



Ngatpang Youth Association a.k.a Ngara-Ius

President
John Techitong

Main Activities

- Community cleanup
- Helping disaster aftermath
- Rebuilding old docks,
- Helping customs such as funerals and first birth ceremony
- Removing invasive species
- Replanting clams and coconut crabs
- Recruiting teams for sport events
- Finding donations and jobs
- Cooperating with Protected Area Network (PAN) Office as well as Rangers

Background of Establishment

In 2013, a group of youth in the community started putting together sports teams in Ngatpang State. In 2017, it officially became an NGO. The name "Ngara-Ius" came from the traditional community-based organization from Ngatpang who stood outside the Bai as security to keep peace and calm while the chiefs held their meetings. The traditional late Chief Rechiwang, Demei Otobed, gave this name to this organization, and they became the modern version of Ngara-Ius in their community.

Purpose

Maintaining community safety, local environmental protection, helping the community in finding education and work, and improving people's lives.



Member's Voice Mr. John Techitong



We believe that anyone who is from Ngatpang by law, by blood, or within the clan lineage, and is between the age of 15 to 54 are automatically Ngara-Ius, but whether or not they want to be an active member is up to them. I have been the president since the beginning, and I would like for someone else to be able to experience what I've experienced. The youth are the future leaders of the community. We want to focus on developing the youth into thinking and prioritizing the community first instead of their benefit. However, we currently do not have a center to host meetings and activities, and we also often see a tension between traditional leaders and government leaders, but we believe we can come together and create a "community and people" based organization and do what is best for the community.

Our most recent activity was to revitalize our river that feeds through the mangrove channel into Ngermeduu Bay. With new constructions happening around the river, different sediments were streaming down to the bay, which is in the protected area. We were able to see a problem, surveyed the water and land to identify the problem, isolate the problem, and finally control it. This was a group effort by the community and we were so happy and grateful to see the support from them. Seeing the appreciation from the community was a good sign that we were doing the right thing and that we were on the right track.

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