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Mangrove Rejuvenation

“If there are no mangroves, then the sea will have no meaning. It is like having a tree without roots, for the mangroves are the roots of the sea...”

*- Mangrove Action
Project
August 5, 2013*

Mangroves are extremely important to our environment. They protect the shorelines from erosion, serve as valuable nursery areas for fish and invertebrates, support a number of threatened and endangered species, and are utilized in many parts of the world as a renewable resource. However, mangroves are being destroyed to make room for infrastructure, agricultural land, to be used for firewood, construction wood and charcoal production, and are being polluted.

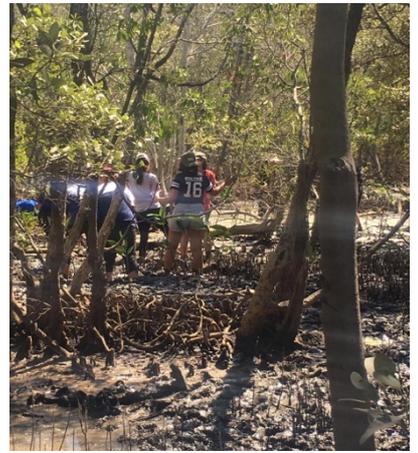
This is why the students of Noblesse International School have formed a team to gather volunteers to offer their time and services to help protect and rejuvenate the mangroves that have been destroyed in the Philippines. Rejuvenating mangroves addresses three of The Sustainable Development Goals which are Life Below Water, Life on Land, as well as Climate Action.

The aim of this project is to learn the importance of mangroves in protecting coastal erosions and replenishing fish populations, as well as learning how to protect and conserve the environment. The team of students have received support from the school administration and families, and have also partnered up with an established mangrove conservation organisation to gain knowledge from experienced experts on how to effectively conserve and rejuvenate destroyed mangrove ecosystems. The team has also received funds that was provided by the school's 'Run For Life' Colour Run fundraising event, where the school had over 700 participants and raised \$2500.

I was born in a small dugout or pau kajang. I have lived off the sea all my life but I never dreamed that the sea around me would die in my lifetime. What surprised me was not that I have lived to such an old age, which is uncommon among my Orang Seletar tribe, but that the sea could lose its life because of callous acts by humans”
- Yang Aseng
New Straits Time

The Team

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The Project

The team, as well as other volunteers, travelled from Angeles to Subic, to the Mangrove conservation organisation where they took the team to a mangrove where each member of the team and the volunteers were taught how to properly plant new mangroves. The team, along with the volunteers also picked up trash that was left in the mangroves. Those involved in the rejuvenation of mangroves not only learnt the importance of mangroves and how to plant new mangroves but have also practiced teamwork and compassion for others. The environment that they had to work in was not one that they were familiar or comfortable with due to the deep mud and insects, however, they all communicated well and helped each other out of the mud. Seeing those who don't usually hang out or talk to each other during school helping and working with each other would be one of the highlights of this experience.