

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **DENR-MGB CONDUCTS RAPID GEOHAZARD ASSESSMENT ON THE EFFECTS OF TROPICAL STORM SENDONG**

The DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau Regional Office No. 10 immediately dispatched a survey team on the morning of Saturday, December 17, 2011 to assess the effects of tropical storm Sendong in Cagayan de Oro City. The team was in coordination with the regional Office of Civil Defense. Likewise, the team was in constant touch with the DENR-MGB Central Office to relay events in the region. The team proceeded to Iligan City on Sunday, December 18, 2011 to assess the reported effects of T.S. Sendong in the city. En route to Iligan City, the team coordinated with the PAGASA Office in El Salvador, Misamis Oriental.

The two highly urbanized cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan were the worst-hit in Northern Mindanao. The city governments have earlier been provided the results of the geohazard assessment and the geohazard maps prepared by the DENR-MGB. IEC (Information, Education, Communication) forum have also been conducted for the LGU's. Earlier this year, DENR-MGB-10, upon the advice of the DENR-MGB Central Office, issued advisories to all provincial/city/municipal governments in Region 10 on the possible adverse effects of the La Niña weather phenomenon, particularly, landslides and floods. Later in the year, advisories were again issued to local government units in view of the announcement from PAGASA that stronger typhoons are expected to make landfall from September until December of this year.

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Brgy. Balulang, situated on the floodplain of Cagayan de Oro River, was devastated by flashfloods. Numerous houses once stood in this residential area



Mandulog Bridge 1, connecting barangays San Roque and Lower Hinaplanon, Iligan City was destroyed by floods.