

World Water Day-2011 Trash Cleanup for the Mansaya Creek, Tributary of ILOILO River in Philippines, Mar 26, 2011

ILOILO City, Philippines, 20 Apr 11

The **City of Iloilo** is a highly urbanized city in the Philippines and is the capital city of Iloilo province. It is the regional center of the Western Visayas, as well as the center of the Iloilo-Guimaras Metropolitan Area. In the 2007 census, Iloilo City had a population of 418,710 with a 1.8% population annual growth rate. It is bordered by the towns of Oton in the east, Pavia in the north, Leganes in the northeast and the Iloilo Strait in its eastern and southern coastline. The city was a conglomeration of former towns, which are now the geographical districts, composing of: Jaro, Molo, La Paz, Mandurrao, Villa Arevalo, and Iloilo City Proper. The district of Lapuz, a former part of La Paz, was declared a separate district in 2008. The Map below should provide relevant information.

ILOILO CITY
(E-Iloilo) Iloilo City, Philippines on southern coast of Panay Island; Population 365,820 (2,000 NSC); Area 11,800 hectares, made capital of Iloilo province in 1837, a city in 1890; centuries before Magellan went to Kindergarten in Portugal. Iloilo inhabitants had been trading with Chinese, Arab, Persian and Indian merchants. Ilonggo women weaving silk. Iloilo men chasing rasoollia serpentina.

Accredited Tourism Establishments in Iloilo City/Province

Category	Name	Contact Info
HOTELS	Amigo Terrace Hotel	3300908
	Santitas Manor Hotel	3351011
	Casa Hotel	3372597
	Hotel del Rio	3351171
	The Residence	3381581
	The Castle	3381031
	La Plaza	3380444
	Four Seasons Hotel	3381070
	Jaro Belvedere Peninsula	3380486
	Chateau Angeliqa Hotel	3380420
	River Queen	3380176
	Chilo's Iloilo Palm Hotel	3379415
	Iloilo Midtown Hotel	3368880
	Harbor Town Hotel	3372384
	Eon Commercial Plaza	3372277
Grand Center Hotel	3305252	
Iloilo Grand Hotel	3361801	
APARTMENTS	La Paz Inn	3393113
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PENSION HOUSES	La Paz Pension	3300337
	Road Maria	3301442
	La Chateau D Iloilo	3379480
RESORTS	BBQ Beach	3360287
RESTAURANTS	Isa Plaza	3376953
	Concepcion, Iloilo	3360287
	Guimbal, Iloilo	3360287
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TRAVEL AGENCIES	Society Travel Corporation	3377723
Panay Island Holiday Tours, Inc.	3366069	
SWR Travel Corporation	3379873 5097030	
Skyscape Travel & Tours, Inc.	3362858	
W & C Leisure Travel, Inc.	3300821	
107 Islands Tour Management, Inc.	3305332	
SPORTS & RECREATIONAL CENTER	Gascano City Bowling Center	3309700
TRAINING CENTER	JBLCP Training Center	3306049
HEALTH & FITNESS GYM/CENTERS	Winners Gym	3305137
Dark Horse Fitness Center	3311521	
Sea Rivers	3380145	
Sevens Medical Day Spa & Skin Center	3376870	

To celebrate the World Water Day 2011 (WWD-2011) the local people and communities with the leadership of Mayor Jed Mabilog and Environmental Director Noel Hechanova participated in a massive trash and mangrove cleanup at the Mansaya Creek, a tributary of Iloilo River.



Noel Hechanova

Badges, gloves and plastic bags were sent from Maryland by Rivers of the World Foundation (www.rowfoundation.org) for the event.

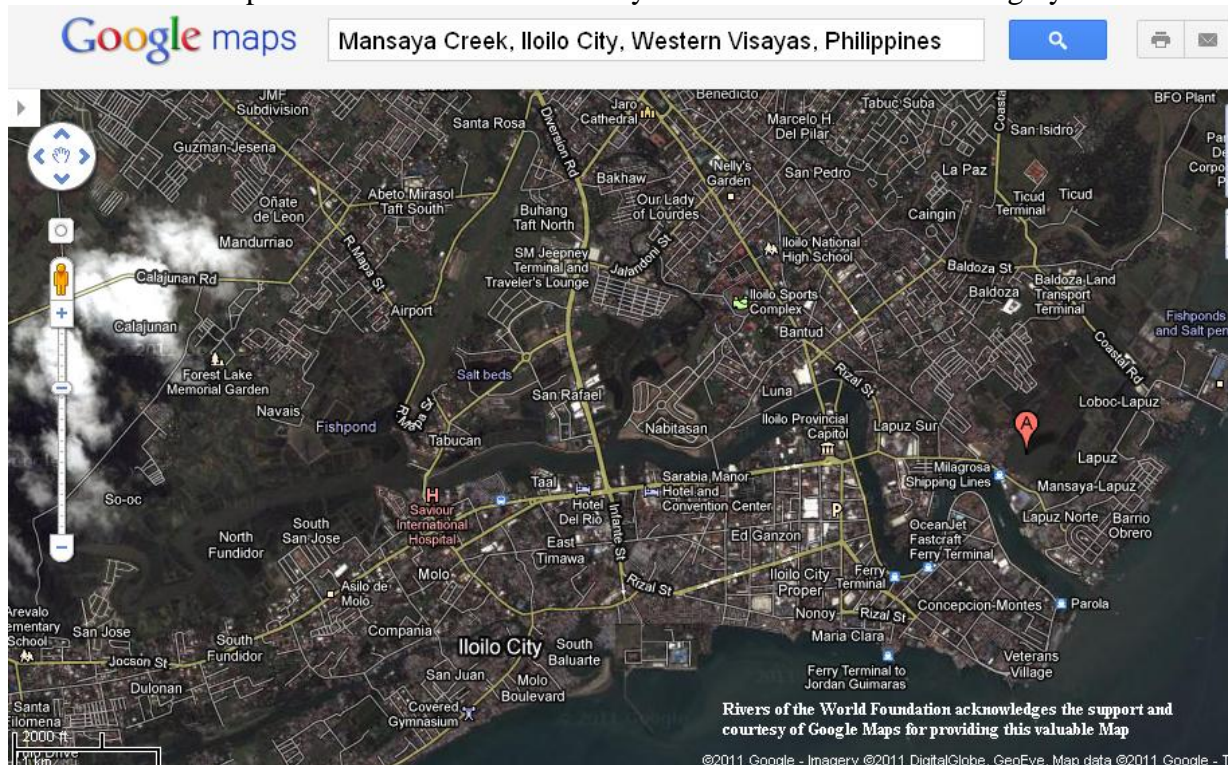
Many local communities participated in the ILOILO River Trash Cleanup activity. Local student communities, and other citizens have also provided support. Mr. Noel Hechanova, Department Head of ENRO led the effort with Keen interest.

After the cleanup Noel Hechanova sent the following information and a few pictures from the event by e-mail.

The results from the event can be summarized as follows:

On April 20, 2011 Mansaya Creek trash and Mangrove cleanup activity was undertaken. This was the biggest success in terms of collection amongst all WWD-2011 activities by Rivers of the World Foundation..

1. **A massive collection of about 3500 Kgs of garbage was reported.**
2. A total of 102 people (ENRO – 35, DENR -30, Local Residents – 20, Petron Corporation – 7, and other NGOs – 12) participated in the event
3. The participants also planted Mangrove along areas designated for cleaning.
4. A discussion forum was arranged with the Barangay residents a day before the event.
5. The cleanup was conducted at the Mansaya Creek as shown in the imagery below.



Pictures from the event are shown below..





Mangrove Planting by the Participants



Our Iloilo city coordinator also attached their proposal for a River Summit during October-November timeframe in 2011 in Iloilo city, Philippines. The local hospitality for Board and lodging will be provided by the Mayor Jed Mabilog. Our local coordinators are expecting two or three experts from the Rivers of the World Foundation to visit there during the Summit and present best practices.