

***“Between every two pines is a doorway to a new world.”*** - John Muir

The Gifted Tree welcomes you to the virtual world of finding your tree planting location. As you know, someone has planted a gift tree in honor of you or someone you love. Your tree has been or will be planted in Mindanao, Philippines. As a tropical nation, the Philippines is an important country for maintaining and improving the health of the world's tropical rainforests. Tropical forests around the globe are vital in many ways. They are home to between 50-90% of Earth's species; one quarter of all medicines come from tropical plants; and tropical forests are a major player in the fight against climate change, as they store massive amounts of carbon dioxide and clean the air we breathe. Tropical forests in the Philippines have been hit particularly hard by logging and resource extraction - only 6% of the country is now covered in rainforest.

Your tree will help in efforts centered on habitat restoration for endangered species, safeguarding community watersheds and sustainable development through agroforestry. Specifically in Mindanao, your project includes planting of giant bamboo forests in a community led effort to facilitate sustainable bamboo agroforestry and sequester carbon; and restore mangroves ecosystems vital for coral reefs and countless other species.



You can view the general area of your planting by clicking on the following link:

<https://binged.it/39vP3nw>

Once connected to the map, feel free to zoom in and out to get a feel of the general planting area as well as its location in the Philippines and the world. The link is best viewed on a personal computer. Please understand that this is the general area of your tree planting. Your tree is planted among thousands of other gift trees and there is no plaque designating your gift tree and visiting the tree is unfortunately not possible.

Enjoy your gifted tree and know that it is making a monumental difference for the earth and opening a new doorway to the world for future generations. If you have any questions, please view our contact information at: [www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/](http://www.thegiftedtree.com/contact-us/). If you would like to plant a tree for someone else, please visit our website at [www.TheGiftedTree.com](http://www.TheGiftedTree.com).

