

## [INVITATION] Virtual Ceremonial Launch of the Biodiversity Corridor Project - 4 June 2021

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In commemoration of the World Environment Day 2021,

**UNDP Philippines** invites you to join the



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) — Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), with support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is launching the "Integrated Approach in the Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines" Project or otherwise known as the BD Corridor Project on Friday, 4 June 2021, from 3:00PM — 4:00PM.

With more than 7,100 islands, the Philippines ranks as the world's second-largest archipelagic country. Its total land area of around 300,000km2 is home to more than 1,130 terrestrial wildlife species, with almost half of it are endemic to the country. In terms of flora, the Philippines also serves one of the world's primary ecological hubs as it currently maintains five percent of the world's plant species, with more than half of the 10,000 to 15,000 species of vascular and non-vascular plants can be only found in the country. However, the Philippines ranks among the top ten countries globally with the most number of species threatened with extinction due to various threats. Key threats to natural resources management and biodiversity of the country are: loss and degradation of natural habitat; unsustainable resource use practices; pollution; invasive alien species; and climate change.

Approved by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) in 2020, the BD Corridor's primary objective is to operationalize the integrated management of biodiversity corridors to generate multiple benefits, including the effective conservation of globally threatened species and high conservation value forests, the reduction of deforestation and degradation, and the enhancement of local biodiversity-friendly livelihoods. Further, it is designed to address the increasing degradation of wetland habitats caused by deforestation and conversion to agricultural lands, expanding infrastructure development, pollution, invasive alien species (IAS) and climate change.

## **Integrated Approach in Management of Major Bioidversity Corridors in the Philippines**

A Virtual Ceremonial Launch Platform: ZOOM Date: Friday, 4 June 2021 Time: 3:00PM – 4:00PM

Time	
3:00PM	Welcome Message
	Secretary Roy Cimatu, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
	Dr. Selva Ramachandran, Resident Representative, United Nations Development Programme in the Philippines
03:15PM	Program run-down by program host
03:17PM	"Integrated Approach in the Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines" Project video presentation
03:30PM	Messages from the Partners
	Mr. Edilberto DC. Leonardo, Undersecretary for Special Concerns, DENR; OIC Director, DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau, National Project Director, BD Corridor Project
	Mr. Allen A. Capuyan, Chairperson, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)
	Ms. Sonia M. Salguero, OIC Director, Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Soils and Water Management (DA-BSWM)
03:55PM	Closing Message Undersecretary Analiza Teh, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

This virtual ceremonial launch is by-invitation only and will require prior registration.

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