

PHILIPPINES

PROGRESS REPORT JUL-DEC 2018

Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



CAPACITY BUILDING



The total number of Bantay Gubat who attended the required training was 42, 16% female

INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



A forest monitoring application using GeoODK has been developed and is ready for pilot testing.

SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



Two (2) actions were supported by networks: Campaign strategy for the Kaliwa Dam issue by Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance and the Landscape and Resource Management Dialogues for Sierra Madre

INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



The Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System (ENIPAS) was finally signed into law 22 June 2018.

The **Haribon Foundation** has established partnership with local NGOs, POs, church, and academe to advocate forest governance. It continues to recognize IP rights and sustains collaboration with Philippines' main environmental government office, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for effective forest governance in its three project sites/Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs): Mt Siburan KBA, Mt. Hilong-hilong KBA, and Mt. Irid-Angelo KBA.

Outcome 1: Capacity Building

- 47 community members joined eco-trainings on Improving Forest Governance (IFG) in Mt. Siburan and Mt. Hilong-hilong in November 2018. They prepared action plans to be implemented in 2019.
- Bantay Gubat, or Forest Guard, capacity was strengthened when 112 prospective community members from all 3 project sites were trained on ecological concepts and environmental law, which is required for Bantay Gubat deputation under the DENR.
- 84 community members in Mt. Hilong-hilong joined Participatory Situational Analysis, community-level research focused on socio-economic, cultural, and forest governance situations of target communities, which provided Haribon with additional insight to on-the-ground forest governance situations

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Outcome 2: Increased transparency and access to information

- Haribon is engaging DENR bureaus, particularly the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) and Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB). BMB inputs on biodiversity monitoring by the DENR which was incorporated into Haribon's Community-based Monitoring and Reporting (CBM&R) Framework
- After identifying Issues with using the Global Forest Watch app, Haribon is creating a reporting tool using the free open-source software from the Open Data Kit or ODK. Haribon's CBM&R Framework will be pilot-tested in the ODK.

Outcome 3: Sustainable and informed networks

- The Save Sierra Madre Network Alliance (SSMNA) recommended an inquiry on the Kaliwa Dam project in Mt. Irid-Angelo to review the dam's loan conditions and terms that are grossly unfavourable to the KBA and a large population of people in the area. Haribon has issued press releases on the Kaliwa Dam issue.
- Coordinated a Landscape and National Environmental Dialogue with Forest Foundation Philippines and Tropenbos entitled 'Geography of Governance: Landscape and Resource Management' and became lead organizer for Sierra Madre Dialogue
 - Both dialogues serve as multi-sectoral and evidence-based platforms for key communities from Mt. Irid-Angelo and other forest areas
 - Participants identified issues, analysed landscape status, and recommended immediate and medium-term actions



The Haribon-spearheaded Forest Resources Bill is now incorporated into the Philippine Sustainable Forest Management Bill

Outcome 4: Informed and effective participation

- Participated in developing ENIPAS Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)
- Joined technical Working Group for IRR for EO 318 of 2004 promoting Sustainable Forest Management
- Worked with other NGOs on collective position to engage the Climate Change Commission involving forest restoration and livelihood opportunities
- Communities continue to input into the Forest Resources Bill at all three project sites
 - The latest consultation was in Mt. Hilong-hilong in July 2018

Visibility

- Haribon gave talks and provided IEC materials on forest governance at several events in Q3-Q4 of 2018 including radio guestings, youth summits, environment symposia, and school fairs

UPCOMING EVENTS 2019

- February: EU-led Results Oriented Monitoring Review will occur and the reviewer to visit project sites in Philippines and Indonesia
- 21 March: International Day of Forests
- 25-29 March: Project Management Meeting in Kuala Lumpur

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