

Narranians invest into the future

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Narra, Palawan, October 2011. Three coastal barangays in Narra, Palawan ranted and raved the Sunday heat to plant endemic and native trees in celebration of the municipality's Palay Festival. Barangay Captains of Antipuluhan, Panacan 1 and 2 led their constituents in the "Community Tree Planting" initiated by the Katala Foundation on October 23, 2011. This was their humble investment into the future and to help combat global warming.



Nearly a thousand endemic trees were planted by the community. These trees were chosen as they provide food to the critically endangered Philippine cockatoo, the stronghold of its world population is found in the municipality on the small coral island of Rasa. We also planted the famous Malunggay which is a preferred food of the cockatoo while it forages on coastal barangays of Narra.

The Sunday heat did not put aback the residents instead jokes were exchanged while enjoying the planting. Narranians understood the outcome of the activity would not only benefit them but

everybody else as well. This selfless act of Narranians proved that they really are good stewards of Mother Nature.



The planted trees will be monitored and maintained by the barangay residents themselves. The participating barangays were given a set of equipment for maintaining the plants. This cooperation with local stakeholders will bring us a greater hope in lot of reversing the effects of global warming! Kudos to all the participants! Kudos to the Municipality of Narra who helped finance the said activity!



For inquiries on tree planting using endemic and native trees, please contact Katala Foundation Inc. through email address idlacerna@yahoo.com or call at +63484347693.

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Editor's Note:

- Rasa Island in Narra, Palawan is the pilot project site of the Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program (PCCP) implemented by the Katala Foundation since 1998 and is protected nationally as Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary under Presidential Proclamation 1000. The island sanctuary is accessible from mainland Narra.