**Mobility with Academic Staff to Philippines 2025**

**Date: Approximately May 15 – June 15, 2025**

**Destination: North-western Visayas – Guimaras and Panay Islands**

**Theme: Forestry and Agroforestry Systems of the Philippines – Biotechnical and Socioeconomic Aspects**

The mobility will primarily take place at the Helping Hands for Guimaras mango plantations and Guimaras State University on the islands of Guimaras and Panay. These plantations and adjacent forest lands will be studied in terms of both production aspects (fruit and crops vs. timber) and their socio-economic potential (eco-tourism, small forestry, community farming, etc.). The technical aspects of the plantations will also be explored, including erosion control measures and irrigation management.

The mobility will include training at the National Mango Crop Center and visits to processing facilities. Alternatively, the mobility may also focus on mangrove and coastal forests, examining their ecology, production, and social functions.

Preference will be given to students interested in Southeast Asia, those who are already working on a thesis in this field, or those considering conducting their thesis research in this area. It is also suitable for students wishing to engage in research or strengthen collaboration between Mendel University and its partners in the Philippines.

Students should be prepared for movement in rural and field conditions, as well as the tropical climate (high temperatures and humidity). The trip will involve data collection and physical work related to biotechnical measures on plantations and in forests. Communication with partners (academics and students from partner universities, Helping Hands for Guimaras staff, etc.) will be expected.

This trip is open to students from all faculties of MENDELU.

**Application Requirements**

* CV
* Motivation letter
* Project proposal summary (max. 1 standard page)

**Contacts**

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