



# BLUE ALLIANCE

Oriental Mindoro MPA Network, Inc.

## Progress Report January to June 2022

### 1. Brief Introduction

Blue Alliance (BA) is an NGO assisting the municipalities of Baco, San Teodoro, Puerto Galera and the City of Calapan in the day-to-day co-management of the Marine Protected Areas since 2021. This collaboration is formalised through the co-management agreements signed respectively on November 17, 2020 with Baco, on April 1, 2020 with ST, on March 15, 2021 with PG and on November 17, 2020 with the City of Calapan.

On behalf of LGUs, Blue Alliance's primary objective is to ensure effective co-management of the Locally-managed Marine Protected Areas (LMMPAs) and to empower local communities. BA works on four-pronged pillars of activities which include (i) Community Development & Engagement, (ii) Biodiversity Conservation & Science, (iii) Sustainable Revenues, Management & Infrastructure, and (iv) Law Compliance.

As described in the co-management agreements, activities are guided by the Stakeholder Advisory SAC (SAC), with a multi-disciplinary composition providing policy guidance to BA programs and activities. Major tasks of SAC include reviewing and approving the Annual Work Plan and monitoring the progress of implementation. The July 2021-July 2022 Annual Work Plan was approved by SAC members in July 2021 and the progress report was sent in March 2022.

To provide more in-depth understanding, and to keep SAC members abreast of the on-the-ground continuing implementation, this progress report covering the period January to June 2022 is presented.

### 2. Implementation Updates

#### 2.1 Biodiversity Conservation.

##### MPA Works

Blue Alliance continue working with 9 MPAs across LGUs of Baco, San Teodoro, Calapan and Puerto Galera. These MPAs are:

- i) Baco Marine Protected Area (Baco)
- ii) Tamauyan Reef Fish Sanctuary (San Teodoro)
- iii) Punta Ilag (San Teodoro)

- iv) Puerto Galera MPA (Puerto Galera)
- v) Puerto Galera Mangrove Conservation and Ecotourism Area – Puerto Galera
- vi) Salong-Calero Seagrass and Coral Reefs MPA (Calapan)
- vii) Silonay Mangrove Conservation and Eco Park –(Calapan)
- viii) Harka Piloto Fsih Sanctuary– (Calapan)
- ix) Mahal na Pangalan Marine Park – (Calapan)

In working with these MPAs, Blue Alliance consequently established collaboration and partnership with the Peoples’ Organizations and Management Councils of each MPA including the respective Barangay Local Government Units (BLGUs). It is in this sense that BA supports Peoples’ Organization strengthening based on the notion that PO governance capacity is directly correlated with MPA performance.

Biophysical Assessments employing Citizen Science 50 (CT5), a new and innovative method of research, were conducted in all MPAs from March 11 to 29, 2022. The method includes assessing inside and outside the MPA for comparative analysis. BA tapped the expertise of the Mindoro State University (MinSU) to lead the reef, seagrass, and mangrove assessments. BA in-house expert did the study on fish. While, it is true that these sites were assessed regularly using the Reef Check method, the data sets generated from CT5 will help broaden the analysis of both research results which can translate to better management planning which BA will be facilitating towards the first quarter next year across its’ project sites.

BA will also step up its efforts using the acquired data sets from the assessment towards formulating MPA Management Plans which will serve as the blueprint of management interventions. It is viewed that the MPA Management plan would jumpstart the formulation of the Coastal Resource Management Plan by the LGUs.

The cooperation between Blue Alliance and MinSU will be soon amplified thru a formal Memorandum of Scientific Cooperation entered into by the parties. In parallel, MinSU is underway establishing a Marine Science Institute and it is foreseen that BA will be attached to the institute on some related scientific endeavors.

### **Mitigating Crown of Thorns (COT) outbreak**

The presence of the Crown of Thorns in Puerto Galera was observed sometime in November 2021 by the fisherfolks. It was later determined that ratio and proportion of COTs is already an outbreak. Blue Alliance started assisting LGU-Puerto Galera in February 2022 via the Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO), the Peoples’ Initiatives & the PG Divers’ Association (PGDDRA) with the COTS elimination programme. BA and PG-MAO came up with a report on all efforts on a regular basis containing (i) the number of COTS collected (which depends on the number of volunteers) and (ii) Catch per Unit Effort (which indicates changes in the abundance of COTS).

Intervention results changed positively over time. In June, the crown of thorns invasion was still ongoing, but they were no match for the resilient reefs that are still thriving despite the imbalance. However, the numbers of COTs collected seem to be decreasing across all sites. The team of

fisherfolk's dedication and tenacity is inspiring. They expertly pick up three to four COTs at a time as they quickly fill the buckets towed behind them with smiles on their faces. The hardworking task force deserves special congratulations for their enduring optimism.

Last July, the crown of thorns invasion is persisting but is significantly more controlled than the previous months. The number of COTs has reduced with consistent collection around San Antonio and Batangas Channel. To monitor the extent of the invasion, the Puerto Galera COTs Warriors have worked with Blue Alliance to develop a monthly monitoring protocol. The fishermen split into groups and survey five random sites for 10 minutes along a 2km stretch of coastline as they record the number of COTs they collect. This helps the fishermen direct their collection efforts to the most problematic locations of the outbreak and discover new areas of concern. Frequent COT collection is still to be done until the outbreak is completely controlled. The team is dedicated to protecting and preserving the reefs, regardless of how long it takes to curtail the COT invasion.

Total COTs collected is 27,816 at 4,387 hours.

## **2.2 Surveillance and Compliance**

Law compliance stands as one of the BA's flagship programs. This is based on the notion that the prevailing destruction around the region is massive, thus, the need for enforcement should be strategic and intensified.

BA immediate response is to provide logistical support for the existing Bantay Dagat in the forms of fuel subsidy for monitoring, surveillance, and patrolling; basic equipment such as flashlights, raincoats, booties, uniforms, binoculars, megaphones, etc, and fuel subsidy. (distribution underway) Towards this end, BA is also facilitating signages and demarcation markers including purchasing of "state-of-the-art" patrol or speed boat.

Conversely, the Bantay Dagat and the MPA Management Council dictate the functionality of the MPA. As such, BA initiated attendance at BD Meetings to discuss challenges faced, recommendations or mitigating actions, and more importantly, the lessons learned derived from specific actions.

Sometime in June 2022, employing in-house expertise in collaboration with CRM Coordinators, Blue Alliance conducted a refresher course to selected Bantay Dagat and Blue Alliance Key Ocean Defenders (BAKOD Members) from across its project sites. The training module developed by the Conservation International -Philippines "Gabay sa Pagpapatrolya or Enforcement Guide" was the reference material in providing a refresher orientation to BDs and BAKOD.

BAKOD or the Blue Alliance Key Ocean Defender is an enforcement team created by Blue Alliance to work collectively with the Bantay Dagat. The immediate objective of creating BAKOD is to complement the existing BD enforcement activities. BAKOD serves as a core group for piloting the professionalization of enforcement function with the end view of upscaling the initiatives to BD full local structures. Intensification of enforcement for BD means (i) purchasing the speed boat, synchronizing enforcement from Calapan – Puerto Galera thru forging a

partnership with PNP-Maritime, BFAR, and the Coast Guards, and (iii) capacitating the enforcement thru advance BD training and direct exposures (iv) use of digital platforms such as the SMART Apps and other forms – all BDs should have access to this app (v) enhancing the enforcement plans.

In some areas, the BAKOD + BA incentivized BDs serving as an internal Monitoring Team to ensure the functionality of the Bantay Dagat and check irregularity, if any.

Moreover, with the plan to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the enforcement across Calapan-Baco-San Teodoro and Puerto Galera, Blue Alliance tapped International Experts to assess the situation to come up with a workable and practical recommendation. Finally, BA is formalizing MOAs with a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine National Police Maritime MIMAROPA region to strengthen enforcement and compliance.

## **2.3 Management and Infrastructure**

The Stakeholders Advisory SAC (SAC) was created by Blue Finance to help the Blue Alliance operate and implement MPA-related projects by providing advice, views, guidance, and recommendation from a variety of informed perspectives from the members. Composition and membership of SAC reflect diverse experiences, geographical and political settings (per intervention-area municipality), and, the field of interest and relevance to BA's work. With a multi-sectoral or inter-disciplinary structure, SAC serves as the project oversight body.

On December 16, 2021, the Blue Alliance and Provincial Government of Mindoro thru the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize a partnership for the implementation of Blue Alliance programs and projects in Oriental Mindoro.

SAC composition includes the (i) Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR) Region 4-B, Representative of DoT R 4-B, Academic institution represented by MinSU, Office of the Provincial Governor, Office of the Provincial PENRO, Representative from DA-BFAR.

For Calapan, San Teodoro, and Baco, the first Annual BA Board of Trustees Meeting on March 21, 2022, at Provincial Government Hall where the majority of the members were in attendance. Blue Finance CEO Nicolas Pascal presented the programs and thrusts of Blue Finance and Blue Alliance with Alain Maulion supporting. The Work and Financial Plan was presented jointly by Alain Maulion and Bonifacio Tobias. The members raised queries regarding implementation schemes and asked for some details which were given clarity by Alain and Bon. In this meeting, the Work and Financial Plan covering the period April to June 2022 was approved.

A separate Stakeholders Advisory SAC (SAC) was created in Puerto Galera in 2021. First SAC meeting was mobilized sometime in March 2022. The highlights of the meeting were on the Sea Sensorium project in PG, establishing communication and coordination lines between and among offices and the highlight was the approval of the Work and Financial Plan for April to June.

Centralized financial systems using the online application were established by Blue Alliance and Blue Finance. Strengthening of the system took place via online and paper-based methods. Admin and HR policies were updated as part of systems installation. It also involves tapping the local accounting firm Oliver Magdalita Vilan and Co., based in Calapan to facilitate compliance with the government requirements. OMV and Co. facilitated the transfer of registered address, along with other registrations and accreditation.

On human resources, BA was able to recruit a Science Manager last July 2022 in the person of Mr. Denmark Recamara from Mindanao. Additional manpower came in last June 2022 to co-lead ecotourism business development in the person of Mr. Christian Manalo from Puerto Galera. BA also plans to hire an Ecotourism Director in the coming days, and a company driver this coming September 2022.

Two operational offices in-place for BA. One is at Roxas, Drive, Lumang Bayan, Calapan and the other is in Poblacion, Puerto Galera.

A Work and Financial Plan covering the period August to December is prepared for approval of the Board of Trustees in its forthcoming meeting.

Moreover, BA was able to acquire some equipment such as vehicle, snorkel/dive equipment and office equipment.

With the reopening of frontiers, BA was able to receive visits from investors and donors. The investment plan for BA assets (vessels, equipment, ecotourism facilities) as well as Sea Sensorium is in progress.

## **2.4 Community Development, Education and Engagement**

In 2020, Blue Alliance was able to mobilize funding support from UNDP-BIOFIN for ecotourism development for its project partners across all the project sites. Ecotourism training with an emphasis on product designing, promotion, and marketing was concluded sometime last year. It aimed at developing PO partners as social enterprise entities and professional tour BAs. Consultant Noe Linesses served as the lead Resource Person for the training. Project monitoring and mentoring are still underway. This involves consultative meetings with PO as CBSTs and management planning including financial.

Another ecotourism activity that BA plans to pursue is the sea turtle conservation project with partner communities at the forefront of managing the nesting sites and operating the same for low-impact ecotourism. Coordination with the DENR- Biodiversity Management Bureau is underway. The training is hoped to be undertaken this November 2022.

On communication, BA produced a komic (in Filipino) depicting enforcement experiential stories on marine conservation in BA sites and the role of BA in co-managing the resources. This is now for printing and distribution.

Working with LGU is the overarching approach. As such, BA conducts monthly CRM Coordinators meetings involving representatives from Baco, San Teodoro, Calapan, and Puerto Galera. This serves as the avenue for updating and way forward perspectives.

Regarding intent to become a regular member of the Oriental Mindoro MPA Network, while it is viewed that composition and membership in the structure require approval of members en banc, BA is working closely with the MPA Cluster 1 composed of Baco, San Teodoro, Calapan and Puerto Galera. In this sense, BA will create an inter-LGU Bantay Dagat joint meeting to be represented by the BD officers. This will serve as the venue for sharing lessons learned, challenges, and a strategic enforcement planning system.

## **2.5 Revenue generation and visitor experience**

In partnership with Blueyou (a global organization creating innovative sustainable seafood solutions for a sustainable future), and Meliomar, a sustainable seafood company, conducted a series of consultations with the LGUs, fishpond owners and BAs, mangrove protected area managers, pre-feasibility and developed business plan for the establishment of community crab hatchery and nursery in Calapan.

To date, some external grant funding to start the project development phase has been secured. Blue Finance and Blue Alliance have initiated contractual discussions with the Blueyou, Meliomar and fishpond owners to launch the project in September 2022.

BA also assessed and identified ten (10) potential dive and snorkeling sites in Calapan. Business planning in progress now. In addition, BA also conducted preliminary assessment of potential investments in MPA tourism in Punta Ilag MPA, Puerto Galera Mangrove Conservation and Ecotourism Area (PGMACEA), Harka Piloto MPA, Mahal na Pangalan MPA and Silonay MPA.

LGU proposed a site for the digital museum in Puerto Galera “Sea Sensorium”. A lease agreement is being negotiated;

As part of communication strategy, BA established the presence in various social media platforms and published its first online newsletter “Blue Rise”;

## **3.0 Way forward Work Plan**

In strengthening the enforcement activities, BA will support the public consultation on Municipal Fishery Ordinances cum MPA ordinances across all intervention areas. This aimed at increasing the awareness of the community on the prohibitions set forth in the ordinances and the corresponding penalties. In parallel, BA will be supporting installation of demarcation markers and MPA signages to help make the community informed.

Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MEAT) is underway now and this leads to the formulation of the MPA Management Plan. With MEAT the eight areas of management were assessed namely (i) Management Body (ii) Management Plan (iii) Legal Instrument (iv)

Sustainable Financing (v) IEC and awareness raising (vi) Community Participation (vii) Monitoring and Evaluation (viii) Site Development Plan.

Anchored on the interest of BA, the MPA Management Plan should be updated to:

- a) Integrate the planned Ecotourism project of the MPA under the Sustainable Financing and Site Development Plan
- b) Awareness Raising to include the BlueRise and Blue Talks communication tools.
- c) Expansion and re-zoning of MPAs (Calapan, etc) requires amendment, thus, legal instrument component should be updated.
- d) Updating of MPA Management Body – other MPAs requires reconstituting the MPA Management Board / Council with clear roles and functions, composition and membership, among others.
- e) Making use of the Citizen Science Data and PO capacity assessment in related sections.

Support for enforcement is a BA continuing work. This is thru providing fuel and lubricants, purchase of vessels and regularizing seaborne and foot patrol. BA will train Bantay Dagat on SMART app for easy monitoring. In addition, BA already supported cleanup drives in the previous quarter. However, this is a priority activity of BA and LGU. Mitigating marine litter is BA's immediate thrust.

On ecotourism, BA is currently developing a full-blown business plan for Punta Ilag MPA, Harka Piloto MPA, Silonay and Baco MPA. Carrying capacity is a pre-requisite study that BA has to put in place. BA is also initiating an ongoing Business Planning for crab hatchery with Blueyou (technical / business / project development partner, and community mangrove projects).

#### **Other planned Key Result Areas (KRAs)**

##### **a) Employing Advanced Technology Assessments (ATA)**

The use of methodologies employing advanced technology allows for the rapid collection of data in a wider range of habitats. It complements the traditional methods (e.g. underwater fish visual census) which are limited by the available fish experts in the country to conduct the census. BA is planning to utilize Baited Remote Underwater Video (BRUV), FISH-I, and Environmental DNA (e-DNA) through a collaborative approach of local and international experts in the field. With these technologies in our reach, we can then detect the distribution of cryptic, invasive, rare, threatened, and large predatory species that are not observed during the conduct of traditional methods.

##### **b) Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MEAT)**

Management Effectiveness Assessment Tool (MEAT) is planned this August -September 2022, with an external party to do the tasks. Why MEAT? MEAT tool explicitly includes a set of activities that dictates better planning, more efficient enforcement schemes, and governance by the MPA Managers. Activities required by this process are all geared towards biophysical

improvement measures including social mechanisms e.g conditions of reef survey, fish population and density, condition of mangrove and sea grass covers, enforcement plan, IEC, network building, and socio-economic indicators. MEAT workshop shall be done back-to-back with a semi-structured Peoples Organization Assessment Tool to assess the governance capacity of the group, and identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. At the end of the exercise is Organizational Action Planning to integrate into the plans identified activities or plans in accordance with MEAT, and actions addressing organizational weaknesses as underscored in the assessment, and as anchored on the long-term Vision, Mission, and Goals of the organization and the MPA.

#### **c) Water Quality Monitoring**

It is some established facts that water quality plays a crucial role on the health of marine ecosystems and it has intricate links on the biodiversity conservation in general. As such, water quality monitoring is also being planned by MinSU and BA. In so doing, BA will ensure close coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) as the agency that holds the mandate over the resources. BA will make sure that interventions are properly aligned with the DENR-EMB's immediate and strategic courses of actions.

BA intends purchasing equipment for water quality monitoring or tap existing government facility to expedite the exercises.

#### **d) Planned Fishery Surveys**

The conduct of Biophysical assessment/monitoring in protected and unprotected sites allows for quantitative analysis of the parameters in question. As such it can provide us with the status of the overall health of the ecosystem as indicated by potential harvestable fish biomass, diversity, density, and presence/absence of rare or threatened and large predatory species. Among the goals of an MPA establishment, however, is the maintenance, if not enhancement, of fishery yields in the nearby fishing grounds. To stress the impacts of MPA establishment in supporting dependent livelihood, the team will conduct dockside fish landing surveys to determine catch per unit effort (CPUE), experimental fishing or onboard data collection, and fishing effort mapping.

Dockside fish landing survey forms will be developed or modified from available materials. Enumerators who are familiar with the area identified with heavy fishing density will be employed for data collection. Experimental fishing or onboard data collection and fishing effort mapping will be conducted by the BA team along with interns if any.



## **SAC Terms of Reference (By-Laws)**

The Stakeholders Advisory SAC (SAC) was created by under the Co-management Agreement on MPAs with the partner LGUs in North Oriental Mindoro to guide Blue Alliance (BA) operate and implement MPA-related projects thru providing advice, views, guidance, and recommendation from a variety of informed perspectives from the members. Composition and membership of SAC reflect diverse experiences, geographical and political settings (per intervention-area municipality) and, the field of interests and relevance to BA's work. With a multi-sectoral or inter-disciplinary structure, SAC serves as the project oversight body.

Based on the co-management agreements, the SAC has the following functions:

### **I. Meeting of the SAC**

- a. Will meet as often as the conservation objectives of the Marine Protected Areas requires. At least it will meet in an ordinary way every 6 months, that is two (2) times a year.
- b. Shall elect from among its members who shall exercise the functions of President and Secretary (BA acts as the Secretary/Secretariat).
- c. From each meeting, ordinary or extraordinary, a resolution must be drawn up and a copy of it submitted to each of the members of the SAC.
- d. May be convened ordinarily by the president or by its Secretary and in an extraordinary way by any of its members.
- e. Decisions will be made by consensus. The existence of consensus in each decision will be explicitly required with an enunciation of the decision submitted to the plenary session. In case there is no consensus, it will be voted on and only approved by two thirds of the members present.
- f. QUORUM. The SAC can be validly met provided that 2 MUNICIPALITIES and/or CITY and the BA are represented and when at least half plus one of its members are present.

### **II. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SAC**

- a. Ensure that the conservation objectives defined for the Locally-Managed MPAs and the other provisions established by relevant national policies and local ordinances and other current provisions are met;
- b. Approve the Annual Work Plans proposed by the BA to be submitted to SAC before the First (1st) of November of each year;
  - i. If the SAC disapproves of the proposed Annual Work Plan or any part thereof, the SAC shall specify before the First (1st) of December of each year with particular reasons for its disapproval and BA shall present to the SAC a new Annual Work Plan or corresponding part within a term of eight (8) days from the disapproval for

the SAC of the same, in form and content reasonably satisfactory for the SAC. The above procedure will be followed until the Annual Work Plan is approved by the SAC. In the absence of such agreement between THE PARTIES before the First (1st) February, the matter shall be resolved in accordance with ARTICLE 17. Until the moment the SAC approves the proposed new Annual Work Plan, the approved part, if any, will become effective and the Annual Work Plan for the previous year will remain in force with respect to the part of the proposed Annual Work Plan that has been disapproved by the SAC.

- c. Supervise budget execution;
- d. Mediate before social conflicts that appear in the Protected Area;
- e. Evaluate and monitor compliance with this Agreement;
- f. Ensure that BA provides the reports in the established time;
- g. Present its opinion at the time of renewal of the present Agreement;
- h. Promote the development of the potentials of the Marine Protected Areas and promote their financial self-sustainability, in accordance with the Marine Protected Area management plans;

**III. MEMBERSHIP OF THE SAC:** The Stakeholders Advisory Council shall have 1 representative each from the various stakeholders to ensure a balance membership with respect to BAs' strategic objectives.

- a. A representative of The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (MIMAROPA)
- b. A representative of The Department of Tourism (MIMAROPA)
- c. A representative of The Provincial Local Government Unit of Oriental Mindoro;
- d. A representative of the Verde Island Passage MPA Network (DENR-BMB)
- e. A representative of the BA (Co-manager/BA of MPAs);
- f. A representative of the Municipal Local Government Unit of Baco;
- g. A representative of the City Local Government Unit of Calapan;
- h. A representative of the Municipal Local Government Unit of Puerto Galera;
- i. A representative of the Municipal Local Government Unit of San Teodoro;
- j. A representative of Mindoro State University
- k. A representative of the Marine Science Institute of the University of the Philippines
- l. A representative of national or international NGO

**IV. Responsibilities of the BA:**

- a. Implement the various activities and services guided by the annual work plans which are prepared and approved in accordance with that Agreement. A guideline of the activities and services to be undertaken by the BA is given in Annex 2. The BA shall provide said services and activities in a diligent, careful and vigilant manner in order to pursue general objectives of the conservation, management, development and sustainable use of fisheries, tourism and marine resources.
- b. Formulate the Annual Work Plan and submit it for the approval of THE SAC;
- c. Collaborate with the BANTAY DAGAT, exercising the surveillance and protection of the Protected Area, for compliance with the control provisions established in Law, and with the support of the personnel of the Protected Area;
- d. Charge the fees applied to the protected area authorized by the LGU; all proceeds will be allocated to the approved Annual Work Plans.
- e. Deliver to THE SAC a semi-annual report on the activities carried out.
- f. Provide continuity of public services, treat all visitors equally and adapt the service according to changing needs;
- g. Ensure that any decision, determination, instruction, inspection, examination, test, consent, approval, expression of satisfaction, acceptance, agreement, exercise of discretion (whether exclusive or otherwise) or similar act by any LGU responsible in the respect of this Agreement will be requested promptly;
- h. Take all reasonable measures to ensure that officials, employees, contractors, subcontractors at all levels, subagents, assignees, guests, and sponsors comply with the health requirements and safety standards, the requirements of the Work Plan and any valid and enforceable directive or regulation;
- i. Provide data and reports reasonably required by the LGU;
- j. Comply with all the statutes, laws, rules, regulations, requirements, orders, notices, determinations and ordinances of the current and future government, and the departments, commissions or competent boards that have jurisdiction over the Protected Area or the employees employed and the requirements of any insurance company that covers any of the risks against which the Commission will be insured;
- k. In the event that the BA receives notification or has knowledge of a violation or circumstances that may result in a violation of the applicable Laws and Regulations, it should immediately send to LGU a written notice of such violation or circumstances and, subject to the consent of LGU take all the necessary corrective measures to comply with the applicable Laws and Regulations;
- l. The BA must operate at all times in an environmentally responsible manner by adopting appropriate operating methods and practices to conduct business in a proclaimed natural area;

- m.** The BA must promptly notify LGU in writing: (a) in the event that the condition of the natural resources of the Protected Area presents a significant change or any of its assets does not comply with the standards of this Agreement, or any laws and regulations. applicable regulations, (b) once they receive a citation, notification, demand or similar communication on any action or action threatened by law or in equity or before any regulatory body related to LGU or any part thereof;
- n.** The BA must, at their cost and expense, purchase and maintain of adequate insurance for the assets, including property insurance and accidents, as well as business interruption insurance, liability insurance and employer liability insurance.
- o.** Assist a third party or third parties in the execution of their obligations under this Agreement. The terms of this subcontract shall reflect, in all material respects, the relevant provisions of this Agreement and shall be subject to written notification, delivery of a copy of the relevant contract to THE SAC, provided that the commitment of a third party does not discharge it. none of your obligations.
- p.** The BA will be able to submit projects and provide services to national and international organizations to channel funds in favour of the LMMPAs. Previously, they must be known by THE SAC;
- q.** The LGU will decide if the selected support personnel from the BA can be benefited with a delegation of public faith, that is, that they can hold functions and powers of municipal environmental inspectors and/or police.
- r.** The list of functions listed above is indicative, not limiting. The same may be extended by the BA and approved by THE SAC.

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