

## **HOW TO SAVE THE EARTH**

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Human have always lived in communities all their lives. We, human, affect not only individuals of our own kind and other living things in our community, but because of our behavior and activities also affect the physical environment, specifically, our Mother Earth.

The rate of development in some parts of our country is astonishing. The landscape in many places has been changed by tall buildings, overpasses, railways system, housing subdivisions, and expressways. In the province, some forested hills have been leveled and on them many houses are neatly lined up.

To save our Mother Earth, there are many ways: first, we must keep our surroundings clean and green. Second, observe cleanliness anywhere. Third, properly throwing of garbage. Fourth, preserve the multiple functions of our forests, cut only the allowed number of mature trees. Leave the younger ones to grow to maturity. Plant the seedlings to replace the trees that have been cut, to reduce floods and landslides, minimize erosion, and controls the flow of the rain into the rivers. Fifth, construct buildings that blend with the vegetation. Leave as much of the original vegetation in place when developing sites especially on the hills, to prevent landslides. Sixth, would be using the good methods in fishing. We should not or the fishermen should not use any explosives, poisons and fine nets in catching fishes, because it will give serious effects on the marine ecosystem. We should only use the traditional fishing system or using appropriate size of nets and traditional way of fishing, to maintain fish diversity or variety of fishes. Seventh, avoid planting pest-prone monoculture through multiple cropping and overuse of pesticides, so that we will not destroy various ecosystems.

Humans are responsible for the condition of the ecosystems. Natural resources should be used with care and managed well for the survival of life on earth and to save the earth.