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28 April 2023

ATTY. MA. RONELY D. BISQUERA – SHEEN

Project Leader, RESTORE-WPS Project
Unit 1213 Corporate 145 Building,
Mother Ignacia Avenue, Quezon City

Dear **ATTY. BISQUERA – SHEEN**:

This is in reference to your letter dated 22 March 2023 requesting for the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to be co-convenor of a national summit on the state of environment in the West Philippine Sea (WPS), as part of the activities under the project, "*Restoring the Resources for Economic Sustainability of WPS*" or the RESTORE – WPS Project.

The Department expresses its support and approval of convening the national summit, in support of our need to raise awareness on the country's marine resources and increase public participation on issues concerning the West Philippine Sea (WPS). The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) shall further coordinate with your Office regarding this matter.

Thank you and we look forward to working with you on this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA – TEH

Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems
and Climate Change

CC : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Organizational Transformation and Human Resources

The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign – Assisted
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MEMORANDUM

TO : **THE DIRECTOR**
Biodiversity Management Bureau

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

SUBJECT : **PARTNERSHIP WITH TANGGOL KALIKASAN IN CONVENING A NATIONAL SUMMIT ON STATE OF ENVIRONMENT IN THE WEST PHILIPPINE SEA (WPS) UNDER THE PROJECT, "RESTORING THE RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF WPS" OR RESTORE – WPS**

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In a Memorandum for the Secretary dated 27 March 2023 (attached herein), this Office recommended the presentation of the project details and approval of co-convening the summit, which was subsequently approved by the Secretary on 26 April 2023.

In this regard, your Office is hereby requested to coordinate with Tanggol Kalikasan in organizing the national summit. Kindly update this Office on any action taken on the matter, copy furnish the Office of the Undersecretary for Organizational Transformation and Human Resources, for our information.


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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Organizational Transformation and Human Resources

THE UNDERSECRETARY
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change
DENR Permanent Representative to the National Task
Force for the West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS)

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP OF TANGGOL KALIKASAN ON
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BACKGROUND:

The RESTORE-WPS Project aims to provide sustainable livelihood for the communities in the West Philippine Sea (WPS) by solidifying partnership with stakeholders and supporting science – based policies and advocacies in sustainable fisheries management. It also aims to establish a platform for information, coordination, knowledge sharing between state and non-state organizations for the WPS.

As an initial activity for the project, they are proposing the conduct of a national summit to develop a consensus on the state of the environment in the WPS and a common vision and actions for the protection of the said area. The summit is a three – day workshop with the proposed participants coming from various national government agencies, members of the academe, and local and international organizations.

ACTION REQUESTED:

Tanggol Kalikasan is requesting for the following:

1. A meeting to present information about the project; and
2. For the Department to be one of the conveners of the proposed national summit.

RECOMMENDATION:

Identified as one of the priority seascapes, the West Philippine Sea (WPS) accounts for roughly one third² of Philippine waters and hosts a wealth of the country's coastal and marine resources: from coral reefs, to fisheries resources, to energy and mineral resources, among others. However, it faces a number of issues such as destructive and unsustainable fishing practices, illegal, unregulated development, and marine pollution.

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2. West Philippine Sea Strategic Communication Plan.

For the Secretary's information and further instructions.


AUGUSTO D. DELA PEÑA


ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH

 **APPROVED** **DISAPPROVED:**


MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA
Secretary

Attachments:

1. Letter of Atty. Ma. Ronely D. Bisquera-Sheen dated 22 March 2023;
2. Concept Note of RESTORE-WPS and Proposed Summit Activity Design;
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² Biodiversity Management Bureau (2020). West Philippine Sea Strategic Communication Plan

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Tanggol Kalikasan

A Public Interest Environmental Law Office

March 22, 2023

Hon. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA
Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Sec. Loyzaga,

Greetings!

I write in behalf of Tanggol Kalikasan Inc. (TK) - a non-stock nonprofit non-government organization operating as a public interest environmental law office in the Philippines. It is a duly registered organization under the Securities and Exchange Commission since 2001, and used to be the legal arm of Haribon Foundation.

Recently, TK was awarded a grant by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the Gerry Roxas Foundation. The project is called RESTORE WPS and it aims to build a national constituency for the protection of the West Philippine Sea. Enclosed in this letter is a briefer about the project. As an initial activity for the project, TK will facilitate the conduct of a national summit. The summit aims to develop among the participants' a consensus on the state of the environment in WPS and to develop a common vision and actions for the protection of the said area. Please find as attached the concept note for your reference.

As DENR has been our keen partner in many environment related endeavors, we would like to explore with you the possibility of a partnership, as one of the conveners, in the conduct of the said summit. We have made initial coordination with the Biodiversity Management Bureau and have received positive feedback from them. The other conveners for the summit are the Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development and the seven state universities in the WPS area- from Batanes to Palawan.

We would be glad to meet with you anytime at your convenience to further share with your information regarding our project as well as this summit. Ms. Jaemy Villanueva, one of our project officers, will coordinate with your Office with regard to this letter. Thank you very much and a positive action is fully appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Atty. Ma. Ronely D. Bisquera-Sheen
Project Leader
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CONCEPT NOTE

TITLE: Restoring the Resources for Economic Sustainability of WPS (RESTORE-WPS)

Building Constituency for West Philippine Sea: A National Summit

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

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|----------------|---|
| Activity: | Multi-Agency Summit |
| Target Date: | April/ May 2023 |
| Venue: | TBA |
| Participants: | 500 participants |
| Lead Convenor: | Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) |
| Co-Convenors: | Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), Institutes of Environmental Governance (IEGs) |
| Modality: | Hybrid |
| Secretariat: | Tanggol Kalikasan (TK) |

II. BRIEF BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

The West Philippines Sea (WPS), identified as one of the priority seascapes accounts for roughly one-third of Philippine waters and hosts a wealth of the country's coastal and marine resources: from coral reefs to fisheries resources, to energy (oil) and mineral resources, among others. It is of critical importance given its rich biodiversity resources that significantly contribute to food security and the livelihood of coastal communities.¹ Focusing on the resources of WPS for economic sustainability while conserving and restoring its vast richness, the project identified five (5) key components addressing WPS's core needs.

One, on constituency building- Solidifying partnerships and mobilizing stakeholders for the conservation of the West Philippine Sea (WPS) through constituency building and multimedia is directed towards increasing public participation and demand for better resource governance on a national scale through the use of tri-media, social media, and other appropriate forms of communication. This is intended to help shape better government priorities and policies that increase resources and budgetary allocation for resource management and enforcement in the WPS. Better policy coupled with increased resources and budget allocation will improve the capacity of government for effective resource governance and enforcement of the law, resulting in improved management and increased enforcement, thereby reducing the pressure on the fisheries due to Illegal Unreported Unregulated Fishing (IUUF) and poaching.

¹ Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) (2020). *West Philippine Sea Strategic Communication Plan*

On policy development and advocacy, the project intends to use relevant information that will be generated by all the component strategies and other sources, to identify policy gaps that need to be filled in to ensure better management and protection of WPS. This component will support the crafting of better policies that will ensure that only legitimate resource users are able to access the fisheries resources, and provide policies in support of livelihood development which will eventually lead to reduced pressure on the fisheries due to IUUF and poaching and reduction of fishing in critical habitat.

On capacity-building and strengthening of both state and non-state actors, this strategy is intended to develop training programs that will provide knowledge, skills, and attitude (KSA) to concerned stakeholders on resource management and livelihood. For resource managers, law enforcers, force multipliers, and NGOs, this component intends to enable them to necessarily perform their mandates and functions. This program alongside with provision of resources will improve the capacity of resource managers to manage the resources, and in the case of law enforcers, in enforcing the law. This will result in regular enforcement activities, thereby reducing fishing pressure in the fisheries due to IUUF and poaching. For fisher folks, this component intends to enhance their capacity in enterprise development and diversification.

On science-based research and development decision support system, this strategy will help provide the required body of scientific and technical knowledge needed to properly manage WPS and the project site. This body of knowledge shall be used as basis for crafting better policies and will guide resource managers and enforcers in the implementation. Better policy on management and access to fishery resources will ensure that only legitimate Filipino resource users will have access to resources, resulting in reduction of foreign pressure. The same will lead to biomass increase and ultimately result in reduction of fishing effort in the critical habitat.

Finally, ***on livelihood diversification and enterprise strategy***, The implementation of this strategy will ensure that knowledge and opportunities for diverse sustainable livelihoods are identified, and the policies and mechanisms to implement these livelihood opportunities are developed. Understanding the limited project funds, the project will document and compile the lessons learned and best management practices to better design and promote adaptive management of livelihood intervention. Livelihood programs supported by National Government Agencies, NGOs, and the private sector will be better able to diversify revenue sources and improve market access. Fishing efforts will be less and will happen only when catch per fishing effort (CPUE) is optimal. This in turn will increase fish biomass which will result in further improvement of the CPUE, contributing to the reduction of fishing efforts in critical habitats.

III. THE WPS- RESTORE SUMMIT

The WPS- RESTORE SUMMIT, will be the first summit that will set the tone for the entire project which will provide opportunities for the participants to discuss mechanisms for collaboration, capacity enhancement, improvement of science for decision-making, and enhancement of livelihood policy framework. The summit includes plenary sessions, workshops, action planning, and commitment setting. In so far as possible, the conduct of the summit will strongly consider

the CSO summit that will be organized by Fish right, either by converging with the latter or using the CSO summit result as input to the bigger multi-stakeholder summit.

Jumpstarting on the first component which is the Constituency Building, the summit has the below objectives:

OBJECTIVE:

At the end of the summit participants will be able to

1. Develop a consensus on the state of the environment in WPS;
- 2 Identify common vision and plan of action for the protection of WPS

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

At the end of the summit participants will be able to:

1. To convene all relevant state and non-state actors in WPS
2. For participants to jointly assess and agree on the environmental situation in WPS
3. For participants to develop a joint multi-sectoral vision for WPS
4. For participants to develop short term, medium and long term plan of actions/roadmap for WPS
5. For participants to identify the tasks and roles of each agency and group for the protection, conservation and sustainable use resources of WPS
6. For participants to formalize agreements and commitment of stakeholders
7. Inform the general public of the initiatives, programs and projects of the different agencies and group in WPS.

IV. METHODOLOGY AND TOPICS

The RESTORE WPS SUMMIT will be hybrid, participants will be able to log in and participate online (*via Zoom*) while participants who opted to attend face-to-face will be directed to the function hall of the venue. Topics will be discussed with the help of powerpoint presentations and/or audio-visual aids. There will likewise be workshops, which will encourage participants to share their skills and knowledge for better results.

V. THE PROGRAM

- a. **Participants and Headcount** - key agencies and participants were identified based on their roles as important players that would help achieve the goal of making national awareness of the National Constituency and contribute to the agreed platform for a sustainable outcome of the project.

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| State Actors |
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1. PCG National and WPS district
2. BFAR national and regional directors
3. PNP MG
4. DOT provincial level
5. NFRDI
6. DOST-Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development
7. DENR
8. DILG
9. PCSD and PCSDS
10. Philippine Navy
11. DOST-Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development
12. PHILSA
13. 13. PFO in WPS
14. 14. National Youth Commission
15. 15. PAGO
16. 16. MAO and CAO
17. 17. IBP
18. 18. LGUs (LCEs Municipal Level)
19. 19. LGUs (LCEs City Level)
20. 20. LGUs (Provincial Governors)
21. 21. President and Secretariat of Leagues of Governor, Vice Governor, Board Member, Municipal Mayor and Vice Mayor, City Mayor and Vice Mayor Barangay, Sangunian Bayan, Sanguniang Panlungsod
22. FMA 6 and 5 Management Board
23. SUCs

Non-State Actors

1. POs of Women
2. CSOs
3. National Youth Movement for WPS

Private Sector

1. Aquaculture Operators
2. Hotel and Resort Operators
3. Commercial Fishing Groups

b. SUGGESTED Program of Activity

| Time | Activity | Resource Speaker/Facilitator |
|---|--|---|
| <i>Day 1 (March 29, 2023) Wednesday</i> | | |
| 8:00 – 8:15 am | Registration | |
| 8:15 –8:25 am | Invocation and National Anthem | <i>Secretariat</i> |
| 8:25– 8:35 am | Opening Remarks and Welcome Participant | <i>TBD</i> |
| 8:35– 8:45 am | Solidarity Message | USAID |
| 8:45 – 9:00 am | KEYNOTE MESSAGE | PBMM thru SEC Abalos |
| 9:00 - 9:20 am | Rationale and Program Flow | DILG |
| 9:20 - 9:30 am | PHOTO OPPORTUNITY | Secretariat |
| 9:30 – 10:30 am | WORKSHOP 1: WPS SITUATIONER: PLENARY SESSION: USING SWOT QUESTIONS thru MENTIMETER application and summary at the end of the exercise | Facilitator |
| 10:30-10:45 am | AM Snack/ Health Break | |
| 10:45 –12:00 pm | WORKSHOP 2: IDENTIFICATION OF VISION WORKSHOP PLENARY: use mentimeter -guided questions | Facilitator |
| 12:00-1:00 | Lunch Break | |
| 1:00 -2:00PM | PANEL SESSION 1 - Evolution and Resources in the WPS | |
| 1:00 -1:15 pm | Evolution and development of WPS | Dr. Fernando Siringan UPMSI |
| 1:15- 1:30pm | Resources and connectivity | Dr. Alette Yniguez UPMSI |
| 1:30-1:45pm | Value of Resources of WPS | Dr. Cielito F. Habito |
| 1:45 -2:00pm | Q and A | Panel Moderator |
| 2:00- 3:15pm | PANEL SESSION 2 - Opportunities in the WPS | |
| 2:00 – 2:30 pm | Opportunities in the WPS Fishing and Aquaculture | Dr. Hazel Arceo Dr. Menez UPMSI |
| 2:30-2:45 pm | Opportunities in the WPS- Tourism, Trade and Transportation | Severino Salva, Comunity Specialist, |

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| | | Mindoro Straight - Sustainable and Equitable Tuna for Bankability, WWF Phils |
| 2:45 -3:00pm | QA | Panel Moderator |
| 3:00 - 3:15 pm | PM Snack/ Health Break | |
| 3:15 - 4:15 pm | PANEL 3 - PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES IN WPS (BFAR, DENR AND NATIONAL COASTWATCH | |
| 3:15 - 3:40 pm | Programs and Different Initiatives in WPS - Fishcore Project (Worldbank Funded) | BFAR |
| 3:40 -3:50 pm | Programs and Different Initiatives in WPS -DENR -BMB | TBD |
| 3:50 -4:00 pm | Programs and Different Initiatives in WPS - National Coast Watch System | |
| 4:00 - 4:15pm | Q and A | |
| 4:15 - 5:30 pm | PANEL SESSION 4: PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES IN WPS (PCSD, DND, SUCs, CSO) | TBD |
| 4:15 -4:25 pm | Programs and Different Initiatives in WPS - PCSD | |
| 4:25 - 4:35 | Programs and Different Initiatives in WPS - DND | DENR |
| 4:35 - 4:45 pm | Programs and Different Initiatives in WPS of the SUCs | c/o Fishright |
| 4:45 - 4:55 | Programs and Different Initiatives of CSO | TBD |
| 4:55 - 5:10 | Q and A | Panel Moderator |
| 5:10 | Day's Wrap up Announcement of Breakout Groups | |
| 6:00 -6:30 pm | DINNER TALK: Our Rights in WPS | Atty. Jay Batungbakal |
| Day 2 (March 30, 2023) Thursday | | |
| 8:00 - 8:15 | Registration | <i>Secretariat</i> |
| 8:15 - 8:30 am | Recap | <i>Secretariat</i> |
| 8:30- 12:00 am | WORKSHOP 3 ACTION PLANNING - Breakout Groups | <i>Secretariat</i> |

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| | 1. Academe 2. Fishing and Aquaculture 3. Tourism 4. Policies 5. Law Enforcement 6. Environment Conservation *LGUS to be distributed among 6 groups | |
| 12:00 -1:00 am | Lunch break | |
| 1:30 -1:45 pm | Presentation of Groups and Plenary Discussion GROUP 1 | |
| 1:45- 2:00 pm | Presentation of Groups and Plenary Discussion GROUP 2 | |
| 2:00 -2:30pm | Presentation of Groups and Plenary Discussion GROUP 3 | |
| 2:30 - 2:45 pm | PM Snack/ Health Break | |
| 2:45 - 3:00 pm | Presentation of Groups and Plenary Discussion GROUP 4 | |
| 3:00- 3:15 pm | Presentation of Groups and Plenary Discussion GROUP 5 | |
| 3:15 -3:30pm | Presentation of Groups and Plenary Discussion GROUP 6 | |
| 3:30 - 5:00 | WORKSHOP 4: Building National Constituency : Sustainability Mechanism in place WORKSHOP 4: Breakout Groups Per Province (Area Specific Action Plan) | |
| 6:00 | DINNER: Solidarity Night/ Presentation per province – 3mins presentation | |
| Day 3 (March 31, 2023) Friday | | |
| 8:00 – 9:00 am | Registration | |
| 9:00 –9:15 am | Preliminaries Invocation + National Anthem | <i>Secretariat</i> |
| 9:15 - 9:30 am | Opening/Welcome Guests | <i>Secretariat</i> |

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| 9:30- 10:00 am | Presentation of Action Plans | TBD |
| 10:00- 10:10am | Message from Govt Agencies -DA | TBD |
| 10:10 -10:20am | Message from Govt Agencies-DILG, | TBD |
| | Message from Govt Agencies – ULAP | TBD |
| 10:20 - 10:30 | Message from Govt Agencies - DENR | TBD |
| 10:30- 10:40 | Message from Govt Agencies - PCG | TBD |
| 10:40- 10:50 am | Message of Support from Partners: US Embassy | US Ambassador |
| 10:50 - 11:30 am | GESTURE OF SOLIDARITY: | |
| | Worldbank | |
| | EU | |
| | British Embassy | |
| | ADB | |
| | JAICA | |
| | CIDA | |
| | ASEAN Ambassadors | |
| | AUsaid | |
| 11:30 - 11:45 am | Commitment WALL Signing | |
| 11:45 - 12:00pm | Closing | |
| 12:00 - 1:00pm | Lunch | |
| 1:00 - 2:00pm | Presscon | |



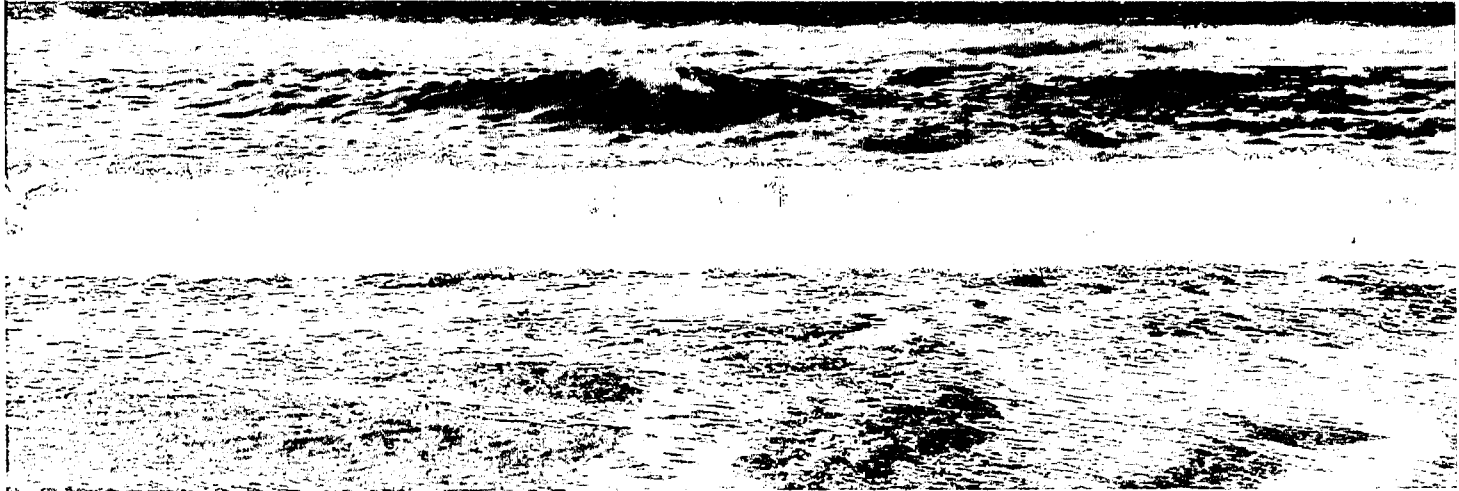
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RESTORING THE RESOURCES FOR ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY OF
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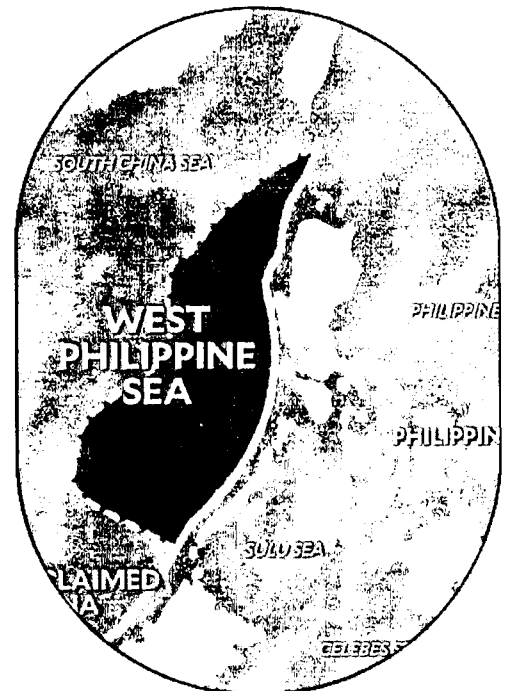


BACKGROUND

The project covers the West Philippine Sea area. Identified as one of the priority seascapes, the WPS accounts for roughly one third of Philippine waters and hosts a wealth of the country's coastal and marine resources: from coral reefs, to fisheries resources, to energy (oil) and mineral resources, among others. It is of critical importance given its rich biodiversity resources that significantly contribute to food security and livelihood of coastal communities.

WPS and the communities surrounding it have been affected by global, regional and local issues. One of the issues concerns the maritime disputes with China. The latter has been very aggressive in occupying islands and claiming sovereignty over a certain portion in the South China Sea. An international tribunal issued a ruling in July 2016 that rejected China's claim over the West Philippine Sea. Even so, reports have shown increasing Chinese maritime presence in the area, including the construction of artificial islands.

Other issues include extreme weather conditions, Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing (IUUF), unsustainable fishing practices, and marine pollution among others. Also, increasing cumulative pressures, such as resource extraction in the WPS without any holistic management interventions to address the impacts could result in reduction in ecosystem services it provides. All of these contribute to threatening the food security and the livelihood of the coastal communities in the WPS.



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The overall goal of the project is to provide sustainable fishing resources and livelihood for the communities in the WPS, thereby, creating an impact in addressing food security in the Philippines. Specifically, the proposal aims to:

- Reduce pressure on the fisheries due to IUUF and poaching;
- Reduce fishing effort in critical habitats.



STRATEGIC APPROACHES

STRATEGY 1

Solidifying partnership, mobilizing stakeholders, and policy development and advocacy.

- Establishing a platform for information, coordination, knowledge sharing, and coming together of state and non-state organizations for WPS
- Policy development and advocacy
- Network building among media, science, CSOs, and resource manager

STRATEGY 2

Capacity-building and strengthening of both state and non-state actors

- Conduct of Training Needs Assessment
- Module development
- Pilot trainings
- Presentation of modules to concerned government agencies for their adoption and implementation

STRATEGY 3

Science-based research and development decision support system

- Development of research agenda and its presentation to concerned government agencies for funding and implementation
- Establishment of a platform/knowledge hub and access to conservation and climate science
- Support the conduct of the bi-annual national scientific conference on wps
- Conduct of seminars, trainings and workshops

STRATEGY 4

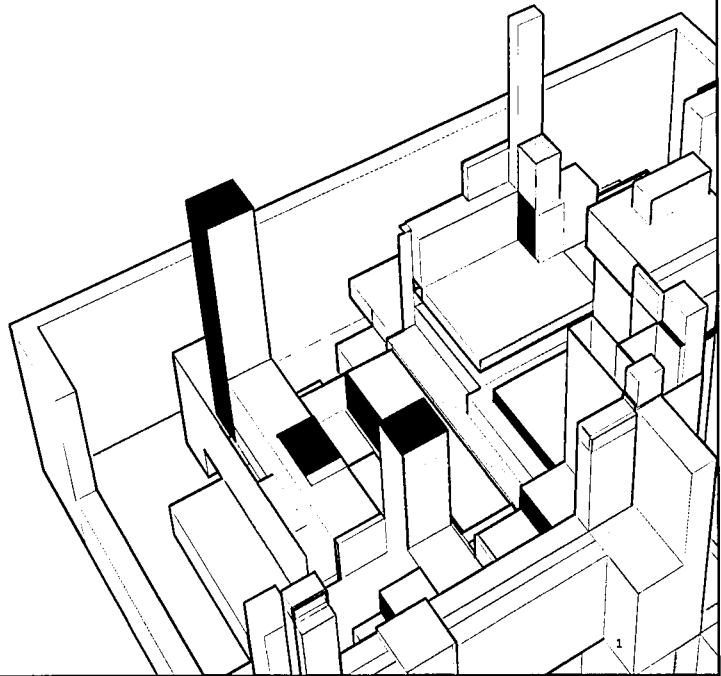
Livelihood diversification and enterprise support

- Conduct of assessment and gap analysis on livelihood interventions and policies on projects
- Conduct of survey and lessons learned on the livelihood projects
- Provide recommendations for policy enhancements on livelihood support
- Facilitate the uptake of the policy framework
- Pilot test the L&E policy framework on an existing livelihood project

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BUILDING CONSTITUENCY FOR WEST PHILIPPINE SEA: A NATIONAL SUMMIT



Building Constituency for West Philippine Sea: A National Summit

- **Background and Rationale**
- **Objectives**
- **Participants**
- **Program/ Activity of the National Summit**

Building Constituency for West Philippine Sea: A National Summit

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION:

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| Activity: | Multi-Stakeholder Summit related/link to <i>Bayanihang Adhikain: Bayaning Aksyon for WPS</i> |
| Target Date: | tba (conveners) |
| Proposed Venue: | Novotel |
| Target Participants: | 500 participants (online and offline) |
| Lead Convenor: | DILG |
| Co-convenors: | DA-BFAR, PCSD, and IEGs, BMB-DENR |
| Secretariat: | Tanggol Kalikasan |
| Modality: | Hybrid |

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II. BRIEF BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE:

The West Philippines Sea (WPS) is a priority seascape because:

- accounts for one-third of Philippine waters
- host of the country's coastal and marine resources
- critical contribution to food security and livelihood

HENCE ITS PROTECTION MUST BE PROMOTED BY DEVELOPING A NATIONAL CONSTITUENCY.

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III. OBJECTIVE

- 1) TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS ON THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE WPS;
- 2) TO DEVELOP A JOINT VISION AND ACTIONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WPS.

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IV. PARTICIPANTS

STATE ACTORS

LGUs (Municipal, city, provincial)
 National Government Agencies and Task Forces (DA-BFAR, DENR, PCSD, PCG, Phil Navy, PNP MG, TF-WPS)
 HIEs, State Univ, SUCs

NON-STATE ACTORS

People's Organization (women, youth, fisherfolk)
 NGOs

PRIVATE SECTORS

Aquaculture Operators
 Hotel, Resorts and Restaurant Operators
 Commercial Fishing Operators

TOTAL TARGET PARTICIPANT -500 – (online/offline)

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V. PROGRAM

DAY 1 – Opening Ceremony, Key Note Messages, Rationale & Objectives, workshops on state of WPS and vision for WPS, discussions on important features of WPS (social, ecological and economic), including different programs and activities implemented.

DAY 2 – Planning of two levels:

- 1. Development of national framework in terms of science, livelihood, law enforcement, policy and conservation.**
- 2. Province wide action planning operationalizing the national framework**

DAY 3 – High level summit

Presentation of the national framework and province-wide action plans, expressions of partnership and confirmation of support.

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