

## **Project Update: December 2011**

A rainforestation orientation meeting with cross-visits to demonstration sites in Leyte Island was conducted on October 25-28, 2011, attended by members of the newly organized Bandera Peak Rainfo-farmers Group. From Pilar, they first went to the village of Catmon in Ormoc City to observe the different native tree species planted in 1994 through the project of Drs. Milan-Margraf. Then they headed to VSU-ITE for an opening programme and were warmly welcomed by Dr. Juliet Ceniza, Dean of the College of Forestry. It was followed by lectures on the status of Pilar's natural environment by Edgardo Salazar; CaRFA's experience on rainforestation by Ma. Fe Relyn Salazar; and rainforestation as component of integrated watershed management by Eufrazio Maratas Jr. The next three days brought the participants to different rainforestation project sites located in the villages of Cienda and Mailhi in Baybay City and the towns of Silago and Guinsaigon in Southern Leyte.



October 26, 2011 Rainfo Training-Cienda