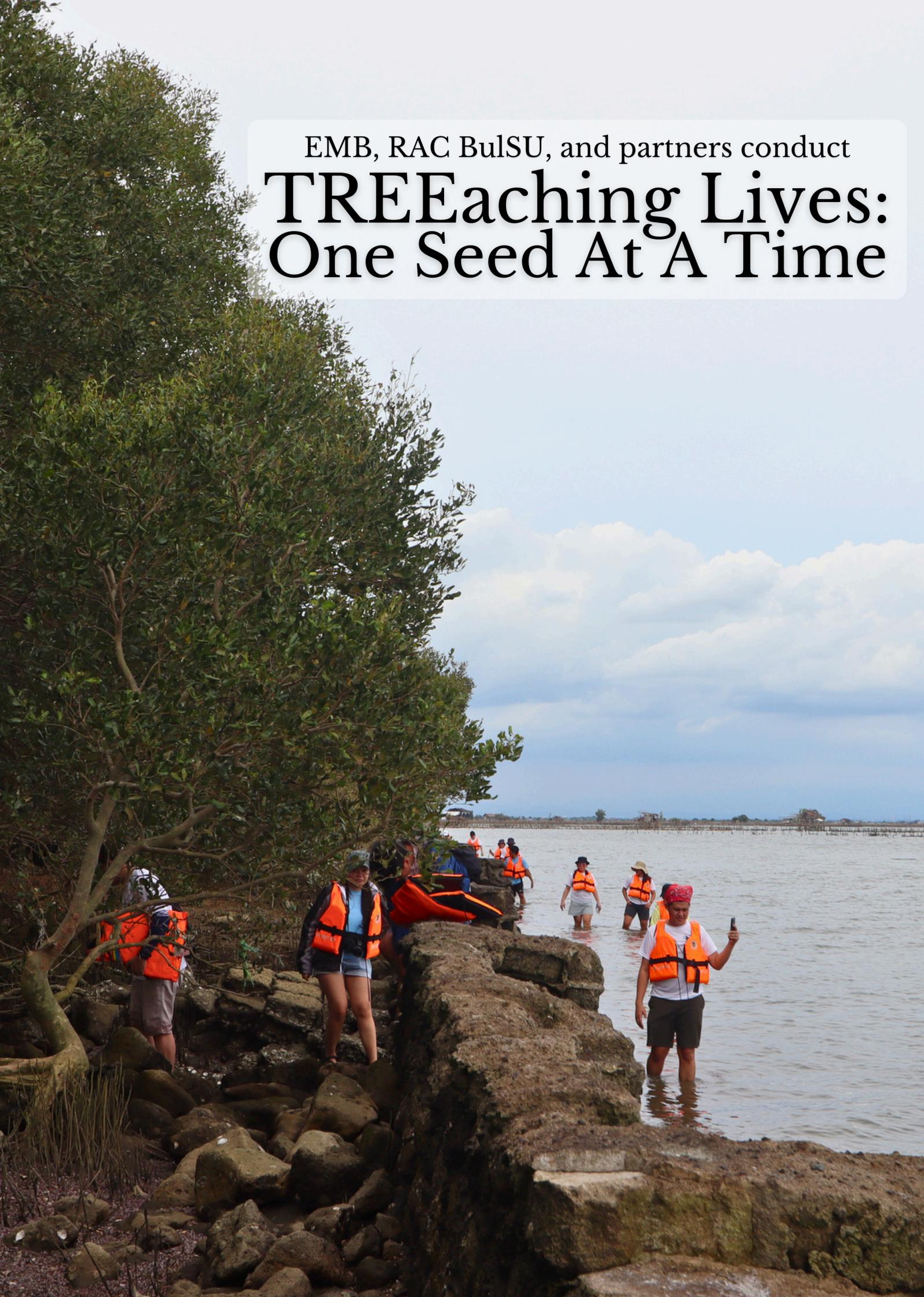


EMB, RAC BulSU, and partners conduct

TREEaching Lives: One Seed At A Time



The Environmental Management Bureau-Philippine Ozone Desk conducted the TREEaching Lives: One Seed At A Time, a mangrove planting activity on September 28, 2024, in Barangay Pamarawan, City of Malolos, Bulacan.

This is a partnership with various organizations of Bulacan State University, including the Rotaract Club of Bulacan State University, that spearheaded the activity.

This activity is in line with the celebration of World Ozone Month, with the theme "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Action." This year, the world will not only celebrate the success and achievements of the international environmental agreement in phasing out ozone-depleting substances (ODS), but will also recognize the need for immediate and appropriate climate actions.

One of many initiatives to mitigate the impacts of climate change is the planting of mangroves. Mangroves, as noted by The Nature Conservancy, offer vital flood protection by acting as natural barriers against waves and storm surges, reducing the impact on people and property.



At 10:00 in the morning on September 28, 2024, the volunteers for the mangrove planting activity, employees of the Environmental Management Bureau, gathered at the EMB Central Office before departing to Panasahan Fish Port located in the City of Malolos, Bulacan.

At Panasahan Fish Port, the EMB volunteers arrived at 12:30 in the afternoon, joining other volunteers from Bulacan, Engr. Lance Arojado from JCI Malolos led the briefing to the volunteers, the do's and don'ts, and the flow of the activity, then all proceeded

to travel to Barangay Pamarawan by boat.

Upon arrival at Barangay Pamarawan, the volunteers started the program led by the Rotaract Club of Bulacan State University. The organizations that participated in the activity shared testimonials regarding their contributions and initiatives for the environment. The EMB shared its commitment to the Montreal Protocol and its Kigali Amendment, looking to phase out ozone-depleting and global warming substances to mitigate the impacts of climate change.



After the program, the volunteers proceeded to conduct the mangrove planting activity, where they planted more than 200 mangrove saplings. Then, they proceeded to conduct a community consultation; through this, every organization will be enlightened about the struggles and the needs of the community.

After the mangrove planting activity, the volunteers returned to Panasahan Fish Port from Barangay Pamarawan at 5:00 in the afternoon by boat. Then, from the Panasahan Fish Port, EMB employees arrived at the EMB CO at 7:00 in the evening.

The organizations that participated in this initiative effectively played their part and efficiently executed their tasks. Most importantly, they contributed in mitigating the impacts of climate change, looking at long-term effect.

A climate action, small or big, can positively affect future generations, and the EMB commits to be proactive for the environment and for the people.

