



## Mount Purro Declaration, Philippines, April 2025

We, advocates of the Rights of Nature assembled in Mount Purro Nature Reserve, Rizal, Philippines of the Asia-Pacific Hub of the Global Alliance of the Rights of Nature from April 27-29, 2025 agree and uphold the following, to:

1. Commit to honor and respect the Mother Earth and shall uphold the sanctity of the principles, customs, practices and values of Rights of Nature.
2. Pledge to uphold the principles of the Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth and create a culturally vibrant environment within the Hub and beyond, to work together in solidarity for the purposes of leading the Rights of Mother Nature.
3. Declare that the Asia-Pacific Hub has been launched formally by the members from the Asia-Pacific region in the spirit that was meaningfully conceived in October 2022 in Siena, Italy.
4. Respectfully recognise this launch in the region and reiterate the commitment that the Asia-Pacific Hub will follow the principles and objectives of GARN enshrined in its charter/constitution duly approved by the membership.
5. Sincerely pledge that we will collaborate and work together with institutions, communities and individuals committed to the Rights of Nature, building on the success stories that the members have achieved so far in formal and informal regimes as appropriate.
6. Collectively work to expand the Hub through outreach and membership drives, and to continue to encourage communities and civic movements in the furthering the Rights of the Nature in the region and beyond.
7. Expanding the outreach of the Rights of Nature through evidence-based campaigning and advocacy individually as well as collectively.

We, hereby declare that we will uphold this statement and contribute in the implementation of the Declaration and adopt it on 28th day of April 2025.

**List of persons, organizations, and countries:**

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