

Project Update: May 2015

After intense preparations of the communities in San Vicente by campaigns at the high school and at various meetings, the Barangay officials have sent two representatives to Leyte in March 2015 to gain some first-hand experience in reforestation. The group under guidance of the Ateneo project leaders examined some reforestation Farms and specialized nurseries which are operated by the Visayas State University (VSU) or local communities for decades already.

During a subsequent 1-week workshop held in San Vicente in May 2015, the group shared their impressions and observations with the 23 workshop participants from all major villages of San Vicente. The experienced reforestation trainer Jimmy Pogosa from the VSU and the Ateneo/BOx team provided a detailed training on both, the theoretical background and benefit of the “rainfo technology” as well as practical aspects, including mother-tree selection, seed and wildling collection, and raising of tree seedlings.

The participants established a demonstration nursery and developed a planting scheme for reforestation priority sites in the barangay.

More information:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.359168834282779.1073741845.218716951661302&type=1> ; <https://ateneobox.weebly.com>



During the workshop, Kagawad Rodel Sescar reported about the observation at the Rainfo sites and nurseries in Leyte.

A hands-on training in proper handling of freshly collected wildlings of indigenous trees was conducted at the newly established nursery in San Vicente.

