

LGU- Project Wild Tea Partnership: Reviewing Progress and Future Directions

The initiative titled "LGU-Project Wild Tea Partnership: Reviewing Progress and Future Directions" has reached significant milestones in its mission to institutionalize the local tea industry. The project's findings and formal policy recommendations were first presented to the Sangguniang Bayan on August 18, 2025, where the council committed to utilizing these studies as a foundational reference for crafting a municipal wild tea ordinance. Following this legislative breakthrough, the results were shared with the community in the Municipality of Bontoc on August 22, 2025, reaching farmers, Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) representatives, and various farmers' organizations.

During these engagements, Dr. Nasungan provided a comprehensive overview of the project's trajectory, emphasizing the practical utilization of the newly developed field guides and scientific studies. The presentation included a documentary video showcasing the project's progress from inception to completion, alongside a roadmap for future development. A critical component of this future direction involves specialized extension activities for local farmers, specifically focusing on the technical propagation and standardized processing of wild tea plants. By bridging the gap between research and practice, Dr. Nasungan highlighted the necessity of continued cooperation between municipal officials and the farming sector. The sessions concluded with heartfelt gratitude from the farmers, who recognized the project's role in validating and elevating the value of the wild tea varieties native to their land.





Figure 1: Interested council on the field guide and policy recommendation during the presentation of output at Sanguniang Bayan council last Aug. 18.



Figure 2: Registration and giving of IEC materials to the participants on the output presentation on August 22, 2025 both for OMAG and Project Wild Tea.



Figure 3: Barangay representatives and farmers browsing and reading the IEC materials while waiting for the program to start.



Figure 4: Dr. Lichelyn M. Nasungan presenting the project's output by starting in on the project's overview.



Figure 5: Hon. Bacala and Sir Degay giving their concern regarding the presented project output.

