

ABORLAN RIVER CY 2018

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

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I. Executive Summary

Constant water quality monitoring is the key to ecological sustainability of the largest resource of this planet. Water resource is what we need in our day to day activities. Most of us do not seem to care enough in the conservation and protection of this resource. From the moment we turn on the tap to fill the glass or go for a dip in the ocean or angling at a nearby lake or river, water satisfies our needs. Yet only a few of us knows and understands that this, too has its own needs in order to be sustainable.

Environmental scientists work tirelessly behind the scenes just to keep this resource healthy and can be used by the next generations. A wide range of different water quality monitoring techniques is used to measure the characteristics to ensure its most beneficial usage.

As we continue to build cities, convert farm lands to commercial areas, water quality monitoring becomes increasingly essential. The rivers and streams around the world have been diminishing due to lack of environmental awareness. The impacts of land-based activities are huge enough to cause chaos in the water systems, both above and below the ground.

The Republic Act no. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water (CWA) of 2004 defines water quality as "the characteristics of water which define its use in terms of physical, chemical, biological, bacteriological or radiological characteristics by which the acceptability of the water is evaluated.

Different usages of water require different water quality. For instance, sufficient concentration of nitrogen, phosphorous and other micronutrients is good for irrigation water but not for drinking water. A water body that sustains its beneficial use has good water quality and a water body that does not sustain its beneficial uses has poor water quality. Measurement of water quality and classification provides important information about the integrity of a body of water. The most widely used method is the measurement of its physical, chemical and bacteriological constituents. The quality of water is measured or monitored to determine if conforming to the prescribed water quality for its intended usage.

Classification of water body is monitored quarterly for a period of one year. Other factors, such as existing use, social acceptability and the result of analyses are taken into account in deciding the appropriate classification of a water body or section of a water body.

With this, the proposed classification for Aborlan River is Class B for the upstream and midstream and Class C for the downstream. The intended beneficial uses of Class B and C waters based on DAO 2016-08 are as follows:

Class B

Recreational Water Class I – Intended for primary contact recreation (bathing, swimming, etc.)

Class C

- a. Fishery Water for the propagation and growth of fish and other aquatic resources
- b. Recreational Water Class II for boating, fishing or similar activities; and
- c. For agriculture, irrigation and livestock watering

II. Brief Introduction

Aborlan is a 2nd class coastal municipality in the province of Palawan. It is located 69 kilometers south of Puerto Princesa City. The municipality is bounded by Puerto Princesa City in northeast, Sulu sea in the east, West Philippine Sea in the west, Municipality of Quezon in the southwest and Municipality of Narra in the southeast. Municipality of Aborlan is subdivided into 19 barangays namely; Apo-Arawan, Apoc-apoc, Aporawan, Barake, Cabigaan, Gogonan, Iraan, Isaub, Jose Rizal, Mabini, Magbabadil, Plaridel, Ramon Magsaysay, Sagpangan, San Juan, Tagpait, Tigman, Poblacion, Culandanum and Marikit.

The Municipality of Aborlan has a total land area of 276.6 sq. kms. It lies in a vast grassy plain in the east; the forest-covered Mount Aborlan divides the west coast and the east coast of the municipality. Malanao Island is located near the east coast of Aborlan mainland, which has a terrain elevation of 8 meters above sea level. Most of the municipality is located near the east coast and it is the known province with an agricultural college called Western Philippines University.

According to the 2015 census, it has a population of 35,091 people. Tagalog is their major language used in the municipality. Some people use Ilonggo, Cuyonon and Palawanon as their medium of communication. Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion among the inhabitants followed by Protestantism, several Baptist church, JIL, Dating Daan and Iglesia ni Cristo.

Historical Background

The name of the town was derived from "Abelnan", a legendary tree belonging to the gods who inhabited the place or from another story of two men went fishing for the first time in the town and were frightened by the rise and fall of the tide, so they asked "Abenlan" from which came the name Aborlan. The most popular is the story of one American who, standing in the midst of the forest, was amazed at the sight of so many wild boars that he exclaimed, "This is a boar land!". With passing of time, it was changed to Aborland and finally at present known Aborlan. On June 28, 1949 Aborlan was converted into a municipality pursuant to Executive Order No. 232 under the presidency of Elpidio Quirino. In 1951 the barrios of Berong and Alfonso XII was transferred to the newly created town of Quezon. In 1910 Western Philippine University was established paving the way for scientific farming in Palawan.

Aborlan River

Aborlan River is a stream with a length of 22.3km. It has an estimated terrain elevation of 2 meters above sea level. According to the Tagbanwa, the name is Abulnan, which literally means "where the cloth (abul) was traded". And according to the Tagbanwa traditions Aborlan was originally located at the mouth of Aborlan River just few hundred meters south of the present site of the town. The river was primary source of water of households and irrigation in agricultural lands, and fishing is also active in the whole stretch of the river. Quarrying is rampant in the midstream part of the river threatening the flourishing ecosystem along the river.

According to Palawan local news in October 2017 Board Member Albert Rama pushed to declare Talakaigan River, a part of Aborlan River in Barangay Cabigaan into a natural park as a measure to conserve the area as major source of water for agriculture and as an important biodiversity resource. Professors of UP-Los Baños and Western Philippines University revealed in the study they conducted that the forest ecosystem of Aborlan has a very high conservation value due to the presence of several endemic, threatened, rare and new to science species. In his recommendation he said that the area must be reclassified from a Controlled Use Zone into Core Zone, and declared as a protected area under NIPAS law.

Rivers, its tributaries and small-unnamed creeks form as natural drainage. In Aborlan, there are four major rivers namely: Iraan and Aborlan Rivers both drain into the Sulu Sea and Apurawan and Culandanum Rivers both drain into South China Sea. AborlanRiver passes through barangays of Magbabadil and Cabigaan. Two major tributaries, the Barake River at Barangay Barake and Talakaigan River at Barangay Cabigaan converged at Barangay Magbabadil and form the Aborlan River. Likewise, tributaries namely: Sagpangan and Ibato Rivers connect and form the Iraan River at Barangay Sagpangan and passes through Barangay Iraan. The Aborlan and Iraan Rivers converge together at the coast of Barangay Poblacion. This situation is proven disastrous especially during the occurrence of strong typhoons that cause flooding. This is a serious drainage problem because Barangay Poblacion is designated as an area of institutional and commercial establishments. Likewise, Apurawan and Culandanum Rivers originated from Mt. Aborlan and passes through Barangay Apurawan and Culandanum before draining into the South China Sea. Map 10 presents the river system of the municipality. These facts were all written in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan of Aborlan for CY 2012-2022.

III. Objectives of Classification

The main objective of water body classification is to maintain the body of water in a safe and satisfactory condition according to its best usage. The secondary objectives are as follows:

 \bullet To determine the present quality of water body in relation to DENR's water quality criteria;

 \bullet To determine the actual best usage potential and dominant water utilization of the water body;

✤ To establish classification of water body as an important component in the water quality management and as a guide in the enforcement of general effluent standards as provided by the DENR AO 08 series of 2016; and

 \bullet To maintain the minimum condition necessary to assure the suitability of the water for its designated use or classification

CLASSIFICATION	INTENDED BENEFICIAL USE
Class AA	Public Water Supply Class I – Intended primarily for waters having watersheds, which are uninhabited and/or otherwise declared as protected areas, and which require only approved disinfection to meet the latest PNSDW
Class A	Public Water Supply Class II – Intended as sources of water supply requiring conventional treatment (coagulation, sedimentations, filtration and disinfection) to meet the latest PNSDW
Class B	Recreational Water Class I – Intended for primary contact recreation (bathing, swimming, etc.)
Class C	 Fishery Water for the propagation and growth of fish and other aquatic resources Recreational Water Class II – For boating, fishing, or similar activities For agriculture, irrigation and livestock watering
Class D	Navigable waters

WATER BODY CLASSIFICATION AND USAGE OF FRESH SURFACE WATER

IV. Methodology

Methodology for classifying a water body was based on the provisions of Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 08 series of 2016 as the Water Quality Guidelines and General Effluent Standards of 2016. The process of classification was divided into six (6) phases namely:

- A. Ocular Inspection
- B. Establishment of sampling stations and collection of water samples
- C. Analysis and interpretation of data
- D. Conduct public hearing
- E. Submission of classification report
- F. Publication

The significant parameters for Aborlan River were selected based on the existing and potential sources of pollution found in the vicinity. The river was tested for its physical and chemical properties. A total of three (3) monitoring stations were established each representing the upstream, midstream and downstream part of the river.

Samples were collected using grab sampling method last March 15, June 25, August 28 and October 10 of CY 2018. Measurements for pH, temperature and dissolved oxygen (DO) were taken in-situ using the YSI multi-parameter water quality checker. Prior to transport, samples were maintained at low temperature by packing it with ice to maintain uniform temperature of 4°C before the laboratory analysis of total suspended solids (TSS), nitrates and phosphates. All methods used for analysis were based on the approved method of analyses set forth in EMB MC No. 012 series of 2016 or the "EMB Approved Methods of Analysis for Water and Wastewater."

Secondary data was acquired from local government unit and other national government agencies concern. Interviews with local residents, barangay officials and stakeholders were conducted to gather pertinent information on the actual and potential beneficial usage of Aborlan River. In-situ and laboratory results data were presented through public consultation. Final classification report will be submitted to EMB Central Office for final evaluation, approval and publication.

The three (3) established monitoring stations with its corresponding GPS coordinates are presented on the succeeding section. The coordinates were plotted using Google Earth to map the whole stretch of Aborlan River.

Station No.	Station Identification	GPS Coordinates North	GPS Coordinates East
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	9° 28' 18" N	118° 28' 09" E
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	9° 26' 51" N	118° 26' 41" E
3	Sitio (Downstream)	9° 25' 40" N	118° 33' 16" E

WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS



Google Earth Plot of the Established Monitoring Stations of Aborlan River

V. Results and Discussion

Parameters Monitored With Corresponding Analytical Data

The significant parameters for the water quality measurement of the water of Aborlan River are pH, dissolved oxygen, temperature, total suspended solids, nitrates and phosphates. The results of both in-situ and laboratory analyses conducted during the four (4) sampling periods are presented in the succeeding sections.

1. pH

In chemistry, pH is a measure of the acidity or basicity of an aqueous solution. It is an actual measurement of the potential activity of hydrogen ions in that solution. Pure water is said to be neutral, with a pH close to 7.0 at 25 °C. Solutions with a pH less than 7 are said to be acidic and solutions with a pH greater than 7 are basic or alkaline. A solution of a strong acid, such as hydrochloric acid, at concentration 1 mol/L has a pH of 0. A solution of a strong alkali, such as sodium hydroxide, at concentration 1 mol/L, has a pH of 14. Thus, measured pH values will lie mostly in the range 0 to 14. Since pH is a logarithmic scale, a difference of one pH unit is equivalent to a tenfold difference in hydrogen ion concentration. In other words, pH 6.0 is ten times more acidic than pH 7.0 and pH 5 is one hundred times more acidic than pH 7.0.

The pH of a body of water is affected by several factors. One of the most important factors is the bedrock and soil composition through which the water moves, both in its bed and as groundwater. Some rock types such as limestone can, to an extent, neutralize the acid while others, such as granite, have virtually no effect on pH. Another factor which affects the pH is the amount of plant growth and organic material within a body of water. When this material decomposes carbon dioxide is released. The carbon dioxide combines with water to form carbonic acid. Although this is a weak acid, large amounts of it will lower the pH. Dumping of chemicals into the water by individuals, industries, and communities would definitely affect the pH of a water body. Shampoo rinse water is actually a chemical brew and can affect the pH along with other chemical parameters of water. Many industrial processes require water of exact pH readings and thus add chemicals to change the pH to meet their needs. After use, this altered pH water is discharged as an effluent, either directly into a body of water or through the local sewage treatment plant. Acid precipitation that falls in the watershed is also another factor. Acid rain is caused by nitrogen oxides (NOx) and sulfur dioxide (SO₂) in the air combining with water vapor. These pollutants are primarily from automobile and coal-fired power plant emissions. Acid rain is responsible for many of our first order streams becoming acidic. Lastly, iron sulfide, a mineral found in and around coal seams, combines with water to form sulfuric acid is another great factor. Combined with the problem of acid rain, the pH of some stream waters can be drastically lowered.

Station No.	Station Identification	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	9.09	7.37	7.70	8.5
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	9.2	7.4	7.58	8.22
3	Poblacion(Downstrea m)	8.22	7.53	8.20	7.94
	Overall	8.84	7.43	7.83	8.22

2. Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

Oxygen saturation or dissolved oxygen (DO) in the environment generally refers to amount of oxygen that is dissolved or carried in the soil or water body. It can be measured with a dissolved oxygen probe such as an oxygen sensor or an opt ode in water. DO is measured either in milligrams per liter (mg/L) or "percent saturation." Milligrams per liter is the amount of oxygen in a liter of water. Percent saturation is the amount of oxygen in a liter of water relative to the total amount of oxygen that the water can hold at that temperature.

The physical factors that influence DO are temperature, altitude, salinity, and stream structure. Temperature inversely controls the solubility of oxygen in water. As temperature increases, oxygen is less soluble. In contrast, there is a direct relationship between atmospheric pressure and DO. As the pressure increases due to weather or elevation changes, oxygen solubility increases. Salinity also reduces the solubility of oxygen in water. Stream structure also influences DO concentrations. Atmospheric oxygen becomes mixed into a stream at turbulent, shallow riffles, resulting in increased DO levels. Because there is less surface interaction between water and air in slow-moving water and deep sections of a stream, DO concentrations often decrease between surface and bottom measurement.

Adequate dissolved oxygen is necessary for good water quality. Oxygen is a necessary element to all forms of life. Natural stream purification processes require adequate oxygen levels in order to provide for aerobic life forms. As dissolved oxygen levels in water drop below 5.0 mg/l, aquatic life is put under stress. The lower the concentration, the greater the stress. Oxygen levels that remain below 1-2 mg/l for a few hours can result in large fish kills.

Total dissolved gas concentrations in water should not exceed 110 percent. Concentrations above this level can be harmful to aquatic life. Fish in waters containing excessive dissolved gases may suffer from "gas bubble disease". However, this is a very rare occurrence. The bubbles or emboli block the flow of blood through blood vessels causing death. External bubbles (emphysema) can also occur and be seen on fins, on skin and on other tissue. Aquatic invertebrates are also affected by gas bubble disease but at levels higher than those lethal to fish.

Station No.	Station Identification	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	13.97	7.93	8.08	7.7
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	9.81	7.11	7.16	6.92
3	Poblacion(Downstrea m)	5.88	7.8	5.9	5.95
	Overall	9.89	7.61	7.05	6.86

Table 2: Results for Dissolved Oxygen, mg/L

3. Temperature

The most common physical assessment of water quality is the measurement of temperature. Temperature impacts both the chemical and biological characteristics of surface water. It affects the dissolved oxygen level in the water, photosynthesis of aquatic plants, metabolic rates of aquatic organisms, and the sensitivity of these organisms to pollution, parasites and disease.

Thermal pollution is the introduction of water that is warmer than the body of water into which it flows. It generally occurs near power plants. In other non-industrial areas, urban runoff is the main source of thermal pollution. This is water that has been heated as it flowed over parking lots, streets and sidewalks. Plowing near streams or the removal of the forest canopy during construction also contributes to thermal pollution by decreasing shade, thereby increasing solar heating of the

water's surface. In addition to increasing the amount of solar radiation reaching the water's surface, removal of vegetation near streams often results in increased erosion and increased amounts of sediments in the water. The sediments absorb heat from sunlight rather than reflect it. This heats the water further. Warm water is less capable of holding dissolved oxygen. For this reason, temperature should be measured at the same place within the stream at which dissolved oxygen is measured. This allows the correlation between the two parameters to be observed.

The problem of low dissolved oxygen levels is magnified by the fact that the metabolic rates of aquatic plants increase as water temperature rises, thus increasing their biochemical oxygen demand. Low dissolved oxygen levels leave aquatic organisms in a weakened physical state and more susceptible to disease, parasites, and other pollutants.

Station No.	Station Identification	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	28.19	25.94	27.96	24.75
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	23.5	27.25	28.91	26.29
3	Poblacion(Downstrea m)	29.79	27.57	29.33	26.29
	Overall	27.16	26.92	28.73	25.78

Table 3: Results for Temperature, •C

4. Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

Total Suspended Solids (TSS) is a measure of concentration of all suspended particles obtained by separating these particles from a water sample using a filter. However, TSS cannot pass through a sieve of two micrometers and yet are indefinitely suspended in solution.

Suspended solids can result from erosion from urban runoff and agricultural land, industrial wastes, bank erosion, bottom feeders, algae growth or wastewater discharges. As levels of TSS increase, a water body begins to lose its ability to support a diversity of aquatic life. Suspended solids absorb heat from sunlight, which increases water temperature and subsequently decreases levels of dissolved oxygen (warmer water holds less oxygen than cooler water). Some cold water species, such as trout and stoneflies, are especially sensitive to changes in dissolved oxygen. Photosynthesis also decreases, since less light penetrates the water. As less oxygen is produced by plants and algae, there is a further drop in dissolved oxygen levels.

TSS can also destroy fish habitat because suspended solids settle to the bottom and can eventually blanket the river bed. Suspended solids can smother the eggs of fish and aquatic insects, and can suffocate newly-hatched insect larvae. Suspended solids can also harm fish directly by clogging gills, reducing growth rates, and lowering resistance to disease. Changes to the aquatic environment may result in a diminished food sources, and increased difficulties in finding food. Natural movements and migrations of aquatic populations may be disrupted.

Station No.	Station Identification	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	<1	4	< 1	16
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	<1	11	< 1	29
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	61	14	< 1	6
	Overall	21	10	< 1	17

Table 4: Results for Total Suspended Solids, mg/L

5. Nitrate

Nitrogen is abundant on earth, making up about 80% of our air as N_2 gas. Most plants cannot use it in this form. However, blue-green algae and legumes have the ability to convert N_2 gas into nitrate (NO_3^-), which can be used by plants. Plants use nitrate to build protein, and animals that eat plants also use organic nitrogen to build protein. When plants and animals die or excrete waste, this nitrogen is released into the environment as NH_4^+ (ammonium). This ammonium is eventually oxidized by bacteria into nitrite (NO_2^-) and then into nitrate. In this form it is relatively common in freshwater aquatic ecosystems. Nitrate thus enters streams from natural sources like decomposing plants and animal waste as well as human sources like sewage or fertilizer.

Nitrate is measured in mg/L. Natural levels of nitrate are usually less than 1 mg/L. Concentrations over 10 mg/L will have an effect on the freshwater aquatic environment. For a sensitive fish such as salmon the recommended concentration is

0.06 mg/L. Water with low dissolved oxygen may slow the rate at which ammonium is converted to nitrite (NO_2^{-}) and finally nitrate (NO_3^{-}) . Nitrite and ammonium are far more toxic than nitrate to aquatic life.

Station No.	Station Identification	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	<0.010	0.07	0.13	0.05
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	<0.010	0.11	0.26	0.22
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	< 0.010	0.11	0.17	0.2
	Overall	< 0.010	0.10	0.19	0.16

Table 5: Results for Nitrates, mg/L

6. Phosphate

Phosphorus in small quantities is essential for plant growth and metabolic reactions in animals and plants. It is the nutrient in shortest supply in most fresh waters, with even small amounts causing significant plant growth and having a large effect on the aquatic ecosystem. Phosphate-induced algal blooms may initially increase dissolved oxygen via photosynthesis, but after these blooms die more oxygen is consumed by bacteria aiding their decomposition.

This may cause a change in the types of plants which live in an ecosystem. Sources of phosphate include animal wastes, sewage, detergent, fertilizer, disturbed land, and road salts used in the winter. Phosphates do not pose a human or health risk except in very high concentrations. It is measured in mg/L. Larger streams may react to phosphate only at levels approaching 0.1 mg/L, while small streams may react to levels of PO_4^{-3} at levels of 0.01 mg/L or less. In general, concentrations over 0.05 will likely have an impact while concentrations greater than 0.1 mg/L will certainly have impact on a river.

Station No.	Station Identification	2nd	3rd	4th
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007
	Overall	< 0.007	< 0.007	< 0.007

Table 6: Results of Phosphates, mg/L

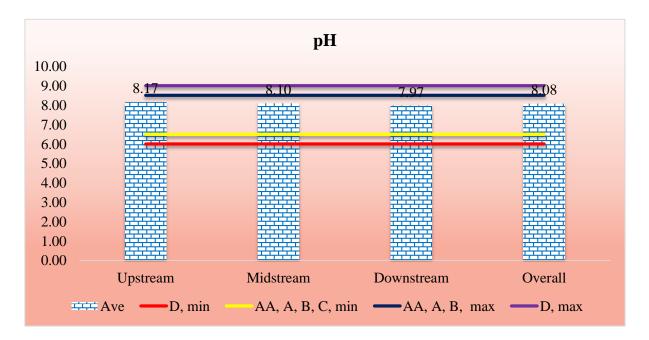
VI. Assessment of Results

The results of all the conducted physico – chemical analyses were consolidated and assessed. The average values of the four monitoring periods were compared to the 2016 Water Quality Guidelines as stipulated in the DAO 08 series of 2016. The assessment of each determined parameter is discussed in the succeeding sections.

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Table 7: pH

Station Number	Station Identification	Average	Water Quality Guidelines DAO 08 s. 2016				
			AA	Α	B	С	D
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	8.17					
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	8.10	6.5 –	6.5 –	6.5 –	6.5 –	6.0
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	7.97	8.5	8.5	8.5	9.0	9.0
	Overall	8.08					



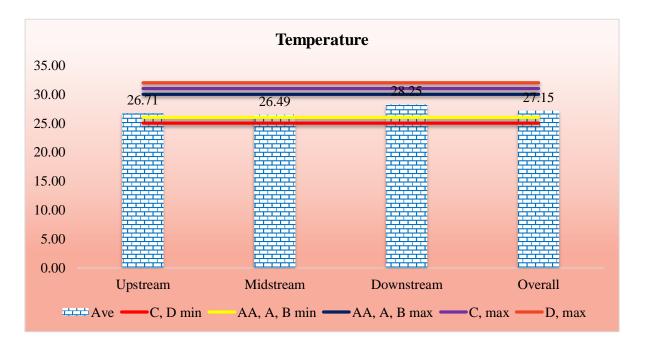
The optimum pH for river water is around 7.4. Acid rain causes the increase in the acidity of river. Extremes in pH can make a river inhospitable to life. Low pH is especially harmful to immature fish and insects. Acidic water also speeds the leaching of heavy metals harmful to fish.

The river has an average of 8.08 pH units. This value is higher than optimum pH for rivers and must be carefully monitored. There are no mining activities in the river. Based on the graph, the river is still within the acceptable range of water quality guidelines set forth by the DENR through DAO 2016-08 in all the five classifications of fresh surface waters.

Temperature

Table 8: Temperature, °C

Station Number	Station Identification	Average	V	-	uality () O 08 s. 2	Guideline 2016	es
			AA	Α	В	С	D
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	26.71	26 –	26 –	26 –	25 –	25 -
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	26.49	30	30	30	31	32
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	28.25					
	Overall	27.15					



Temperature impacts the rates of metabolism and growth of aquatic organisms, rate of plants' photosynthesis, solubility of oxygen in river water and organisms' sensitivity to disease, parasites and toxic materials. At a higher temperature, plants grow and die faster, leaving behind matter that requires oxygen for decomposition.

Based on the above graph, the river has an average temperature of 27.15 °C. Therefore, the river is still within the acceptable range of water quality guidelines set forth by the DENR through DAO 2016-08 in all the five classifications of fresh surface waters.

Dissolved Oxygen

Station Number	Station Identification	Average	V	uideline 2016	S		
			AA	Α	B	С	D
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	9.42					
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	7.75	5	5	5	5	2
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	6.38					
	Overall	7.85					

Table 9: DO, mg/L

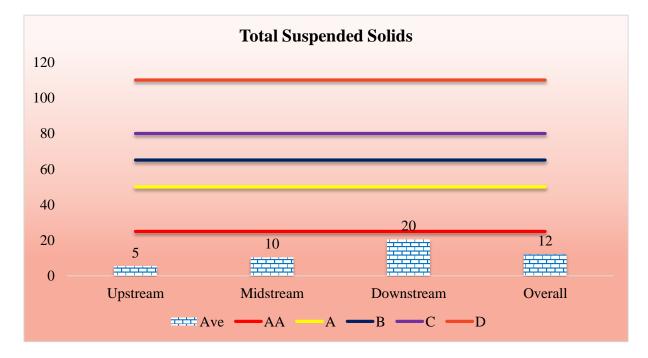
Adequate supply of dissolved oxygen gas is essential for the survival of aquatic organisms. A deficiency in this area is a sign of an unhealthy river. There are a variety of factors affecting levels of dissolved oxygen. The atmosphere is a major source of dissolved oxygen in river water. Waves and tumbling water mix atmospheric oxygen with river water. Oxygen is also produced by rooted aquatic plants and algae as a product of photosynthesis.

Based on the graph the average DO is 7.85 mg/L. The river passed the minimum DO requirement set for all five classifications. These water quality guidelines for DO are set forth in the DENR AO 2016-08.

Total Suspended Solids

Table 10: TSS, mg/L

Station Number	Station Identification	Average	Water Quality Guidelines DAO 08 s. 2016				
			AA	A	В	C	D
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	5					
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	10	25	50	65	80	110
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	20					
	Overall	12					



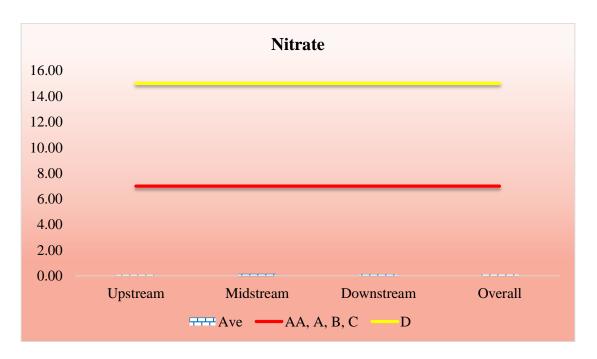
The transport of sediment is a natural function of rivers. Modification of the landscape has accelerated the rate of soil into waterways. Elevated suspended particles have many impacts including making rivers look muddy, affecting aesthetics and swimming. Sediment carries nutrients, pesticides and other chemicals into the river that may impact fish and wildlife species. Sedimentation can restrict the areas where fish spawn, limit biological diversity and keep river water cloudy, reducing potential for the growth of healthy aquatic plants.

The average TSS for the whole river is 12 mg/L. Based on the water quality guidelines, the river passed the maximum limit for TSS concentration in all of the water body classification categories.

Nitrates

Station Number			Water Quality Guidelines DAO 08 s. 2016				
			AA	Α	B	С	D
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	0.06					
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	0.15	7	7	7	7	15
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	0.12					
	Overall	0.11					

Table 11: NO₃, mg/L



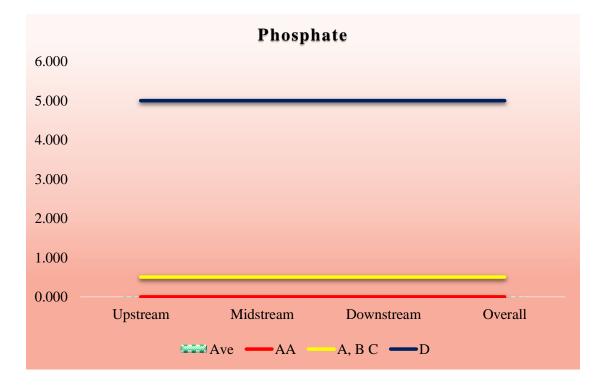
Unlike temperature and dissolved oxygen, the presence of normal levels of nitrates usually does not have a direct effect on aquatic insects or fish. However excess levels of nitrates in water can create conditions that make it difficult for aquatic insects or fish to survive. Algae and other plants use nitrates as a source of food.

Based on the graph presented, the levels of nitrates are way below the maximum set limit for all the classes of fresh surface waters. The average nitrates level of Aborlan River is 0.11 mg/L.

Phosphates

Table	<i>12</i> :	PO ₄ ,	mg/L
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Station Number	Station Identification	Average	Water Quality Guidelines DAO 08 s. 2016				
			AA	Α	B	С	D
1	Cabigaan (Upstream)	< 0.007					
2	Magbabadil (Midstream)	< 0.007	<0.003	0.5	0.5	0.5	5
3	Poblacion(Downstream)	< 0.007	<0.005	0.5	0.5	0.5	5
	Overall	< 0.007					



Phosphates are essential for the growth of plants and animals but human activities have altered its natural cycle. The main sources are drainage from farmland particularly fertilizer and manure runoff and sewage effluent which contains dishwashing detergents, food and drink additives. Phosphate levels above 0.03 mg/L can encourage growth of algae in aquatic systems. High levels of phosphate can lead to overgrowth of plants, increased bacterial activity and decreased oxygen levels.

Based on the graph, the average phosphate concentration of Aborlan River is <0.007 mg/L. This is a value below the maximum limits for all classes of freshwater. Therefore the river is still within the allowable range of phosphates in freshwaters.

VII. Recommendations

Results of water quality monitoring and all the data collected were presented to the public to solicit their opinion for the best usage of the waters of Aborlan River. The said public hearing was conducted at the Municipal Hall of Aborlan, Palawan last 28 November 2018. The attendees were composed of the members of the local government units, and staffs of MENRO.

Given these facts and supported by the results of the water quality monitoring performed, the proposed waterbody classification for upstream and midstream is B and for the downstream is Class C. According to staffs of MENRO Aborlan has other source of water supply which is Talakaigan and Culandanum waterfalls. The upstream of the river is relatively dry during summer season. Local residents assured that there are no mining activities along or near the river. According to the Barangay Chairperson of Barangay Poblacion, the downstream part of the river serves as docking area for boats. Furthermore, the LGUs proposed a project on River Cruise and Firefly watching along Aborlan River.

And after carefully analyzing the results of the discussions, agreed to the assign a lower classification in the meantime. This is to give them time to look for mitigating measures in order to come up with a good river management and in consideration for the future plans for the river. Therefore, the proposed classification for the different parts of the river are as follows: **Class B** for the Brgy. Cabigaan (upstream) and Brgy. Magbabadil (midstream), and **Class C** for Brgy. Poblacion (downstream).

As stipulated in the new DENR AO 08 series of 2016, Fresh Surface Water classified as **Class B** Recreational Water Class I – Intended for primary contact recreation (bathing, swimming, etc.). **Class C** is intended for the following: (1) Fishery Water for the propagation and growth of fish and other aquatic resources, (2) Recreational Water Class II – for boating, fishing or similar activities; and (3) For agriculture, irrigation and livestock watering

Therefore, information, education and communication (IEC) campaign should be implemented by Environmental Management Bureau – MIMAROPA, to disseminate the results and findings of the sampling activities among the Local Government units (LGUs), Non-Governmental Organization (NGOs) and the concerned local communities. This is to make them aware of the situation and identify for themselves the necessary steps/actions in achieving a sustainable river management for Aborlan River with the assistance from Environmental Management Bureau – MIMAROPA Regional Office. Additionally, the local government is recommended to control the sand and gravel activities along the river. In this way, the sustainability of the ecosystem of the river will be attainable without sacrificing the needs and economic growth of the locality.

VIII. Annexes and Attachments

- 1. Photo Documentation of Activities
- 2. Laboratory Results of Water Sampling
- 3. Field Data of Water Sampling
- 4. Minutes of Public Hearing
- 5. Attendance Sheet of Public Hearing

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WATER QUALITY MONITORING FIELD DATA FORM

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Turbidity, NTU	7.5	21.3	29.5			

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