Strengthening collaboration with local governing units (LGUs)

FPA Provincial Officer XI Cheery Biñas participated in the 2nd Joint Governing Board Meeting of the Talomo River Water Quality Management Areas held at Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City facilitated by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Environmental Management Bureau-XI (DENR-EMB).

The agenda focused on the presentation of the initial outputs and processes undertaken on the pollution load assessment of Davao River; updates on the WQMA ComplianceScheme of LGU-Davao City; and the reiteration of DILG MC No. 2019-62 or the Policy Guidelines on Sewage Treatment and Sewage Management System.
Training on pesticide poison handling, control and management

To further enhance the technical competence of FPA’s Regional and Provincial Officers on fertilizer and pesticide regulations management, the Field Operations and Coordinating Unit (FOCU) facilitated a 3-day training on pesticide poison handling, control and management, held at the Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) Training Center, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City.

In line with the target for agency-wide ISO 9001: 2015 certification, the activity also tackled workshops on ISO lean management and streamlining of frontline services, and Field Operations Document Entry. The final day included a lecture on Gender and Development (GAD) initiated by the FPA GAD Committee.

Speakers on pesticide management are Occupational Health and Safety professionals and researchers from the University of the Philippines- Manila.
Information Education Campaign (IEC Initiatives of the FPA Regional Field Units)

FPA Regional Officer Rey Segismundo discussed the safe and judicious use of fertilizer and pesticide during the Bombo Radyo- Baguio's Zona Libre Program hosted by Anchorman Bombo Charles Nicko Limon and Bombo Manager William Locson. He was accompanied by Jovelyn Valenciano, Information Officer of the DA Regional Field Office- Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).
Fortifying collaborations and involvements with Local Government Units (LGUs)

A briefing on Fall and True Armyworm infestation in rice and corn was attended by FPA Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. and Provincial Officer Noel Negre at the DA RFO 7, MES Compound, Mandaue City, Cebu.

Christopher Paran, a Laboratory Inspector of DA-7 Regional Crop Protection Center (RCPC) served as the resource speaker who discussed the morphological structure, characteristics, strain and first occurrence of fall and true armyworm.
Public information

In partnership with CropLife Philippines, the FPA Region II headed by Henry Fronda conducted a series of seminars on the responsible use of agricultural pesticides and Insect Resistance Management (IRM) to graduating agriculture students of different State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in Region II on November 19-21, 2019.

The SUCs include the Isabela State University (ISU) - Cauayan City and Echague Campus, Quirino State University (QSU) - Maddela and Diffun Campus and the Nueva Vizcaya State University (NVSU).
Fortifying collaborations and immersions in the field

Julieta Lansangan, Chief of the Fertilizer Regulatory Division (FRD), served as resource speaker during the 3rd Bio-N Congress held at the Biotech Building, UPLB Compound, Los Banos, Laguna. The event was attended by local governments with Bio-N mixing plants which later onsigned the MOU for the collaborative development of Bio-N technologies and sharing of technology management practices.

Ms. Lansangan discussed FPA's Fertilizer Regulatory Policies and Implementing Guidelines.
Strengthening collaboration with local governing unit

FAA Region VII Provincial Officer Noel Negre attended the Agri-Fishery Council Meeting in Argao Training Center, Argao, Cebu which aimed to discuss and present the issues and concerns of RA 11203 or the Rice Tariffication Law. The resource speakers came from the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) who discussed their policies related to Agri Fisheries and Land Conversion.
To ensure compliance with FPA’s guidelines on drone application, FPA CARAGA led by Regional Officer Danilo Negre conducted a pre-inspection and site validation of the application of drone spraying in the banana plantation of Lapanday Foods Corp. at Trento, Agusan del Sur.
Institutionalization of product stewardship program

FPA Region IX headed by Regional Officer Alex Paalisbo together with Provincial Officers Charlie Limbag and Michael Tuico, served as resource persons on the safe and judicious use of f/p, and crop protection management, during the training organized by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) for the program beneficiaries of the Convergence on Livelihood Assistance for Agrarian Reform beneficiaries Project (CLAAP). This was held at the New Carmen, Sominot, Liguac, Pitogo, and Damit, Bayog, Zamboanga Del Sur.

CLAAP is a project jointly implemented by DAR-DSWD which aims to increase farmer’s access to economic opportunities covering poor Agrarian Reform beneficiaries (ARB’s) or small -holder farmers who are currently receiving minimal livelihood intervention in the Agrarian Reform Communities.
Institutionalization of product stewardship program

A training on the safe and judicious use of crop protection products was conducted by FPA Region VIII led by Provincial Officers John Mar Nosura and Gary dela Cruz at San Jose Northern Samar. Seventeen (17) participants were trained and likewise given information materials on the proper application of fertilizer and pesticide.
Product quality and adherence to safety

To ensure quality and safety of fertilizer products, Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Antonio Cruz, Jr. and FRD Chief Julieta Lansangan conducted a plant inspection at the Atlas Fertilizer manufacturing plant in Toledo City, Cebu. They were accompanied FPA Region VII Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr.
Public information

FA CAR Regional Officer Rey Segismundo discussed about the safe and judicious use of f/p during the DA initiated training on Package of Technology (POT) and Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) for Fruits and Vegetables held at the Hotel Supreme, Magsaysay Ave., Baguio City.
Intensifying partnership with the stakeholders

Deputy Executive Director for Fertilizer Antonio G. Cruz Jr. and FRD Chief Julieta Lansangan attended the stakeholder’s meeting organized by the Association of Central Visayas Agri Inputs Manufacturers and Distributors held at the Sunburst, Mango Ave in Cebu City.

During the event, Deputy Cruz delivered the welcome remarks and administered the oath taking of the duly elected officers of the association. Afterwards, Julieta Lansangan, FRD Chief, gave a lecture on FPA’s mandates, fertilizer Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) on product registration and licensing of handlers, and the changes in the service delivery based on the revised FPA’s Citizen’s Charter.

The said meeting was attended by 30 participants from 24 fertilizer companies.
FPA Regional Office XII headed by Regional Officer Alita Bornea along with Provincial Officers Joey Pascua and Dave Cristobal organized a seminar on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides in coordination with Bayer Crop Science in Sarangani.

On the same day, FPA CAR Regional Officer Rey Segismundo lectured on the Safe and Judicious Use of Fertilizers and Pesticides during the Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) training for rice farmers held at the Ridgebrooke Hotel, Samoki, Bontoc, Mt. Province.
FPA Provincial Officer Noel Negre served as resource person during the celebration of the 16th Aggie Day at the Cebu Technological University -Argao Campus which was attended by 230 agriculture students.

He discussed FPA’s mandate, requirements for the licensing of handlers, and product registrations, understanding f/p product labelling, and determining fake f/p products,
Executive Director Wilfredo C. Roldan served as guest speaker during the symposium organized by the Pesticide Management Council of the Philippines (PMCP) Foundations, Inc. and the Philippine Association of Certified Pesticide Applicators (PACPA), held at the University of the Philippines Los Baños. The event was attended by individuals interested to become FPA licensed ARCO, CPA-Fumigator and Exterminator, Bio-efficacy and SPRT Researchers.
Product quality and adherence to safety

To ensure compliance of industry with the proper warehouse management for f/p products, FPA CARAGA Regional Officer Danilo Negre conducted a site inspection at the Sumifru Banana Plantation at Tagbina, Surigao del Sur.

Other activities such as mixing of fungicides, spills, disposal of rinsate, and use of personal protective equipment (PPE) were also observed and inspected during the visit.