



THE RELEAF PROJECT

Greener Earth Starts Here



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Malabanban Watershed, Brgy. Sto. Angel, San Pablo City, Laguna



Thank you!

Our work is made possible by nature's gifts—and we embrace the responsibility to protect them. Through tree planting, we invest not only in our company's future, but in the well-being of generations to come.

Each seedling marks a step toward restoring balance between our operations and the environment we all share.

We're deeply grateful to sponsors like you—our partners in sustainability—for supporting the Releaf Project. Your participation helps us give back to the earth that sustains us.

As we grow this initiative, we remain committed to expanding our reach, engaging communities, and nurturing every tree we plant.

With each event, we plant hope—and together, we're building a greener, more resilient future.



The Malabanban Watershed Forest Reserve

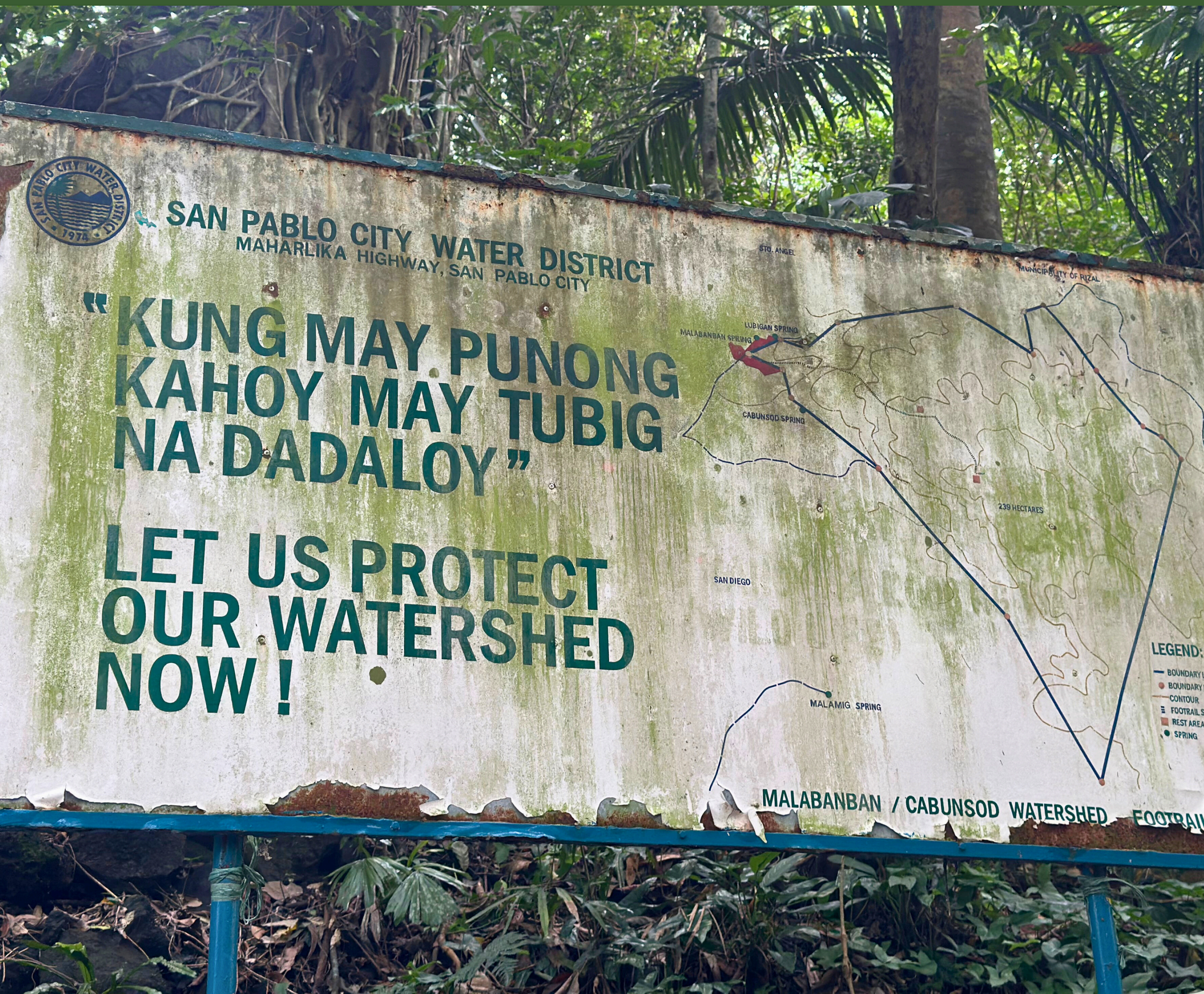
Tucked within the heart of San Pablo City lies the Malabanban Watershed Forest Reserve — 384 hectares of springs, rocky plateaus, and forested slopes. Officially declared a protected area in 1999 by President Joseph Estrada, it was set aside to safeguard the city's water supply and shield the land from misuse.

Here, the Malabanban Spring in Brgy. Sto. Angel and other hidden water sources quietly feed homes, farms, and wells across the city. Its rugged terrain, with about 100 hectares of rocky ground, hosts resilient native trees like Antipolo, Balete, and Tibig, while offering promise for reforestation with Acacia, Narra, and Molave.

From 2007 to 2010, over 4,000 steps and concrete trails were laid, linking the Malabanban and Cabunsod springs — turning the reserve into both a vital water source and a scenic trail for visitors.

The reserve is more than land and water; it's a living symbol of community stewardship. Every Arbor Day, locals and city leaders gather here, planting trees and renewing their shared commitment to keeping Malabanban's waters flowing for generations to come.





Quick Facts at a Glance

Total Area

Approximately 384 hectares

Legal Designation

Proclaimed as a Watershed Forest Reserve in 1999

Primary Water Sources

Malabanban Spring, plus multiple natural springs and community wells

Terrain Profile

Mix of rocky plateaus and lush forested zones

Vegetation Cover

Rich in native tree species and reforestation efforts (e.g., Acacia, Narra, Molave)

Trail Infrastructure

~4,000-step stairway with foot rails, developed between 2007-2010

Community Engagement

Active site for tree planting, eco-education, and conservation outreach



Tree planting is more than an environmental task—it is an investment in life itself.

Each tree acts as nature's silent guardian, cleansing the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing the oxygen we breathe. Its roots anchor the soil, preventing erosion, while its shade cools the land and shelters both people and wildlife.

In watersheds like Malabanban, trees do even more—they safeguard precious water sources, ensuring clean and reliable supply for the communities that depend on them.

Every seedling placed in the ground is not just a plant, but a living promise: of cleaner water, fresher air, and a healthier, more balanced ecosystem for generations to come.

Why It Matters

At first glance, Malabanban Watershed Forest Reserve may appear lush and thriving—but beneath its green canopy lies a delicate ecosystem that demands ongoing care and protection. Our decision to hold a tree planting activity here was rooted in a deeper understanding of its ecological significance and long-term sustainability needs.

◆ A Lifeline for San Pablo City

Malabanban is one of the primary spring sources supplying clean, potable water to thousands of residents. Its forest cover plays a direct role in maintaining both the quantity and quality of this vital resource. By reinforcing the watershed's vegetation, we help safeguard the city's water security for generations to come.

◆ Restoring What's Lost

Even healthy forests face challenges. Natural tree mortality, pest infestations, and human disturbances create gaps and degraded patches that compromise biodiversity and ecological balance. Our reforestation efforts aim to restore these vulnerable areas and strengthen the forest's resilience.

◆ Building Climate Resilience

With climate change intensifying, forests like Malabanban are frontline defenses. Additional tree cover enhances the watershed's ability to absorb rainfall, prevent landslides, and capture carbon—making it more resilient against extreme weather events.



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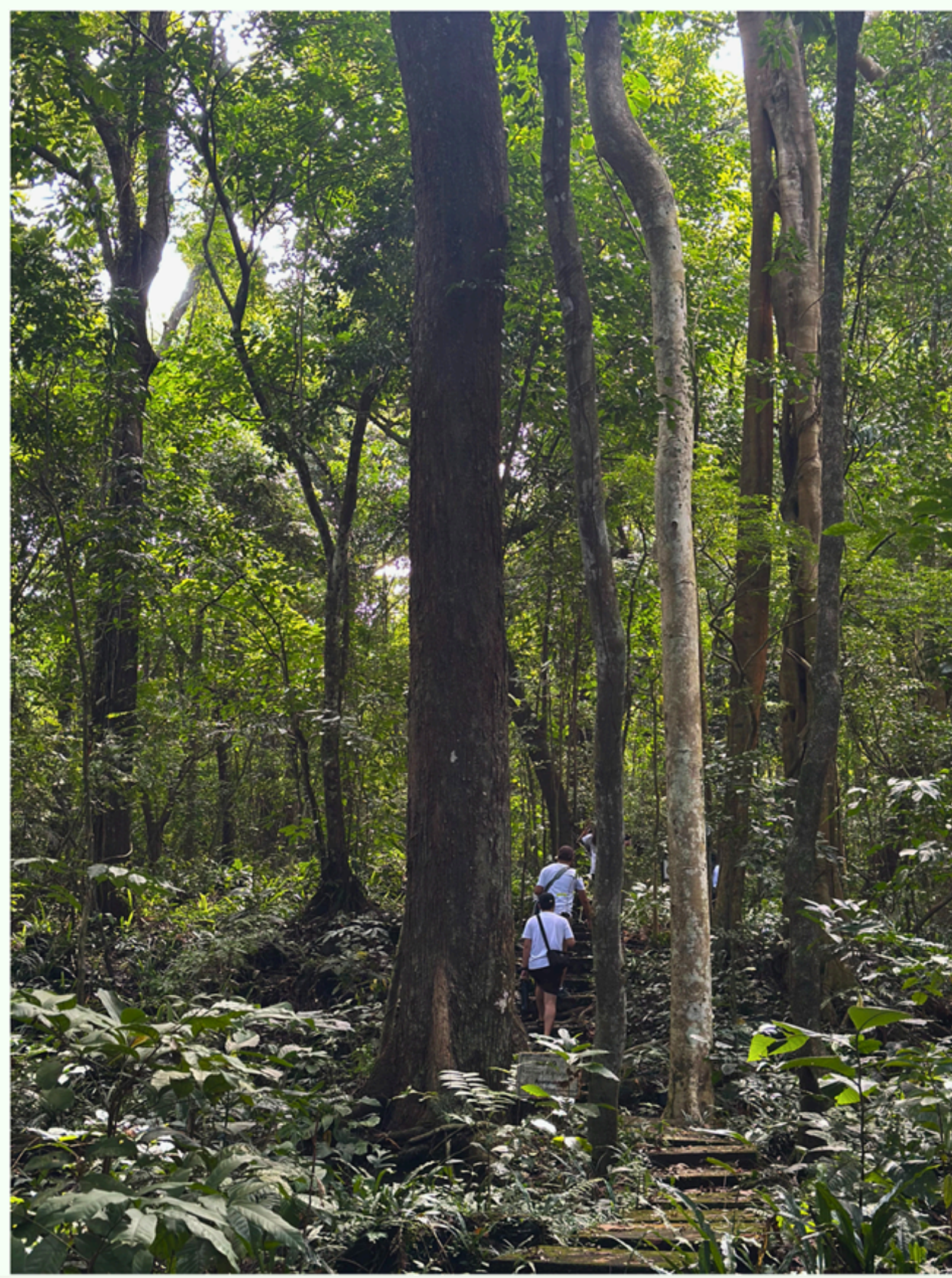
◆ Empowering Communities

Tree planting is more than an environmental act—it's a movement of awareness and stewardship. By involving local communities and stakeholders, we foster a shared commitment to protecting natural resources and nurturing a culture of sustainability.

◆ Fulfilling Our Environmental Promise

As part of our corporate social responsibility, we are dedicated to the long-term care of Malabanban. This includes regular reforestation and maintenance, regardless of current forest density. Sustainability isn't a one-time effort—it's a continuous journey.

In essence, our tree planting activity at Malabanban wasn't just about adding trees—it was about reinforcing a vital ecosystem, empowering people, and honoring our responsibility to the environment. Every seed planted is a step toward a healthier, more resilient future.





*"The Earth does not
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During the recent tree planting activity, our employees demonstrated not only their commitment to sustainability but also the strength of their unity and camaraderie. It was a day marked by shared purpose, teamwork, and genuine connection.

From early morning preparations to the final planted sapling, team members worked hand in hand—supporting one another, exchanging stories, and encouraging collaboration across departments. The atmosphere was filled with laughter, teamwork, and a collective sense of pride. Whether digging, planting, or simply cheering each other on, every individual played a role in making the event a success.



Beyond the environmental impact, the activity fostered deeper connections among colleagues, reinforcing a culture of collaboration and purpose-driven action. It was a reminder that sustainability isn't just a corporate goal—it's a shared journey, powered by the passion and participation of every individual.

We are proud of our team's involvement and grateful for their enthusiasm. Their efforts echo our belief that meaningful change begins with people—and that together, we can grow a future rooted in care, resilience, and responsibility.



Through the combined efforts of the representatives from the Malabanban Watershed, the management team of South Seas Native Treasures, Inc., and the valuable partnership of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), this significant event was successfully organized. It was the result of a shared commitment to protect and restore the environment, strengthen community ties, and ensure the sustainability of our natural resources.



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THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN!
WE ARE NATURE'S PARTNER IN SUSTAINABILITY.

