

KAREN O. PAÑA

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OBJECTIVE:

I aspire to utilize my passionate understanding in the field of forestry using my background in ecological research and environmental education. I also aim to motivate and educate future forestry experts, promoting interactive learning experiences and conducting meaningful research that upholds sustainable forestry practices for the benefit of people.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Age: 27

Date of Birth: July 29, 1997

Place of Birth: Baybay, Leyte

Height: 1.51 m

Weight: 50 kg

Nationality: Filipino

Religion: Baptist

Language Spoken: English, Tagalog, Bisaya

Civil Status: Single

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Year	School	Organizations Involved
2022-2024	Visayas State University (Visca Baybay City, Leyte) Master of Science in Forestry DOST-ASTHRDP Scholar	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate Student Society: Forestry Representative
2014-2021	Visayas State University (Visca Baybay City, Leyte) Bachelor of Science in Forestry Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (1 st year – 3 rd year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forestry Student Society: President (2018-2019)• College of Forestry and Environmental Science – Supreme Student Council (SSC): Board Member (2018-2019)
2010-2014	Makinhas National High School (Makinhas Baybay City, Leyte)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• YES-O President (2013-2014)• SSG President (2013-2014)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Photojournalism Participant Regional Level (2012) – Campus Journalism
2004-2010	Kambonggan Elementary School (Kambonggan Baybay City, Leyte)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPG President (2009-2010)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Date	Place or Institution	Position
January 16, 2025 to May 13, 2025	Visayas State University	Part – time Instructor – Department of Forest Science
August 27, 2024 to December 13, 2024	Visayas State University	Part – time Instructor – Department of Forest Science
December 2021 to June 2022	Visayas State University	Science Research Assistant – Exploring Nature-based Solutions and Circularities in Household Practices and Consumption to Achieve Net Zero Carbon Emissions in Eastern Visayas (ENHANCE) Project

TRAININGS AND SEMINARS ATTENDED:

Date	Place or Institution	Title of Training or Seminar
April 11, 2025	Visayas State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Webinar Series on Climate-Resilient Forestry: Sustainable Practices for the Future – Module 1 Introduction to Climate-Resilient Forestry (4 CPD Units)
December 2, 2024	University of the Philippines – Los Banos (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying plants for Priority Conservation in Samar Island Natural Park Forests over Limestone using a Localized Conservation Priority Index
October 16, 2024	DOST – PCAARRD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction to Genomics for Wildlife Conservation
October 10, 2024	DOST - FPRDI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training-Webinar on Wood Identification Level 2 (2 CPD Units)
September 9, 2024	Visayas State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ISO 9001:2015 Awareness & Re-Awareness Seminar

August 19, 2024	University of the Philippines – Los Banos (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowering BOSIS: Sustainable Resource Utilization and Capacity Building in Kaigangan - Updates on Extension Activities: Vinegar Production, Nursery Improvement, and Gene Bank Establishment
August 16, 2024	Department of Forest Science – Visayas State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Forester’s Licensure Examination Review Class 2024 (Review Master)
August 13, 2024	School of Environmental Science and Management UP Los Banos (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Space Technology and Applications to Agriculture and Natural Resources & Climate Types and Climate Change
July 29, 2024	University of the Philippines – Los Banos (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mapping the Distribution of Top Priority Plants in the Forests over Limestone Landscapes of Samar Island Natural Park, Philippines; Kaigangan Biodiversity Webinar Series
November 29, 2023	Visayas State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One-Day Seminar Workshop on Circular Economy
March 29-31, 2023	Visayas State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Training Workshop on Preparing Manuscripts for Publication
December 5, 2022 December 9, 2021	Visayas State University University of the Philippines – Los Banos (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recent Trends in Soil Research ▪ Agroforestry Research and Development Initiatives: Experiences of Visayas State University
November 25, 2021	National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Resilient Pathways for Future Generation
November 17, 2021	DENR-ERDB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Effects of Climate Change on the Phenology of Forest Trees
October 14, 2021	ALAB Solutions Inc. (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eat Green: Decrease Your Carbon Footprint
October 13, 2021	ALAB Solutions Inc. (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sustainable Energy Source
October 12, 2021	ALAB Solutions Inc. (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pollution and Solution
October 11, 2021	ALAB Solutions Inc. (Webinar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Climate Change and Ozone Depleting Substances

SKILLS

- Oriented in Microsoft Office Application:
 - Microsoft Office Word
 - Microsoft Excel
 - Microsoft PowerPoint

OTHER COMPETENCIES

- Licensed Forester.
- Has good interpersonal skills.
- Willing to work in a challenging environment.
- Has strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Have significant experiences and highly oriented in field works.
- Has significant background in tree/leaf identification.



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Applicant