

Environment Hero of Banwa Private Island

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MANILA, PHILIPPINES, March 11, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- At [Banwa Private Island](#), our team members are everyday heroes who passionately work together in the noble pursuit of protecting Mother Nature. Surrounded by the untouched beauty of the island sanctuary in North-eastern [Palawan](#), the team's collective love of nature has inspired each one to be custodians of the environment.

Meet Bernard, one of our invaluable team heads who leads the [Aquos Foundation](#) in its various local conservation endeavors and research initiatives. The Aquos Foundation, with the mission to conserve, protect and nurture the rich biodiversity in and around the marine protected reserve, is the environmental arm of Banwa Private Island.

Palawan being his childhood playground, Bernard has developed his strong affinity to flora and fauna at a very young age. As a registered nurse by profession, his intrinsic gift of care and empathy has transcended to both people and nature. Bernard, a pioneer of Aquos Foundation, has played a vital role in protecting and restoring the habitats of the critically endangered Mantanani Scops Owl, Hawksbill Turtle and the Tabon Bird (Megapode).



Meet Bernard, the guardian of Aquos Foundation



Banwa Private Island's Reef Rehabilitation Programme

Bernard works with scientists and researchers of note recording the growth of birdlife from 15 species in 2014 to 60 species in 2021 through area search methods and photo documentation. Tabon Bird nests grew from only 3 nests in 2012 to 200 nests in 2021. The thriving island landscape provides the perfect habitat for various migratory and native birds.

In 2018, there were 180 reef balls laid out on the sea floor as part of the Reef Rehabilitation Programme providing shelter to Hawksbill Turtles. From learning how to swim with a life jacket, Bernard is currently in the process of furthering his dive education to Dive Master. He proudly inspects these reef balls with flourishing marine life and growing coral colonies.



Witness the magic of baby turtles being released to the turquoise waters

Every morning, you will find Bernard checking on the Megapode nesting sites at the Tabon Bird Sanctuary and inspecting the Hawksbill Turtle laying grounds in the Coconut Grove and the villa gardens. Since 2016, over 5,800 Hawksbill Turtle eggs were laid, of which 60% hatchlings emerged.

Guests can have an active part in these eco-initiatives by joining Bernard on nature walks around the island, snorkeling the house reef and exploring the radiant corals, keeping count of how many local bird species you can spot in the lush vegetation, or witnessing the magic of baby turtles being released to the turquoise waters.

For more information and enquiries on an exclusive island escape at Banwa Private Island, please contact the Reservations team through mobile/WhatsApp: +639178882864, send an email to reservations@banwaprivateisland.com, or visit www.banwaprivateisland.com

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