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SLU partners with Project CURMA for coastline and endangered sea turtles protection and conservation

Saint Louis University (SLU), in collaboration with the Offices of the University President and Vice President for Mission and Identity, teamed up with Project Coastal Underwater Resource Management Actions (CURMA) to launch a program aimed at protecting and conserving endangered sea turtles and their marine habitats.

By involving young people in hands-on advocacy, the clean-up drive fosters a deeper understanding of the CICM Advocacy on Integrity of Creation—an ethic that acknowledges the interconnectedness of all living beings and our responsibility to care for the Earth. Through their actions, the youth not only help reduce pollution but also cultivate a culture of ecological awareness and moral responsibility, paving the way for healthier oceans and a more sustainable future.

After the clean-up, the youth leaders and students generously distributed goods and groceries to over 80 individuals in need. Identified partner agencies in conducting this advocacy are American Corner, SLU University Libraries, Diwa Learning Systems Inc., Phoenix Publishing House Inc., and Mercado Canteen as part of their corporate social responsibility.





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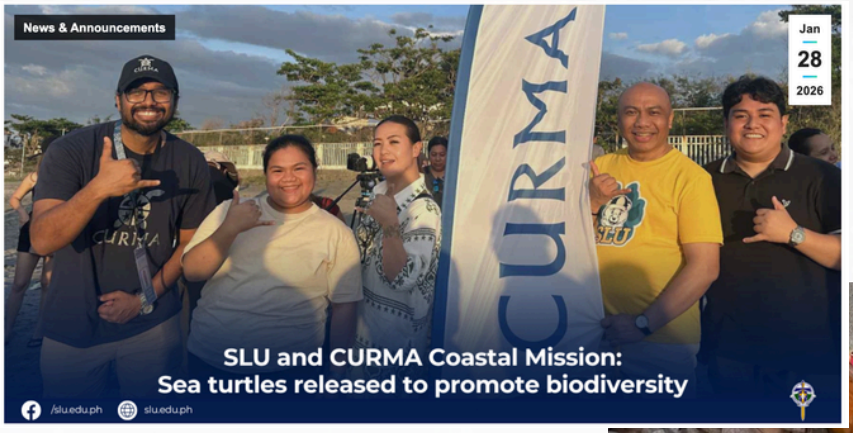
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SLU and CURMA Coastal Mission: Sea turtles released to promote biodiversity

Saint Louis University (SLU) is deepening its commitment to protecting the environment and promoting biodiversity. In partnership with Project Coastal Underwater Resource Management Actions (CURMA), SLU took part in the release of dozens of sea turtle hatchlings along the shores of San Juan, La Union on 24 January 2026.

Initiated by University President Rev. Fr. Gilbert B. Sales, CICM, PhD, and Vice President for Mission and Identity Fr. Emery Ebumea Mwako, CICM, this mission brings the CICM advocacy for the Integrity of Creation to life.

By promoting ecological awareness, the program hopes to create a sustainable future where the community acts as protectors of biodiversity. Through these hands-on conservation efforts, SLU continues to connect academic achievement with social responsibility, ensuring that the commitment to climate resilience translates into meaningful actions within the community.





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Saint Louis University Scholars: One Scholar, One Tree Project

In celebration of ***Scholars Week*** 2026, the Baguio Association of Government Grantees and Scholars SLU Chapter, together with the International Students' Association and partner student organizations of Saint Louis University, conducted the **One Scholar**, **One Tree Project** on February 28, 2026, from 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM at ***Busol Watershed*** .

After previously planting trees as part of this initiative, this year's activity focused on **tree maintenance and environmental cleanup**. Scholars cleared overgrown grass, removed weeds, collected litter, and cared for the seedlings planted in the past . This continuation effort underscores a crucial truth: sustainability does not end with planting; it requires **ongoing care**, **responsibility**, **and long-term commitment**.

The activity was implemented in partnership with the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office, Baguio City, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Cordillera Administrative Region, strengthening collaboration in protecting one of Baguio City's vital watersheds.

More than an environmental initiative, the project reflects the deeper purpose of scholarship. It represents ***leadership through service***, ***stewardship of creation***, ***and shared responsibility for our common home***. Scholars and international students worked hand in hand, nurturing not only the trees they planted before, but also ***the spirit of unity and cooperation within the Louisian community***.

Aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 13 Climate Action, SDG 15 Life on Land, and SDG 17 Partnerships for the Goals, **this initiative demonstrates that true scholarship goes beyond academics**. **It is about sustaining impact**, **honoring commitments**, **and caring for the environment long after the planting ends**

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Keeping the Forest, Growing the Green: How SLU Protects Its Campus Ecosystems

Saint Louis University looks after the natural landscapes on all of its campuses. It keeps its forest cover, plants species suited to the Cordillera highlands, and leaves room for open, living ground. The Campus Planning, Maintenance and Security Department (CPMSD) recently updated its maps and vegetation assessments for the UI GreenMetric. They show that most of SLU's grounds are native plants, protected forest and managed green spaces that sustain themselves in the highland climate.

The maps below show where these areas are on the Main, Maryheights, Navy Base and Gonzaga campuses. The photos give a closer look: native trees, hardy groundcovers, planted slopes and shaded gardens.

Protecting the forest we already have. SLU keeps 49,213.53 m^2 of forest vegetation, 43 percent of all its campus land. Most of it is on the Maryheights Campus, where native pine stands grow over a natural understory of plants. The University has chosen to keep this forest rather than build on it. The forest holds the soil on the slopes, keeps moisture in the ground, recharges groundwater, and gives plants and wildlife a place to live.

Planting with native species. Around the forest, SLU tends 17,965.84 m^2 of planted areas. These are mostly native, climate-appropriate shrubs, flowering plants and groundcovers, set in terraced gardens, slope plantings and shaded walkways. The plants were chosen because they belong in the region. That supports local biodiversity, and the plants need little care to thrive.

Leaving room for living ground. Another 92,763.47 m^2 of campus land is grasslands, open fields, rain gardens, unpaved sports grounds and vegetated walkways. Rain soaks into this ground instead of running off, which keeps the soil healthy. These spaces also link the forest and gardens, so plants and wildlife can spread across the campus instead of being stuck in small, separate patches.

By keeping its forest, planting native species and protecting open ground, SLU maintains the ecosystems on its land and helps them grow, for the plants and animals that depend on them and for the University community.



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