

SGP-7 Project Concept Preparation Workshop: Calamianes Group of Islands ACTIVITY DESIGN

Activity Overview

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) aims to empower community-based organizations through the provision of grants and technical assistance. Specifically, the objective of SGP-7 is to build the socio-ecological and economic resilience of targeted landscapes and seascapes through community-based activities. For this phase of SGP, the target sites are in Catubig Watershed Samar Island, Aurora Province in the Sierra Madre, Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape, and the Calamian Island Group in Northern Palawan.

Civil society and people's organizations are encouraged to apply for grants that aim to address environmental issues and contribute to the governance and sustainability of their landscapes. Potential partners may avail of three grant types: (1) Regular grants directly awarded for CSOs proposing innovative activities and solutions to the socio-ecological and economic resiliency of their local communities; (2) Strategic grants intended for cross-cutting projects that provide convergence and over-arching support to governance within the landscape; and (3) Planning grants to help CSOs in grant proposal preparations.

To capacitate CSOs in grant preparations and project management, the SGP-7 Project Management Unit is organizing Project Concept Preparation Workshops for CSOs intending to submit grants for SGP-7 funding. Through the workshops, local POs and community members will receive feedback on the eligibility of their proposals, as well as provide inputs to improve their concepts. Further, we envision that the workshops will be attended by representatives from academic and NGOs, and national government agencies, and local governments unit who may be able to provide technical and co-funding assistance to the proponents.

Through these workshops, we also aim to finalize the Landscape Strategies developed through a series of participatory workshops and consultations with local constituents. The finalized and approved landscape strategy at the local level will be endorsed to the project's National Steering Committee (NSC) for approval.

Finally, we also aim to gather recommendations for the local membership to the Landscape Roundtable Committee. The LRTC will be chaired by the Regional or Provincial DENR and composed of national and local government agencies and CSO representatives.

Objectives:

1. Assist community-based organizations in developing project concepts and proposals that will provide innovative solutions to local socio-economic and environmental issues.
2. Provide a venue for coordination and partnerships between local CSOs, NGOs and government agencies in developing projects that address the resiliency of landscapes and seascapes.
3. Develop a framework of locally-developed strategies and a multi-stakeholder governance platform for the priority landscapes and seascapes.

Target participants: 2.5-day workshop with 50 local participants from the CSOs, national, and local government units is expected.

CALAMIANES GROUP OF ISLANDS PROJECT CONCEPT PREPARATION WORKSHOP
19-21 April 2023

INDICATIVE PROGRAM

Day 1, 19 April 2023

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration (morning snacks will be provided)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm – 1:40 pm	Preliminaries and introduction of participants
1:40 pm – 1:50 pm	Welcome Remarks
1:50 pm – 2:20 pm	Overview of Biodiversity-friendly Enterprises and Agrobiodiversity <i>DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau</i>
2:20 pm – 2:40 pm	Overview: Calamianes Group of Islands <i>Palawan Council for Sustainable Development</i>
2:40 pm – 3:30 pm	Regional and LGU-led local actions on the environment, biodiversity, and sustainable agriculture
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm	Break
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Presentation and approval of the Landscape Strategy for the Calamianes Group of Islands
4:30 pm – 5:15 pm	Governance structure of the SGP-7 <i>DENR-Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Services</i> Composition of the Landscape Roundtable Committee
5:15 pm – 6:30 pm	SGP-7 eligibility criteria Presentation of the draft SGP-7 project proposal template Workshop mechanics

Day 2, 20 April 2023

8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Project concept preparation workshop
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Project concept preparation workshop (continuation)
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Project concept presentation and open forum

Day 3, 21 April 2023

8:30 am – 11:30 am	Project concept presentation and open forum (continuation)
11:30 pm – 12:00 pm	Next steps and closing remarks
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch