



Minutes of the Meeting 2nd SIBOL Project Steering Committee Meeting

August 30, 2023

9:00AM – 1:00PM

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Background and Purpose:

Pursuant to Special Order No. 2021-664, the Project Steering Committee (PSC), Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (ITWG), National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU), and Regional Project Management Committee (RPMC) were created to ensure the successful implementation of the SIBOL Project. In lieu of this, SIBOL conducted the second ITWG Meeting held at Novotel Manila, Araneta Center, Cubao last September 13, 2022. The following is the provisional agenda of the meeting:

- Review of Minutes and Matters Arising from the previous PSC Meeting;
- Updates from the SIBOL Interagency Technical Working Group (ITWG);
- Presentation of SIBOL's Project Accomplishments for FY 2023;
- Presentation of the Proposed SIBOL Workplan for FY 2024;
- Endorsement and Approval of SIBOL Workplan for FY 2024; and
- Other Matters
- Next Steps

The succeeding sections detail the discussions which transpired, and the resolution/next steps proposed by the PSC members.

Abbreviations and Acronym

AO	Administrative Office
AUUF	Abandoned, Undeveloped and Underutilized Fishponds
BDFE	Biodiversity – Friendly Enterprise
BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
BMB	Biodiversity Management Bureau
CoMSCA	Community-Managed Savings and Credit Association
DAO	Department Administrative Order
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DILG	Department of the Interior and Local Government



ELEPS	Environmental Law Enforcement and Protection Service
FASPS	Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service
FFP	Forest Foundation Philippines
FLR	Forest Landscape Restoration
FLUP	Forest Land Use Planning
FMB	Forest Management Bureau
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GYESI	Gender, Youth, Equity and Social Inclusion
HCV	High Conservation Value
ICCs/IPs	Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples
ITWG	Inter-Agency Technical Working Group
IWT	Illegal Wildlife Trafficking
KISS	Knowledge and Information Systems Service
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
NCA	National Capital Accounting
NCIP	National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
NEDA	National Economic Development Authority
NGP	National Greening Program
NPCU	National Project Coordination Unit
NPD	National Parks Division
PCSD	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
ZSL	Zoological Society of London
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MMPL	Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape
PA	Protected Area
PAMB	Protected Area Management Bureau
PAMO	Protected Area Management Office
PBSAP	Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
PPSRNP	Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park

PSC	Project Steering Committee
SAPA	Special Use Agreements in Protected Areas
SIA	Social Impact Assessment
SIPLAS	Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape
SNK	Sukat ng Kalikasan
WFP	Work and Financial Plan
WRD	Wildlife Resources Division

Attendees:

PSC Members	RTI SIBOL
<u>DENR-FASPS</u> 1. Orolfo, Al 2. Inocencio, Ismael 3. Zipagan, Resm <u>Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations-Mindanao</u> 4. Albajera, Heartleen <u>Office of the Assistant Secretary for Field Operations - Luzon and Visayas</u> 5. Ocampo, Josefina <u>DENR</u> 6. Flores, Jayvee <u>DA-BFAR</u> 7. Cadag, John Edgar <u>DENR-BMB</u> 8. Maranan, Meriden 9. Cuanan, Ryan 10. Bandol, Jobert John 11. Soriano, Katherine 12. Brillo, Frances Antonette 13. Bumanglag, Pola Geneva	1. Astrera, Lorelie 2. Buncag, Aiza 3. Caseres, Joy 4. Cerio, Wulmar 5. De Vera, Ryan 6. Donceras, Desiree 7. Forbes, Glenn 8. Guidote, Marlito 9. Iligan, Lauro Tito 10. Labrado, Glenn 11. Lasch, Alexa Jeanne 12. Motus, Blue 13. Nufable, Mercy 14. Ruba, Christine 15. Aragon, Rudy 16. Belen, Alejandro <u>FFP</u> 17. Chua, Joanne 18. Pasion, Abegail

DENR ELEPS

- 14. Juada, Vicente
- 15. Pagulayan, Chrisangelo

DENR-FMB

- 16. Ocampo, Josefina
- 17. Barit, Jhun
- 18. Tabliga, Kenneth

DENR MIMAROPA

- 19. Critica, Ma. Fatima
- 20. Ronganilla, Michaela

DENR Region III

- 21. Martinez, Minerva

DENR Region XIII

- 22. Ebron, Nilda

DILG

- 23. De Los Reyes, Camille

NEDA

- 24. Natural, Nieva
- 25. Dela Rosa, Mary Jane

NCIP

- 26. Bumalas, Donato

USAID

- 27. Brown, Paul
- 28. Kaluzny, Thomas
- 29. Tena, Grace

USAID SIBOL

- 30. Wachala, Katherine

Documentation

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Time	Agenda	Resource Person	Highlights/Details
8:00-9:00 am	<i>Arrival and Registration</i>		
9:00-9:10 am	<i>Call to order and Introduction of Attendees</i>		
9:10-9:20 am	Agenda 1. Review of Minutes and Matters Arising from the previous PSC Meeting;	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Al Orolfo, Director, DENR FASPS Mr. Ryan Cuanan, BMB-NPD	Matters Arising from the previous PSC Meeting were reviewed by the facilitator. These matters were on the inclusion of the DENR Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and DILG in the project, Natural Capital Accounting (NCA), formulation of policy on Abandoned, Undeveloped and Underutilized Fishponds (AUUF), carbon accounting verification and certification system of the DENR, SIBOL initiatives on ICCs/IPs , and PBSAP Assessment.
9:20-9:25 am	Agenda 2. Updates from the SIBOL Interagency Technical Working Group (ITWG);	ITWG Vice Chairperson, Ms. Meriden Maranan, Chief, National Parks Division, BMB	Updates were presented on the HCVA-NCA/Sukat ng Kalikasan, SIBOL Gender, Youth, Equity and Social Inclusion (GYESI) initiatives, Status/Updates of Illegal Wildlife Trafficking (IWT) Research, Updating of the Forest and Landscape Restoration (FLR) Plan, Social Impact Assessment (SIA) & Grievance Mechanism, Identification and Approval of Replication Sites, and the Draft SIBOL Workplan for Year 4.

9:25-9:40 am	Agenda 3: Presentation of SIBOL's Project Accomplishments for FY 2023	Mr. Mar Guidote, Deputy Chief of Party, USAID-SIBOL	<p>Mr. Guidote shared the project accomplishments by highlighting the outputs, clustered by Strategic Approach. He presented pilot testing, capacity development, and other activities conducted by SIBOL such as EarthRanger pilot testing, Green assessment results socialization and preparation of Green Recovery Plan, Environmental seminars and entrepreneurship training to COMSCA members, Environmental youth camp in Palawan, and PRECISION Enforcement Mapping, Training, and Field Exercise, etc.</p> <p>Some of the tools, policies, and other outputs produced through the support and assistance of SIBOL were also presented such as the development of the Draft Guidelines on SAPA and MOA, Administrative Adjudication; National Schedule of Administrative Fines and Penalties, Draft Memorandum Order on AUUF, etc. The development of the Sukat ng Kalikasan toolkit, and development of curriculum and training modules for PA managers were some of the highlighted outputs. He also shared the upcoming activities for FY 2024.</p>
9:40-10:00 am	OUTPUT INDICATORS Project Progress as of June 30, 2023	Ms. Christine Ruba, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager, USAID-SIBOL	The SIBOL Project Progress as of June 30, 2023 was presented by Ms. Christine Ruba, Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Manager of the project. She discussed the status of each project indicator on capacity development, economic, policy, leverage, enforcement,

			communication, biologically significant areas, and GHG reduction.
10:00-10:10 am	<i>AVP and Photo Documentation viewing</i>		
10:10-11:30 am	Agenda 4: Presentation of the proposed SIBOL Workplan for FY 2024	Ms. Katherine Wachala, Chief of Party, USAID-SIBOL	Topics covered and presented by Ms. Wachala on the Proposed SIBOL Workplan FY 2024 were the SIBOL's national legacy stories, site-level legacy and success stories, SIBOL's priority intervention, policy targets and technical assistance, replication sites plan (criteria, potential for replication, and candidate replication sites). There were discussion and recommendations which were captured in the Next Steps.
11:30 - 11:35 am	Agenda 5: Endorsement and Approval of SIBOL Workplan for FY 2024	Dir. Al Orolfo	The PSC members endorsed the approval of the SIBOL Workplan for FY 2024 through a motion, which was duly seconded.
11:35-11:40 am	OTHER MATTERS	Dir. Al Orolfo	The revised SIBOL Workplan FY 2024 with inclusion of recommendations from the PSC Meeting will be available by 3rd week of September 2023 to the PSC.
11:40-11:50 pm	HIGHLIGHTS AND NEXT STEPS	Mr. Mar Guidote	<p>Highlights and next steps for the project by the PSC were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarification on the Indicators and targets achieved under improved Natural Resource Management Program • Attainment of remaining targets for Year 4 implementation/Catch-up Plan

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIBOL National Level Legacy Stories • Sukat ng Kalikasan in support to the NCA • Year 4 Workplan suggestions for EarthRanger, CoMSCAs, request for technical and financial assistants from BMB-NPD, assessment of the Project in terms of engagement with IPs/ICCs • Updates and request for technical assistance from Region III • Submission of the revised workplan by SIBOL <p>Details may be found in Annex A.</p>
11:50-12:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. Thomas Kaluzny, Deputy Director, USAID	Mr. Kaluzny shared key takeaways from the 2nd PSC meeting which included sustainability, rollout and adoption of all the SIBOL tools and initiatives. He highlighted that FY 2024 would be crucial in discussing the project results and presentation of the final year of the project.
12:00 PM	Group Photo and Lunch		

ANNEX A: Highlights and Next Steps

Subject	Comments/Inputs	Agreements/Next Steps
Clarification on the Indicators and targets achieved under improved Natural Resource Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Activities were already undertaken for PPSRNP, SIPLAS, and MMPL. Targets achieved for MOBPLS have yet to be reflected in the Progress Report. Breakdown on how SIBOL arrives with the hectarage (area) including the exact area and activities. (DENR-FMB) Clarification on the priority activity in FY 2024. What level of adoption is under Earth Ranger (i.e policy adoption)? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIBOL to reflect accomplishments for MOBPLS in the Progress Report Under FLR, a national summit is planned for FY 2024 with FFP. SIBOL to provide technical support. For Earth Ranger, it will involve policy adoption subject to consultation
Attainment of remaining targets for Year 4 implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formulation of Catch-Up Plan for Year 4 should include targets on policies and capacity building activities. Alignment of target indicators with government priorities. Proof of progress for each target indicator must be captured and analyzed. Alignment of NGP targets with SIBOL interventions as this may be part of the updating of the FLR Plan (DENR-FMB). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIBOL already mapped out targets and output/outcome indicators for Year 4 SIBOL to provide FMB data breakdown and activities contributing to NGP targets.
SIBOL National Level Legacy Stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 3 and 4 would focus on Philippine stories. Toolkit benchmarks would be based on legacy stories and metrics. Conduct of Scenario Analysis in the conduct of NCA/SNK 	

<p>Sukat ng Kalikasan in support to the NCA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade-offs must be established in terms of data collection based on data requirements prescribed by the Framework and its alignment with the NCA Roadmap • Conduct of capacity building activities for the field implementers to ensure knowledge transfer and sustainability • Identification of replication sites for the implementation of the tool • Alignment of the SNK tool with mapping tools and technologies (% DENR-KISS and Geospatial Office) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FASPS to monitor the progress of the SNK Toolkit including its usability and replication. • Budget allocation for the valuation work should be identified and included in the final SNK Toolkit. • The SNK Framework is proposed to be included in the draft policy (DENR AO) on Natural Capital Accounting. • One Control map of the DENR will be contributory to the SNK. • SIBOL will conduct follow-up meetings with mapping agencies in October.
<p>Year 4 Workplan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of adoption in terms of Earth Ranger: What will be the implication of the Earth Ranger in relation to DAO 2018-21. Will it cover protected areas only? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft proposed addendum of the DAO adopting the Lawin. Level of engagement will be subjected to consultation. • SIBOL to coordinate with DENR-KISS, BMB, and FMB on the adoption of the Earth Ranger. • Policy analysis should be conducted prior to the adoption of the tool.
<p>COMSCAs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 in practicing and sharing knowledge; there are practices on sharing environmental funds for interventions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creates an environmental fund that supports biodiversity programs and BDFEs

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who will implement the implementation of COMSCA? Identify government agency for sustainability. • How many COMSCAs to assist and who are the beneficiaries? • Suggest to pursue COMSA digitalization • Difference on COMSCA on other environmental fund e.g. IPAF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIBOL to enhance the use of fund e.g. via BDFEs • SIBOL to formalize COMSCAs and its usability for protected areas. This should be included in Year 4 Workplan • Suggest to focus on sustainability and avoid duplication w/ other environmental funds. The addition of legal bond for protection was proposed.
Year 4 Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the National Action Plan on Species Extinction Prevention starting next year (BMB-WRD) • Assistance on the conduct of Wildlife Identification Training (BMB-WRD) • Assessment of the project in terms of engagement with IPs/ICC's. NCIP is requesting for best practices in implementing the Project in areas covering ancestral domains. In terms of replication, areas within ancestral domain could be identified as one of criteria. (NCIP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly noted by SIBOL
Year 4 Workplan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request for financial and technical assistance for the Third National Protected Area Conference (June 2024) (BMB-NPD) • Technical assistance in the preparation of the State of the Protected Area Report (BMB-NPD) • Request for assistance in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On R3 concern, it was suggested to hire SIBOL GIS specialist for the fast tracking of Zambales one control map. • SIBOL to submit the revised WFP on the 3rd week of September 2023.

	<p>fasttracking/coming up with a One Control Map with FLUPs and other plans as basis, in partnership with the GIS unit under R3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the Revised WFP by SIBOL 	
Updates on Region 3 SIBOL Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of the Tactical Operations Center in MOBPLS - Contained the oil spill in MOBPLS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duly noted by SIBOL