ABOUT THE PHOTO: The cover of this issue features a forest over limestone landscape in Basey, Samar, Philippines. The municipality is one of the study sites of Assessment and Conservation of Forest Over Limestone Ecosystem Biodiversity in Selected Municipalities of Samar Island, Philippines (CONserve-KAIGANGAN), a biodiversity program of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and Samar State University (SSU). Funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), this three-year program aims to assess and conserve the biodiversity in kaigangan (Samar local term for forests over limestone) towards sustainable management in Samar Island.

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