

Sustainability Times



Growing a Greener Future, Together



Throughout June 2026, volunteers from Wilmar Edible Oils Philippines Inc. (WEOP) joined local government agencies and communities in Gingoog City and Roxas on a series of environmental initiatives.

Across three tree-growing activities, they contributed to the planting of 430 native hardwood saplings, while a separate clean-up effort collected six sacks of waste from coastal areas and major roadways.

Restoring a Riverbank

On 20 June, 21 members of WEOPI's Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility team joined representatives from the Barangay Council of San Luis and local residents to rehabilitate and protect the riverbanks of Minlagas in Barangay San Luis, Gingoog City.

The group planted 300 native tree seedlings, comprising 100 Narra (*Pterocarpus indicus*) and 200 Tugas (*Vitex parviflora*) trees, provided by the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

The planting followed a zonal approach, with Narra positioned closer to the riverbank to support bank stabilisation, while Tugas were planted along the middle bank to improve vegetative cover and aid ecosystem recovery.

Beyond planting, the initiative adopted a tree-growing approach focused on the long-term survival, monitoring and maintenance of seedlings. The selection and placement of native species are intended to support riverbank stabilisation, improve vegetative cover and aid ecosystem recovery. The activity brought together Wilmar employees, government representatives and local residents.



Growing a Tradition of Stewardship

WEOPi also supported Arbor Day celebrations on 25 June in both Gingoog City and Roxas, joining nationwide efforts to promote reforestation and environmental conservation.

In Gingoog City, 10 WEOPi employees joined the Arbor Day celebration organised by the Gingoog City Local Government Unit through the City Environment and Natural Resources Office. The team planted 100 native hardwood saplings, including Narra and Banyan, along the Agay-ayan River, one of Gingoog City's major river systems.



The activity marked the second consecutive year of Wilmar's participation in conservation efforts along the Agay-ayan River, continuing its support for the local government's efforts to conserve the riverbanks.

In Roxas, another team of 10 WEOPi employees planted 30 Narra seedlings in support of an initiative led by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region IX. More than 160 participants from national and local government agencies, private industries, community organisations and volunteers took part in the event.



The DENR aimed to plant three million trees nationwide as part of this year's Arbor Day campaign. Centred on the theme "Luntiang Bukas" (Greener Future), the initiative highlighted that the success of reforestation is measured not just by the number of seedlings planted, but by the saplings that continue to grow under the care of citizens.

Caring for Shared Spaces

Environmental stewardship continued on 27 June, when 14 employee volunteers from WEOPi's Roxas plant took part in a coastal and highway clean-up.

Representing various departments, the volunteers collected litter and solid waste from beaches and major roadways within the community. By the end of the activity, the team had collected six sacks of waste for proper disposal.

The clean-up also encouraged employee volunteerism and helped create cleaner public spaces for local communities.

From riverbanks to forests, coastlines and roads, WEOPI's June activities demonstrate the different ways environmental stewardship can support local ecosystems and communities. By working with government agencies, communities and other local stakeholders, WEOPI supports environmental conservation and community development in the areas where it operates.



Wilmar's Commitment to Environmental Protection and Sustainability

Planting trees is just the beginning. Lasting environmental impact comes from nurturing what has been planted, helping ecosystems recover and working with communities to care for the environment. Together, these activities reflect a shared commitment to restoring local ecosystems, nurturing planted trees and creating cleaner public spaces.