

PHILIPPINES

PROGRESS REPORT JAN-JUL 2019

Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



CAPACITY BUILDING



Over 100 members of indigenous communities learned about ecology and environmental laws; 19 Bantay Gubat (Forest Guards, 8 female), were prepped for deputation. Indigenous youth gained better appreciation of their roles as forest stewards; and 44 youth learned science behind ecology and climate change.

INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND ACCESS TO INFO



Community-Based Monitoring and Reporting tools were presented to government and NGOs, and two IP communities in Mt. Hilong-hilong KBA.

SUSTAINABLE AND INFORMED NETWORKS



Haribon and the Forest Resources Bill Network continued to consolidate the Sustainable Forest Management Bill for the House of Representatives. Various networks were engaged to consolidate the bill, such as Aksyon Klima and the Global Catholic Climate Movement.

INFORMED AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



Three (3) Forest Protection and Law Enforcement Plans (FPLEP) were developed in Mt. Hilong-hilong and Mt. Siburan, involving non-state actors in these areas.

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

- 40 people (31M, 9F) attended a two day environmental laws and paralegal processes training and took the examination for deputation administered by representatives of the regional office of Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR)-Reg.4A
- 126 community members at the Mt. Irid-Angelo KBA joined Participatory Situational Analysis that helped determine the socioeconomic, forest governance, and sociocultural situation of the communities, as well as the gender roles and relationships within the groups
- Results from Resource Inventory of Community Livelihood Assets included insights on IP communities in Kahugpungang Tribong Mamanwa Ug Manobo (KATRIMMA) managing large farms (around 3 ha), while Pakwan Manobo Indigenous Cultural Community (PMICC) had households owning at least 5 ha within their ancestral domain

44 Indigenous Youth joined the IP Youth Development Program in Mt. Hilong-hilong KBA

Outcome 2: Increased transparency and access to information

- Members from PMICC and KATRIMMA in the Mt. Hilong-hilong KBA were oriented on the OpenDataKit (ODK) tool for forest monitoring and Reporting (CBM&R) Framework
- Community-Based Monitoring and Reporting (CBM&R) tools were presented to government and non-government organizations

Outcome 3: Sustainable and informed networks

- A meeting with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office explored possible ways of cooperation in the implementation of the Community-based Monitoring and Reporting activities to record forest condition in Mt. Hilong-hilong.
- Haribon joined discussions on NDCs in the Forestry Sector hosted by Forest Management Bureau (FMB) of the DENR. Haribon campaigned for the forest sector to be a “priority” commitment, harmonizing the overall goals of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).
- Haribon and the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) convened key stakeholders of PP1636 (i.e. PAMB, indigenous peoples tribe of Dumagat-Remontado, civil society groups, local government units) covering valuable portions of Mt. Irid-Angelo using a protected area governance tool known as GAPA, “Governance Assessment of Protected Areas (GAPA)”

Outcome 4: Informed and effective participation

- Haribon continues to lead the Technical Working Group (TWC) assigned to draft the Sustainable Forest Management Bill in the Committee of Natural Resources of the House of Representatives



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Farmer's Organization members maintaining coconut palms inside a Protected Area realized the importance of the ridge-to-reef approach, and how upland changes can affect lives downstream.

- Haribon gained support from a Philippine National Police regional office in areas of the Mt. Hilong-hilong KBA
- Communities in the municipality of Infanta were engaged for the establishment of a Mangrove Forest Marine Protected Area
- Haribon engaged in national policy to emphasize the importance of the forestry sector as a climate change mitigation commitment to the Climate Change Commission and the Philippines NDCs.
 - Mitigation options in the sector support REDD+

Visibility

- Stories were published in nationally-syndicated broadsheets and media platforms such as the Manila Times, the Philippine Star, and The Manila Bulletin
- TV guestings highlighting forest conservation in 2019 include Al-Jazeera and Philippine nationwide broadcast by GMA News
- Three (3) public awareness-raising events were held to showcase project and campaign on forest governance to over 1,450 individuals. Simple, easy-to-read information materials were developed for use across the project sites. Five (5) materials were produced for various project activities

UPCOMING EVENTS AUG-DEC 2019

- Jul-Aug: Reading Inventory and Literacy Implementation for Bantay Gubat members of KATRIMMA
- Aug: Improving Forest Governance (IFG) training for additional Bantay Gubat
- Aug: Livelihood scoping and field validation (Siburan)
- Sep: Workshop with LGU Lanuza's and Sablayan's Forest Management Boards on mainstreaming REDD+ and NDC commitments to their municipal Forest Landuse Plans

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