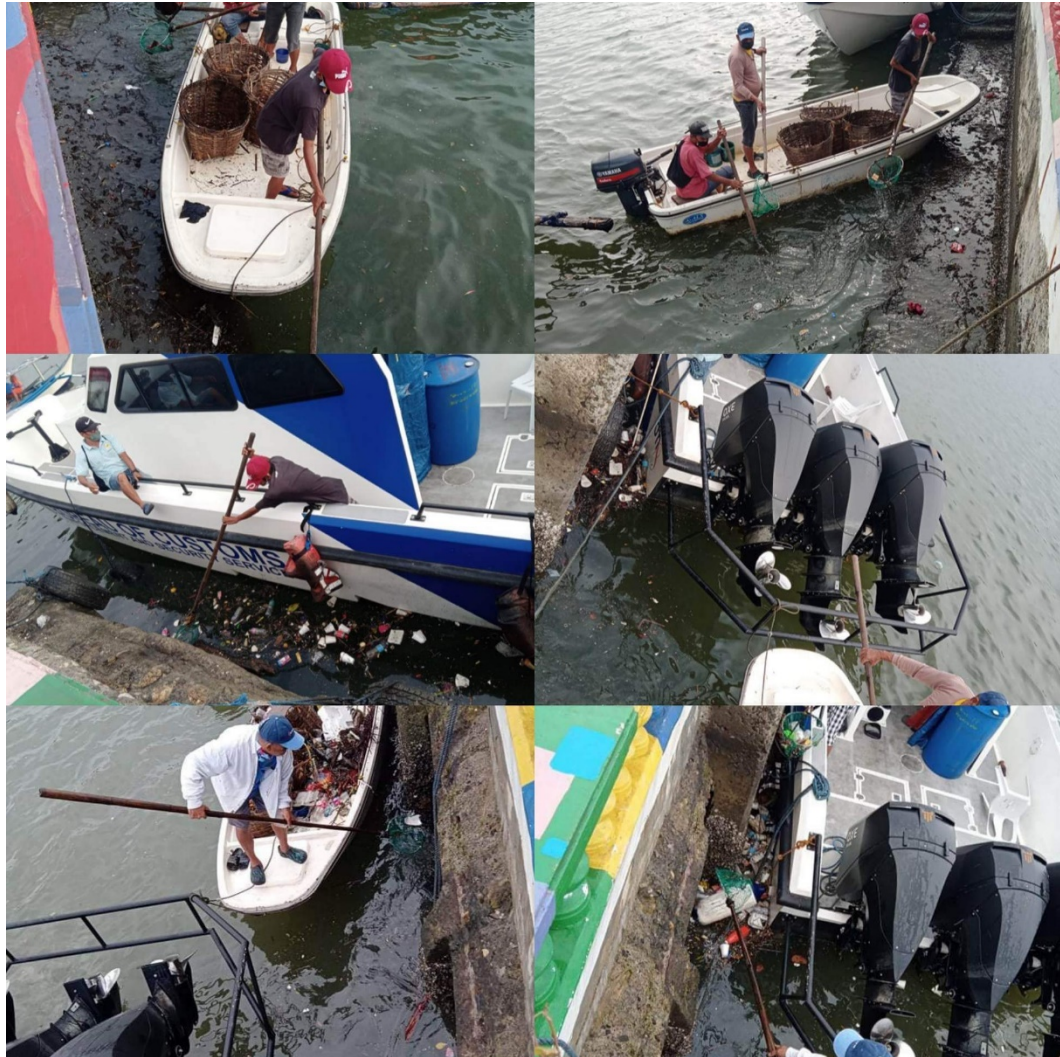
- a. Location/Area: Esplanade 8, Esplanade 9, Incore Lapaz, Hinactacan Lapaz
- b. Partners: Girl Scout of the Philippines, City Agriculture, BFP, Phil Army, Fort San Pedro NHS, Hua Siong College of Iloilo, Medrisk Phil, Philippine Science High School, USAID OPPORTUNITY 2.0 and Sigma Rho Fraternity
- c. Date: January 7, January 23, February 17, March 4, March 10, March 11, March 13 and March 19
- d. Amount of mangroves: **950 propagules** planted



Participants from different National and local Agencies, Academe, Private Sectors and Fraternities

4. ILOILO RIVER CLEAN UP

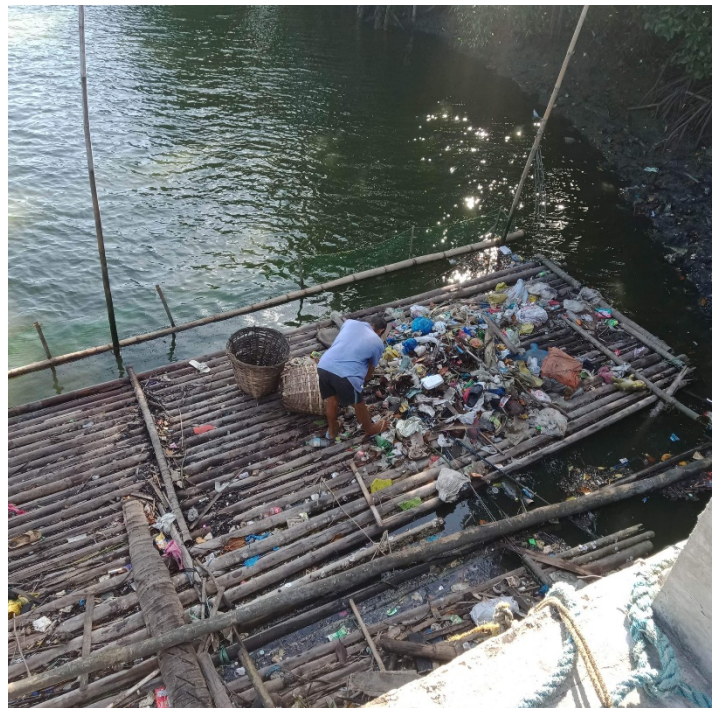
- a. Location/Area: Esplanades
- b. Partners: Taskforce 1 and 2, USA, Phil Sci Hs, JBLFMU Molo, DENR WVSU, NISU, ISAT U and WIT
- c. Date: January, 2023, February 2023, March 1-21, 2023
- d. Amount of garbage: **3,847.5 kilos** collected



City ENRO Task force 1 and 2, Academe, DENR and other NGA's

5. BATIANO RIVER CLEAN UP

- a. Location/Area: Batiano River
- b. Date: January 3-7, January 9-13, January 16-20, January 23-26, January 30, February 6-10, February 13-17, February 20-24, February 28. March 3, March 6-10, March 13-17 and March 20-24.
- c. Amount of garbage: **8,640 kilos** collected



Batiano River clean-up by city ENRO Personnel and Barangay Officials