I implemented the reforestation in the indigenous Teduray community project last January 3-4, 2011. It is supposed to be implemented last December 14, 2010, but due to lack of seedlings from the Community Environmental and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) - ARMM, I moved it to January 3 to 4, 2011. It was conducted on the two sitios of Barangay Labungan, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, namely Sitio Suran and Sitio Ulango. The initial piloting of assorted seedlings was 250 (100pcs. of narra, 50pcs. of mahogany, 50pcs. of antipolo and 50pcs. of acacia).

The project has a long term objective, that is to encourage and motivate indigenous Teduray youths for the sustainability of the said reforestation. Since most of the youth participants were out of school, it can be easy to organize and encourage them to become part of the project. Prior to the postponed schedule of tree planting, the participants decided to create a youth organization among themselves, to answer collectively issues of indigenous Teduray youths that they may encounter.

The aim of the project is to empower the indigenous Teduray youths to strengthen environmental care advocacy and to engage them into a deeper responsibility of being Teduray youths as the last frontier to preserve and protect their ancestral domain. Tree planting is one of the activities that every indigenous person must inculcate to the next generation as this is a part of life of indigenous people.

The most important output of this project: 1) to create another indigenous Teduray youth organization that is composed of in and out of school youths, and 2) to network with other indigenous people’s youth organization.
Picking up of 300 tree seedlings from the CENRO- ARMM nursery.

Community visit as preparation for actual tree planting implementation.  
Slash and burn activities as ways of traditional farming of the community.
Basic environmental care advocacy training and workshop

Out of school youths in the Teduray community: they have lots of dream to become responsible individual in protecting the nature.
Actual implementation of the tree planting activity, implemented last January 4, 2011.