



Mount Apo Foundation, Inc.

Highlights of Mount Apo Preservation and Protection Project (MAPPP)

Activities	Period	Key Results
1 Conducted 4-day Evaluation of 2000 Mt. Apo Summer Climb.	April 2000	MAFI evaluation report adopted by Mt. Apo Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) which led to the closure of Mt. Apo to climbing activities for at least 2 years in order to address the problems.
2 Provided policy guidelines to PAMB on various restoration and rehabilitation activities during the closure period of Mt. Apo Natural Park.	June 2000	Policy guidelines used as basis in all restoration and rehabilitation efforts conducted by PAMB, volunteer groups and local government units.
3 Organized series of operation "linis" and graffiti clean up in lake Venado and at the peak of Mt. Apo together with partner groups and volunteers.	2000-2006	Increased awareness among various sectors on the need to address issues of preserving and protecting Mt. Apo's natural resources.
4 Co-initiated the "Call to Save the Mountains of the World" at the peak of Mt. Apo in response to the UN declaration of year 2002 as the Year of the Mountains.	February 2002	The Call have created increased sense of responsibility for the environment among key park stakeholders. The Call Statement was later endorsed and signed by UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.
5 Produced digital recordings of tribal songs as performed by tribal musicians in Mt. Apo.	2005	Preserved the musical traditions and culture of the tribal community around Mt. Apo.
6 Assisted in the formulation of Kidapawan City Mt. Apo Climbing Ordinance.	2005	Institutionalized policies and regulations in Kidapawan City concerning Mt. Apo climbing activities.
7 Created website to provide basic information about Mt. Apo Natural Park.	June 2006	The Mt. Apo Natural Park Information link in MAFI website (www.mafi.org.ph) provided basic data about Mt. Apo to the public for greater awareness of its importance and significance.
8 Established linkage with Yosemite National Park in California for modeling of park management system. Facilitated the visits of the mayors of Kidapawan, Magpet and Makilala to Yosemite park.	2006-2007	The initial 2006 visit of the Executive Director to Yosemite paved the way to the learning visit of the the 3 mayors in Yosemite Park in 2007. Their visit have strengthened commitment for sustainable Mt. Apo development.
9 Formulated and facilitated the signing of the mayors of Kidapawan, Magpet and Makilala of a "Declaration of Understanding" manifesting unity and shared responsibility for the preservation, protection and development of Mt. Apo Natural Park on the Cotabato side.	September 2007	The "Declaration of Understanding" have established common direction and productive collaboration for Mt. Apo park among the 3 mayors. It also led to the creation of the Kidapawan-Magpet-Makilala (KMM) Eco-Triangle, a platform of unity and cooperation among the 3 local government units towards unified development interventions for Mt. Apo park.

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10 Provided assistance in the concept framing and technical formulation of North Cotabato Sub-PAMB, as a new structure within the Mt. Apo Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).	2008-2009	The creation of North Cotabato Sub-PAMB provided organizational efficiency in the decision-making process of Mt. Apo PAMB with greater effectiveness in terms of policy participation and coordination.
11 Implemented the Ma-ag Tinikaran Project (MTP) involving the planting and maintenance of 12,500 tinikaran trees near the peak of Mt. Apo covering an area of 5 hectares.	April 2009 November 2009	5 hectares planted with tinikaran seedlings with ongoing maintenance work for a period of 5 years with the participation of individual and institutional project partners through the spirit of volunteerism and shared responsibility for the environment.