

Environmental Management Unit (EMU) is in charged with the implementation of programs and activities to maintain a sustainable and eco-friendly campus.

## Environmental Management Unit Sets Sail to Tackle Marine Pollution Awareness at Seminar



December 12, 2022 | Seminar conducted at Amphitheater of Batangas State University - Alangilan.

*Theme: "Marine Pollution Awareness Seminar: Breaking the Plastic Wave"*



### Philippine Coast Guard of Batangas

The dissemination of knowledge and information starts with Coast Guard ENS Jhemma N. Ventura - MEPFORCE of Southern Tagalog, introducing the crucial role of PCG as they are the uppermost to the Philippines because of its multiple purposes in preserving marine security, preserving the environment, ensuring safe navigation, and assisting in sustaining

national sovereignty and fostering economic growth. As PCG has the stronghold number of 15 Coast Guard districts, 90 Coast Guard stations, and 464 sub-stations emphasizing that PCG seriously enforces environmental laws as part of its involvement in efforts to safeguard and maintain the nation's natural resources.

The seas and ocean cover 70 percent of the earth's surface, containing marine life that sustains and makes life possible. The ecological equilibrium and long-term sustainability of the earth depend on this biodiversity. Unfortunately, oceans and seas face tremendous challenges due to human activities despite the fact that they are essential.

Plastic waste, such as bags, bottles, and microplastics end up in both the ocean floor and surface water which harms marine life and disrupts marine ecosystems.

As one of the leading and promising tertiary education institution,

the Batangas State University - TNEU Alangilan Campus broadens the knowledge in prevention and control of marine pollution through seminars. Led by Environmental Management Unit (EMU) - Alangilan together with Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), a seminar was conducted on December 12, 2022 at the amphitheater of CEAFA building which was

entitled "Marine Pollution Awareness Seminar: Breaking the Plastic Wave". The participants of the said seminar were the students in the Bachelor of Science in Sanitary Engineering program that will nurture the knowledge as they are expected as one of the leaders in the future.

In particular, PCG engagement indicates that marine biodiversity is an

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The shout of the -Red Spartans-

emergency state, due to the fast expansion and development of the world resulting in damage and pollution, particularly plastic pollution, one of the Philippines' major environmental challenges.

As it is shared in the seminar, plastic pollution is a critical issue that requires an immediate attention since it greatly endangers the safety of aquatic life. Thus, with PCG's shared commitment to paving the way for a cleaner, healthier ocean is a significant step toward a better future in which the oceans are restored to their pristine beauty and offer long-term benefits for future generations.