

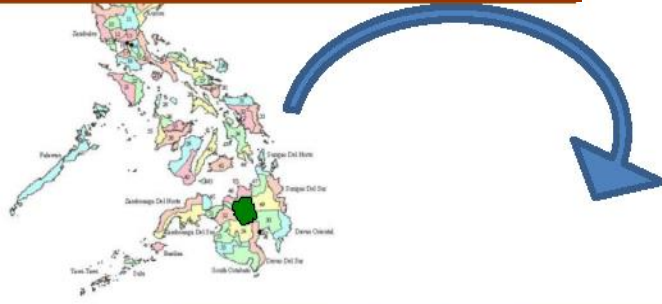
The Kitanglad Guard Volunteers (KGV) of Mt. Kitanglad Range Natural Park (MKRNP)



Mt. Kitanglad Range Natural Park (MKRNP):

**The pioneering site declared as protected area pursuant to R.A. 8978
on November 9, 2000 (Mt. Kitanglad Act of 2000)**

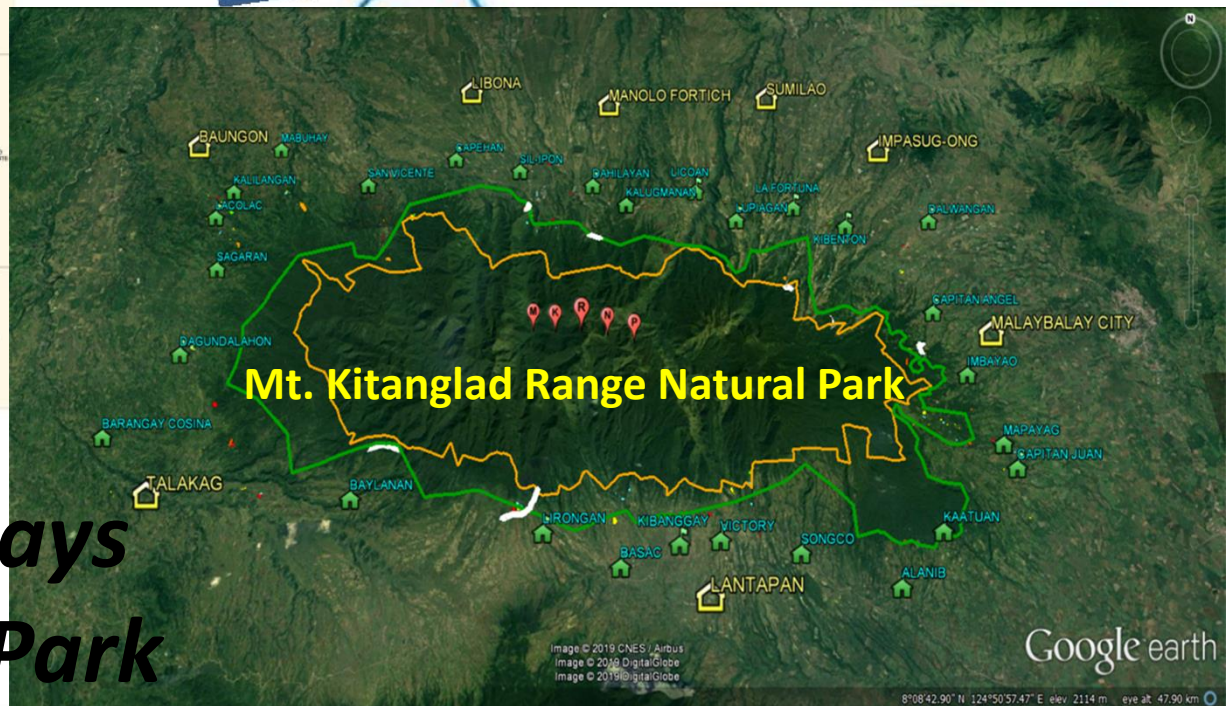
Enlisted as an ASEAN HERITAGE PARK sometime in October 2009



... encompasses 47, 270 hectares (PA 31,236 has., BZ 16,034 has.)

...Covers 7 municipalities & 1 city

...with 28 Barangays Surrounding the Park



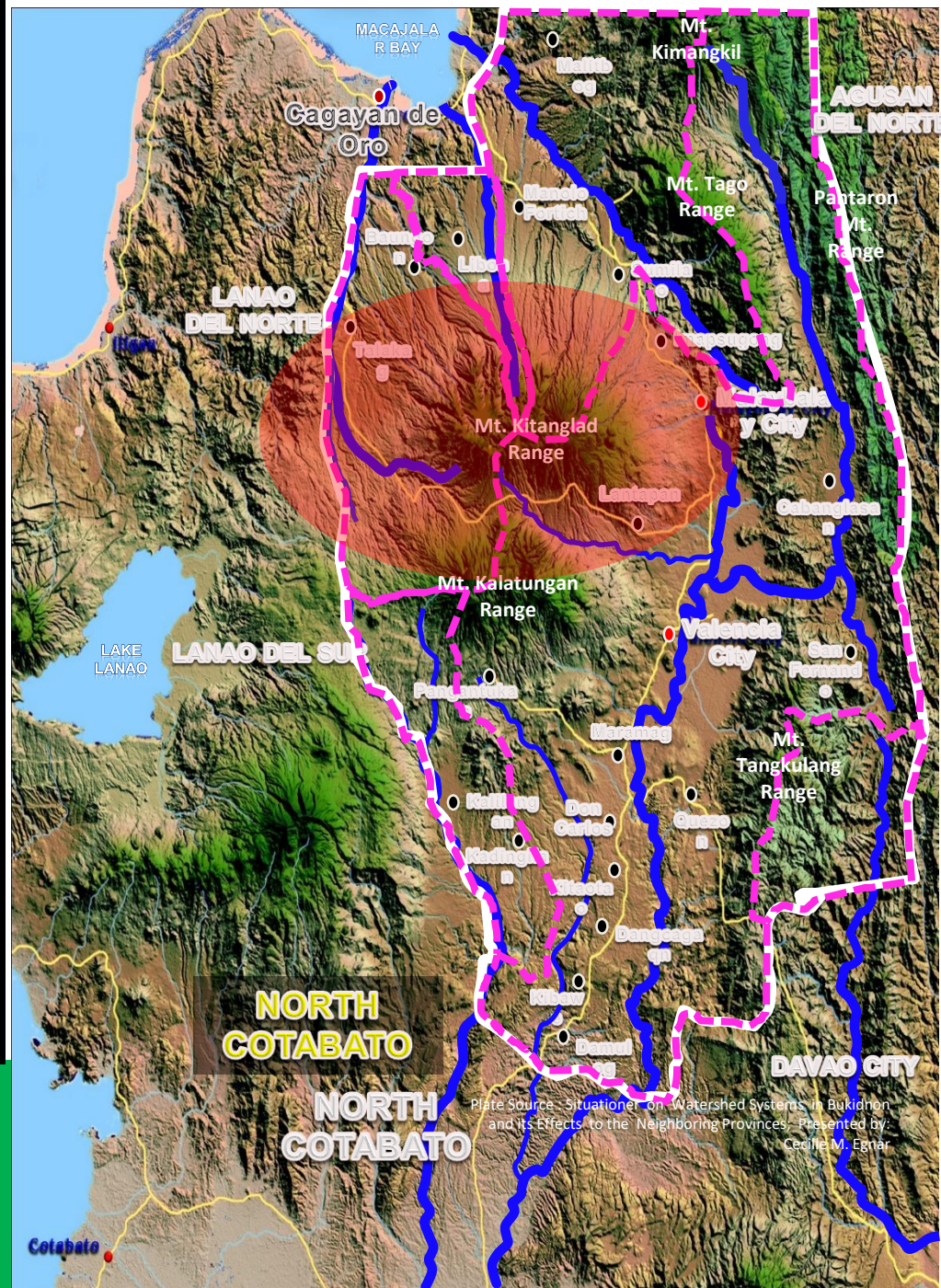


It is prominently known as the ancestral domain of 3 major tribes Talaandig, Higaonon & Bukidnon

Serves as: Major Watershed

*(source of water
supporting around
million people living
in 3 provinces of
Bukidnon, Misamis
Oriental & Cotabato)*

**Headwater of the 3 Major River
Systems in Mindanao (Pulangi,
Tagoloan and Cagayan de Oro)**



High Floral and Faunal Biodiversity

..Host of over 600 rare and endemic species...



Plate credit: B+WISER

KITANGLAD GUARD VOLUNTEERS (KGVs)

The Community Based Protection Volunteers of MKRNP

- became operational since 1997
- with 380 members
- consist of 80 % Indigenous People and 20 % Tenured Migrants



**KGV
Registration at
DOLE**

**KGV
Registration at
SEC**

KGVs are present within the 28 barangays

THEY...

Served as social fence

Do monthly foot patrolling

Conduct Biodiversity Monitoring System (BMS)

Conduct LAWIN Forest and Biodiversity Monitoring System

Submit monthly monitoring report to Protected Area Superintendent Office

The KGVs have dual recognition:

1. Tribal recognition through dumalongdong ritual



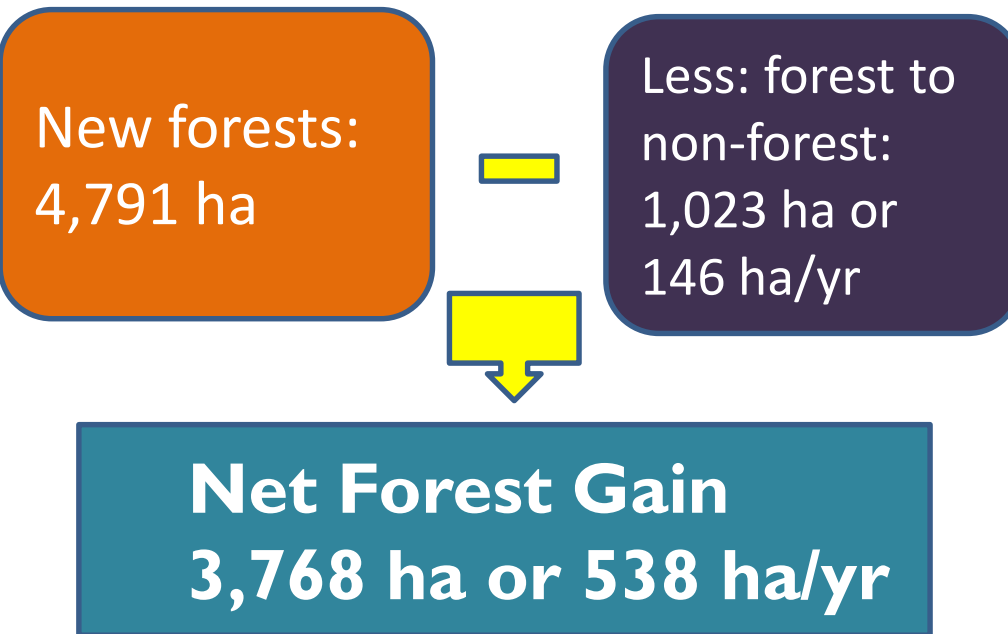
2. Deputation by the DENR

Condition of MKRNP Forest

From: *National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) of the DENR*

Forest Change (CY 2003-2010)

Source: NAMRIA Data



.....Attributed to the active protection
of the Forest by the KGVs ...

KGVs provided by Livelihood Projects as Incentives in Managing & Protecting the Forest (Development of Agroforestry Farm)

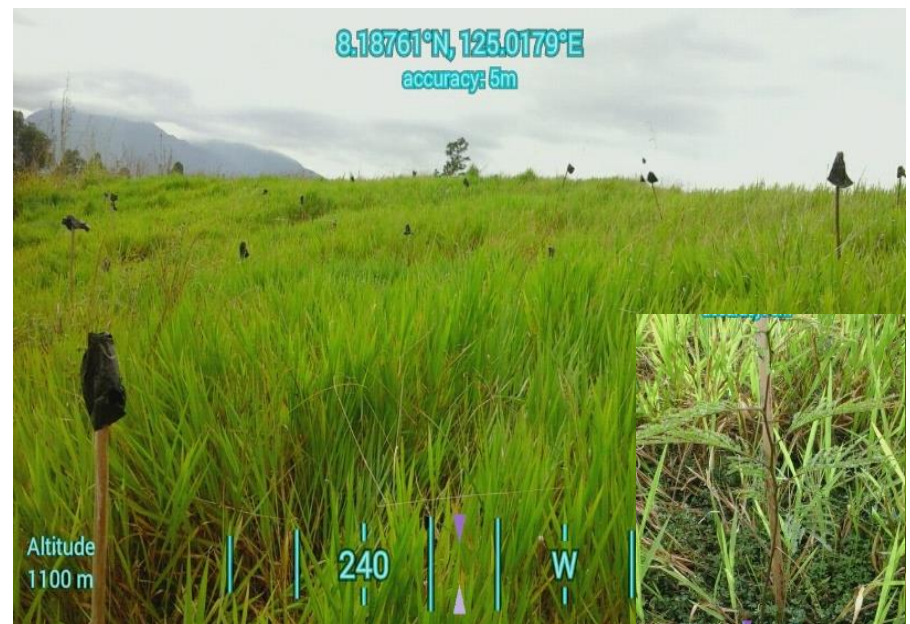


KGVs actual plantation sites for Agroforestry (Abaca; *Musa textilis*, Coffee; *Coffea Arabica*, Rattan; *Calamus spp.*; Calliandra; *Calliandra calothyrsus* & Bamboo; *Bambusa spp.*)

KGVs Incentives thru livelihood project (seedling production)



KGVs Incentives thru livelihood project (farm establishment)



ESTABLISHED FIRELINE AND FIREBREAKS (fire prone areas)



15 km OUT of 28 km target were already completed

Training on Forest Wildfire Suppression



In cooperation with DENR- Protected Area Superintendent Office
and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP)

The Existing KGV Incentives thru Livelihood Plays an Important Role in:

- ❑ Boosting the morale of the volunteers
(knowing that they have support from outside communities)
- ❑ Augment volunteers income as an additional incentive in protecting the forest
(recognizing their 20 years of being a volunteer)
- ❑ Strengthened and enhanced forest protection
 - *provision of logistics for patrolling*
 - *more time focus on forest monitoring considering that livelihood farm sites mostly located in the bufferzones (easily monitor threats & forest wildfires)*

❑ Helps sustain and attain the objective of the volunteers to protect and preserve Mt. Kitanglad

- provision of livelihood (they will not go out to their community to find provision for family needs)

- farm establishment of fuelwood outside the bufferzone, for the community not to rely to the forest for fuelwood consumption

❑ Agroforestry farm established can add to the totality of diversity of plants in the area.

Challenges:

- ❑ Difficulty in finding areas for Agroforestry farm for most areas already occupied by projects.

- intercropping on the existing plantations with different commodity*

- ❑ Seedlings were ready for planting but since it is summer season planting cannot proceed

- prioritized planting of commodity that grows well under forest shades such as rattan (Calamus spp.)*

- ❑ Finding other sources of feasible livelihood for the community

- for the community not to depend all purely on Forest*

- thereby, sustaining the active protection of the Forest*

Padayon sa kanunay ang among pakigbisog isip mga KGVs!!



**KITANGLAD GUARD VOLUNTEERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.**