

36 Sacks of Garbage Collected in UM-Led Coastal Clean-Up in Davao City



The University of Mindanao strengthened its commitment to environmental sustainability by joining the National Coastal Clean-Up Month through a coastal clean-up drive held on September 20, 2025, at Tambongon, Lasang, Davao City.

The initiative was led by the UM Main Campus – Community Extension Center and the UM Administrative Employees Association, in partnership with the Davao City Agriculturist Office, Barangay Lasang, and the Tambongon Fisherfolk Association (TAMFIAS).

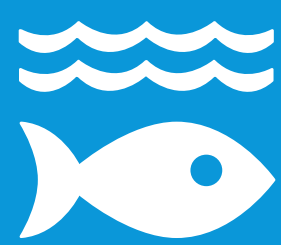
A total of 25 UM personnel and 14 TAMFIAS volunteers collected 36 sacks of garbage from the coastline. The City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) will oversee proper waste disposal, while recyclable plastics will be repurposed for fish cage construction, aligning the project with sustainable practices.

The activity supports and promotes marine conservation by protecting coastal ecosystems and reducing pollution.



Community members expressed their appreciation, noting the positive impact of the initiative on preserving Tambongon's coastal environment. The area is especially significant as it contributes nearly 30 percent of Davao City's seafood supply.

Through this initiative, UM reaffirmed its dedication to environmental protection, community engagement, and sustainable development, underscoring its role in shaping a cleaner and healthier future for both people and marine ecosystems.



Tides of Change: CAE Interns Lead Coastal Clean-Up for a Sustainable Future



The College of Accounting Education (CAE) of the University of Mindanao took a proactive step toward environmental stewardship through its initiative, “Tides of Change: CAE Coastal Clean-Up,” held on September 27, 2025, at Tambungon, Lasang, Davao City.

With a strong sense of purpose and community, CAE interns worked hand in hand to collect waste, clear the shoreline, and help restore the natural beauty of the coastal area. This initiative was more than a clean-up activity—it was a commitment to sustainability and collective responsibility for the environment.

The success of the initiative was made possible through the leadership of Ms. Myra T. Miraflores, CPA, MSA, Internship Coordinator, whose guidance and dedication ensured the smooth execution of the activity. Her mentorship empowered the student officers and interns to take ownership of the event and uphold the university’s advocacy for sustainability.

The activity reinforced the spirit of volunteerism and environmental responsibility among the participants.



In collaboration with the UM Community Extension Center, the clean-up drive exemplified the university’s holistic approach to education—one that extends learning beyond classrooms and into the community. The participation of exchange students further strengthened the message of global cooperation and shared accountability for protecting the planet.

Through this meaningful initiative, the University of Mindanao continues to cultivate environmentally conscious leaders who embody the values of sustainability, collaboration, and service. The tides of change, indeed, begin with collective action.