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FOREST CONSERVATION INITIATIVES IN PALAWAN

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USAID PHILIPPINES CDCS GOAL 2020 - 2024: A WELL-GOVERNED AND MORE SELF-RELIANT INDO-PACIFIC PARTNER

DO 1 Democratic Governance Strengthened

IR 1.1 Civic Engagement Increased

- 1.1.1 Civic advocacy for better public services bolstered
- 1.1.2 Integrity of electoral process strengthened

IR 1.2 Public Transparency and Accountability Improved

- 1.2.1 Civil society oversight bolstered
- 1.2.2 Access to information expanded
- 1.2.3 Media independence and capacity strengthened

IR 1.3 Rule of Law Advanced

- 1.3.1 Public support for citizens' rights increased
- 1.3.2 Access to justice for marginalized and/or vulnerable groups enhanced
- 1.3.3 Domestic trafficking in persons reduced

IR 1.4 More Responsive Local Governance

- 1.4.1 Decentralization enabling environment strengthened
- 1.4.2 Local service delivery enhanced
- 1.4.3 Stakeholder participation in key local bodies expanded
- 1.4.4 Data-based decision-making improved

DO 2 Inclusive, Market-Driven Growth Expanded

IR 2.1 Regulatory Quality Improved

- 2.1.1 Enabling environment for open, fair, and competitive trade and investment strengthened
- 2.1.2 Enabling environment for infrastructure development improved
- 2.1.3 Enabling environment for basic service delivery improved
- 2.1.4 Enabling environment for the digital economy strengthened

IR 2.2 Government Capacity to Finance Self-Reliance Increased

- 2.2.1 Domestic public resource mobilization increased
- 2.2.2 Public financial management strengthened

IR 2.3 Human Capital Development Improved

- 2.3.1 Priority health outcomes improved
- 2.3.2 Education systems strengthened
- 2.3.3 Science, technology and innovation capacity strengthened

IR 2.4 Private Sector-led Growth Promoted

- 2.4.1 Private enterprise development improved
- 2.4.2 Private sector service delivery increased

DO 3 Environmental and Community Resilience Enhanced

IR 3.1 Advanced Energy Sector and Markets Expanded

- 3.1.1 Performance of energy utilities improved
- 3.1.2 Deployment of advanced energy system increased
- 3.1.3 Energy procurement process enhanced

IR 3.2 Sustainable Use of Natural Resources Strengthened

- 3.2.1 Conservation of biologically diverse areas advanced
- 3.2.2 Management of water resources for service delivery sustained
- 3.2.3 Private Sector financial models for sustainable resource management accelerated

IR 3.3 Response to Transnational Threats Strengthened

- 3.3.1 Institutional systems to combat environmental crimes improved
- 3.3.2 Social connectedness increased
- 3.3.3 Capacity to detect and control infectious diseases strengthened

IR 3.4 Capacity to Mitigate Risks of and Respond to Disaster Strengthened

- 3.4.1 Preparedness for disaster and climate stresses improved
- 3.4.2 Urban resilience improved
- 3.4.3 Delivery of humanitarian assistance improved

Cross-cutting Themes: Increased Private Sector Engagement, Enhanced Gender and Social Inclusion, Civil Society Strengthened

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IR 3.1 - focuses on ENERGY SECTOR

IR 3.2 - focuses on SUSTAINABLE NATURAL RESOURCE USE

IR 3.3 - focuses on COUNTERING ENVIRONMENTAL THREATS

IR 3.4 - focuses on DISASTER AND CLIMATE RISKS MITIGATION

WHERE ARE WE?

- CCBO
- FishRight
- Safe Water
- SURGE
- SIBOL
- Protect Wildlife



Summary

No. of On-going Environmental Projects in Palawan	6
No. of LGUs covered	15 LGUs
List of PAs & OECMs covered	<p>5 nationally-managed PAs; 1 Forest Reserve; 10 LGU managed PAs</p> <p>Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscapes; Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, El-Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Park, Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Ursula Island Game Refuge, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park Calamianes Island MPA Network (9 MPAs), Cleopatra Needle Critical Habitat/Forest Reserve</p>
List of Watersheds Covered	Puerto Princesa City, Irawan, Montible, Lake Manguao, Narra, Aborlan



FOREST CONSERVATION RELATED INITIATIVES

I. Protect Wildlife

Project Duration	June 2016 - June 2021
Project Sites	Palawan , Zamboanga City-Sulu Archipelago, General Santos, Sarangani, South Cotabato, Central Luzon with selected sites in Aurora, N. Ecija and Bataan
Objective	Reduce threats to Philippine biodiversity, such as poaching and the illegal trade of wildlife and wildlife products, and improve ecosystem goods and services
Accomplishments to Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Improved management planning competencies of PAMB, LGUs and CSOs● Improved enforcement capacities● Improved capacities of Universities to undertake conservation researches and enhancing curriculum● Improved foundational knowledge of key stakeholders

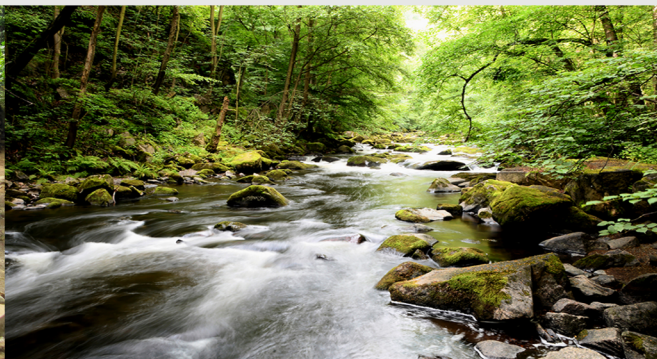
2. Philippines Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes Activity or SIBOL

Project Duration	June 2020 - June 2025
Project Sites	(1) Masinloc and Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape (Masinloc-Oyon Bay); (2) Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) and Cleopatra's Needle Forest Reserve (Cleopatra's Needle) ; (3) Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) ; and (4) Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (Siargao Island)
Objective	To strengthen natural resource security and good governance grounded on cutting-edge science, coordinated and inclusive governance strategies, and powerful economic incentives to protect both biodiversity and communities in and around the targeted terrestrial and marine ecosystems
Strategic Approaches	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Strengthening science-driven decision making2. Improving economic incentives3. Strengthening enforcement



3. Safe Water Project

Project Duration	December 2019 - November 2024
Project Sites	Palawan , Negros Occidental and Sarangani Provinces
Objective	Local government units (LGUs), water service providers (WSPs), and watershed councils (WCs) in the selected areas will have the information, incentives, and partnerships to identify and address barriers to a water-secure future
Specific Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Increased access to resilient water supply and sanitation services2. Improved sustainable management of water resources; and3. Strengthened water sector governance.



Recommendations to Improve Forest Management in Palawan



Further improve planning, zoning and monitoring systems

Strengthen inter-agency collaboration

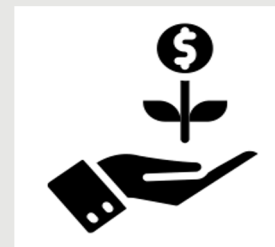


Private sector engagement



Capacity building for law enforcement & forest protection

Awareness raising



Promote & support BD-friendly enterprises

Empower local stakeholders



COLLABORATION PATHWAYS for SUSTAINABILITY





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