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Advancing Marine Stewardship and Climate Resilience

SLU AND CURMA TURN COASTAL CONSERVATION INTO A LIVING CLIMATE-RESILIENCE CLASSROOM



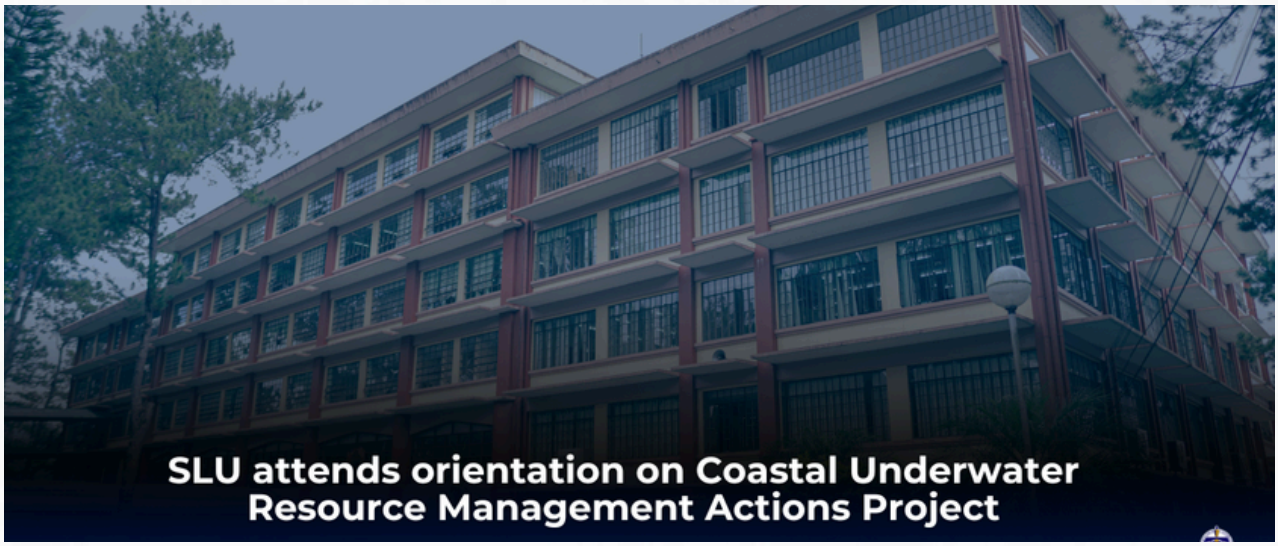


On 24 January 2026, Saint Louis University partnered with Project Coastal Underwater Resource Management Actions (CURMA) for the "Marine Stewardship and Climate Resilience: A SLU–CURMA Coastal Mission" in San Juan, La Union. Students and faculty participated in the release of dozens of sea-turtle hatchlings along the coastline. SLU described the activity as part of its broader environmental advocacy and as a living-classroom experience where participants could engage directly with marine biodiversity and SDG 14, Life Below Water. The University stated that protecting the endangered hatchlings from threats such as poaching and habitat loss demonstrates the importance of local conservation action amid global climate challenges.



Building a Long-Term Marine Conservation Partnership

SLU AND CURMA PREPARE LOUISIAN VOLUNTEERS FOR HANDS-ON ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION



On 24 January 2025, Saint Louis University, through the Office of the University President, conducted an online orientation on the Coastal Underwater Resource Management Actions (CURMA) project. The session was facilitated by CURMA Training and Development Manager Patrick Andrew Andrada and Program and Sustainability Manager Koushik Subramanian.

Participants included student leaders and members of the Young Council of Ecolodians, Community Extension and Outreach Programs Office Director Charmaine P. Mendoza, and Dr. Joselito C. Gutierrez, head of the SLU Sustainable Development Goals Binnadang Center and Executive Assistant to the University President. The article identifies CURMA as a San Juan, La Union-based organization dedicated to marine-turtle conservation and states that it offers volunteer opportunities for Louisians and opportunities to strengthen SLU's SDG 14 Life Below Water programs. The orientation was described as SLU's first engagement with CURMA and was undertaken in partnership with the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency.

SLU anticipated future on-site and hands-on environmental training in caring for Mother Earth. The University explicitly linked the engagement with SDG 13 Climate Action and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals.

Transforming Food Waste Through Circular Innovation

SLU SHARES FOOD-UPCYCLING AND ZERO-WASTE SOLUTIONS THROUGH A NATIONAL PICHE WEBINAR

On 17 August 2025, Saint Louis University's VLIR-UOS-funded project "From Trash to Treasure: Paving Pathways for Food Upcycling to Curb Post-Harvest Losses in the Vegetable Supply Chain of the Cordillera Administrative Region in the Philippines" was featured in the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers Baguio-Benguet Chapter national webinar, "Zero Waste Processes: Transforming Industries through Circular Economy." The project is funded by the Flemish Interuniversity Council–University Development Cooperation and is identified by SLU as contributing to SDGs 2, 6, 12, and 13. As part of the project's Knowledge Valorisation and Transfer activities, Engr. Daphne C. Leal of SLU's Department of Chemical and Mining Engineering presented "Establishing Baseline Data on Post-Harvest Losses at Benguet Vegetable Trading Posts: A Foundation for Food Upcycling Strategies." Her presentation described the extent of vegetable losses in the Cordillera and their environmental impacts and used the findings as a basis for food-upcycling strategies intended to reduce waste and improve resource efficiency. Engr. Melissa Mae Boado also presented an SLU-developed zero-waste indoor-air solution for carbon capture.

SLU described the professional forum as a platform for collaboration with policymakers, industries, and communities on circular-economy strategies that could benefit the Cordillera agricultural sector.



Co-Designing Sustainable Food-Upcycling Pathways

SLU AND STAKEHOLDERS DEVELOP A ROADMAP TO REDUCE POST-HARVEST LOSSES IN THE CORDILLERA







On 6 March 2025, Saint Louis University, through the University Research and Innovation Center, hosted a Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting and Workshop at Fr. Francis Gevers Hall for the VLIR-UOS-funded project "From Trash to Treasure: Paving Pathways for Food Upcycling to Curb Post-Harvest Losses in the Vegetable Supply Chain of the Cordillera Administrative Region in the Philippines." The project is implemented with the Department of Agricultural Economics and the Faculty of Bioscience Engineering of Ghent University. Participants included representatives from Benguet State University, Central Luzon State University, the Department of Trade and Industry, the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, farmers, food processors, consumers, government officials, and other stakeholders.

Morning discussions focused on sustainable solutions for reducing post-harvest losses and promoting food upcycling. Afternoon workshops addressed "Identifying Feasible Upcycling Pathways and Collaborative Models" and "Creating an Action Plan and Roadmap for Scaling Up Upcycling." Rosalina P. Bayan of Kanlungan Center Foundation also shared reflections on the widespread effects of food waste in the Cordillera.



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