


ACTIVITY DESIGN	
Activity Name	PROTECTED AREA FINANCE PLANNING WORKSHOP
Date and Venue	March 6 – 12, 2023 (inclusive of travel time) Xenia Hotel, Clark Freeport, Angeles City, Pampanga
Background / Rationale	<p>Republic Act No. 11038 or “An Act Declaring Protected Areas and Providing for their Management, Amending for this Purpose R.A. No. 7586, Otherwise Known as the “National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992”, and for Other Purposes” or known as the “Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018” was approved by President Rodrigo R. Duterte on June 22, 2018.</p> <p>Section 9 of the ENIPAS Act of 2018 provides that <i>“Within one (1) year from the establishment of the protected area, there shall be a management plan formulated for each protected area that shall serve as the basic long-term framework plan for the management of the protected area and guide in the preparation of its annual operations plan and budget.”</i> Further, Rule 9.1 of its Implementing Rules and Regulations includes a financial plan as one of the components of a protected area management plan.</p> <p>ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHP) are protected areas of high conservation importance that are representative of the diverse ecosystems of the ASEAN region. The AHP Programme is a flagship programme of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) established to generate greater awareness, pride, appreciation, enjoyment and conservation of ASEAN’s rich natural heritage, and to generate greater collaboration among ASEAN Member States in preserving our shared natural heritage.</p> <p>AHPs are considered the cream-of-the-crop, the best-of-the-best among the more than 2,650 protected areas in the Southeast Asian region. To date, the Philippines boasts eleven AHPs with Mt. Inayawan Range Natural Park in Lanao del Norte and Pasonanca Natural Park in Zamboanga City as the newest members to the AHP Programme being declared on 31 October 2022.</p> <p>The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), in partnership with the United Nations Development Program – Biodiversity Finance Initiative (UNDP-BIOFIN), organized online trainings in protected area finance planning preparation in December 2020 and May 2021. Thirteen (13) protected areas, composed of AHPs and protected areas under the Year of the Protected Areas (YoPA) campaign, were selected to participate. These are:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve 2. Apo Reef Natural Park 3. Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park 4. Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park 5. Bongsanglay Natural Park 6. Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park 7. Samar Island Natural Park 8. Mts. Timpoong-Hibok-hibok Natural Monument 9. Mt. Kitanglad Range Natural Park 10. Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park 11. Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary 12. Mt. Apo Natural Park 13. Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary <p>To date, only the Apo Reef Natural Park and Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park have completed and officially adopted their own Protected Area Finance Plans.</p> <p>In view of this, and to aid the remaining eleven protected areas, including Mt. Inayawan Range Natural Park and Pasonanca Natural Park as newly declared AHPS, in preparing and completing their (1) PA Finance Plan, (2) PA Investment Program, and (3) One-year Action Plan, the Bureau, together with the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) – Biodiversity Conservation and Management of Protected Areas in ASEAN (BCAMP) Project and UNDP-BIOFIN, intends to organize a Protected Area Finance Planning Workshop on 6-12 March 2023 in Xenia Hotel, Clark Freeport, Angeles City, Pampanga.</p>
Objectives	<p>The workshop aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidate and formulate protected area baseline information for financial planning; 2. Learn and apply skills in protected area finance planning and conservation financing; 3. Learn best practices in protected area income generation; and 4. Formulate a protected area finance plan for each participating protected area.
Expected outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standardized methods, templates, and processes in protected area finance planning 2. Protected area baseline information relevant to finance planning 3. Draft protected area finance plan for each participating protected area
Participants	<p>The target participants for the workshop are the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chief, Conservation and Development Division; 2. Protected Area Superintendent; 3. Protected Area Management Office technical staff; 4. Protected Area Management Board members;

	<div>5. Representative from the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment;</div> <div>6. Representative from the Policy and Planning Service;</div> <div>7. Research, Extension, and Profession Staff of Mt. Makiling Forest Reserves</div> <div>8. Biodiversity Management Bureau;</div> <div>9. UNDP-BIOFIN; and</div> <div>10. ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity</div>
Mechanics	<div>1. Participants will be grouped according to their respective protected areas. Protected area finance planning tools and processes will be presented and shall serve as guide to the workshop.</div> <div>2. Participants will formulate their respective Protected Area Financial Plans during breakout sessions facilitated by the BMB, ACB, and BIOFIN staff. Outputs will then be presented in plenary sessions for review and inputs.</div> <div>3. A narrative writing workshop will be conducted after all the outputs have been presented and reviewed.</div> <div>4. A site visit to Bataan Natural Park will also be organized so participants can be immersed in the various ways of generating income for a protected area.</div>
Estimated budgetary requirements	<div>Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the workshop such as food, accommodation, venue, and supplies shall be shouldered by the ACB-BCAMP Project and UNDP-BIOFIN. Transportation and other travelling expenses of the participants shall be charged to their respective offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.</div> <div>The breakdown of expenses is as follows:</div> <div><div>Accommodation</div><div>-</div><div>Php 946,500.00</div><div>52 twin sharing rooms X 6 days X Php 3,034/day</div></div> <div><div>Food</div><div>-</div><div>Php 995,400.00</div><div>Breakfast (charged to the hotel)</div><div>Meeting package: 105 participants X 6 days X Php 1,000/day</div><div>Dinner: 105 participants X 6 days X Php 500/day</div></div> <div><div>Supplies and workshop kit</div><div>-</div><div>Php 41,500.00</div></div> <div><div>TOTAL</div><div>-</div><div>Php 1,983,400.00</div></div>


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