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EDITORIAL: COLLABORATIVE GOOD GOVERNANCE FOUNDATIONS
We are currently putting effort into a range of activities to support collaborative work with various levels of Philippine government. Given the challenges of climate change, we can expect coastal countries will face increasing challenges associated with ocean-rise. We have established some critical linkages to provide ongoing support for the application of good governance in the management of change, with additional initiatives in the planning stages. Daluhay works with government.

UNDP SGP 5 - COLLABORATIVE COMMUNITY VALIDATION

As a foundational effort, Drs Pajaro and Watts began work with indigenous peoples in the Philippines by facilitating a week long workshop on resource mobilization for the Aurora office of the National (government) Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). Over ten years has passed since that initial workshop and Daluhay now works with NCIP to conduct in-depth activities such as community validation to insure that projects appropriately engage and support the beneficiaries.



Executive Director Dr. Marivic Pajaro with the Aurora National Commission on the Indigenous Peoples in community validation for the Small Grants Program Project

National government agencies are increasingly interested in the efforts of the non-government organization (NGO) sector to help bridge gaps in programs that link to development at the local government unit (LGU) and community level. Of particular interest to Daluhay, the Philippines has national agencies established to protect the sustainability of natural resources. This includes the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). Often BFAR will have a strong interest in a line of development, such as the establishment of a marine protected area (MPA), but will lack critical funds, local expertise or access to broader international applications. Gaps that can often best be filled by NGOs with a strategic focus. Daluhay has in part been based upon the foundation of engaging and recognizing local fisherfolk in the development and management of MPAs. As the Philippines moves towards its goal for the number and size of MPAs, Daluhay's efforts linked to the national alliance of fisherfolk MPA managers (pamana.50webs.com) provide a partnership foundation for the ongoing work of BFAR, and other similar agencies.



Daluhay's Research and Development Coordinator, Mark Edison Raquino working with Jagger Enaje, a representative from BFAR doing a Coral Assessment

PHILIPPINE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (LGUs): THE KEY TO CRM

The Philippines LGUs have a significant mandate on coastal resource management (CRM) with particular emphasis on municipalities. The largest LGU is represented by 81 independent provinces, of which Aurora is one. Within Aurora there are 8 municipalities, which are made up of smaller Barangays. There are over 150 Barangays in Aurora Province. Fisherfolk and farmers tend to be organized at the Barangay level where Daluhay is most active. Daluhay, with efforts at all 3 levels of LGUs, including the Municipal elected council (*Sangguniang Bayan*) and the provincial counterpart (*Sangguniang Panlalawigan*) Daluhay has been recognized for the quality of this work



Dr. Marivic Pajaro receiving her plaque of appreciation after her presentation on the importance of the role of legislative and executive bodies to Biodiversity Conservation and Fisheries Management with Sangguniang Panlalawigan Councilor Cesar Pimentel (left), Municipal Mayor of Baler Nelianto Bihasa (middle), Former Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Officer Vic san Pedro (middle right) and Baler Municipal Agriculturist Susan Rutaquio.

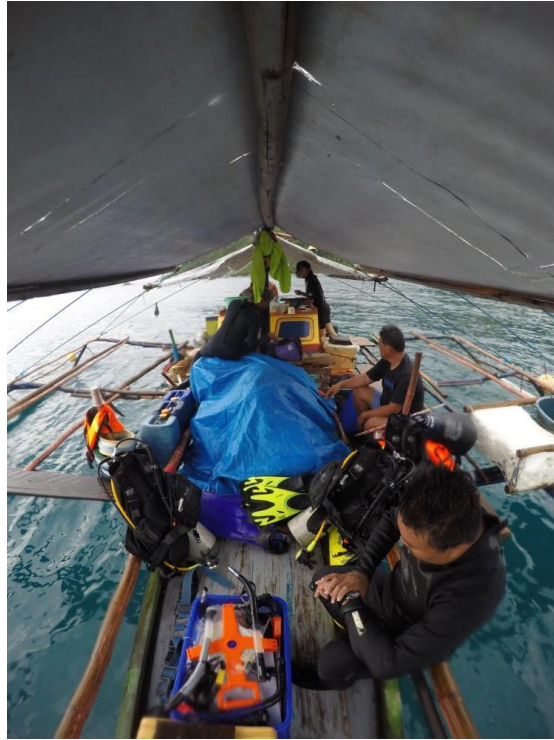
FOUNDATIONS FOR ENHANCING GOOD GOVERNANCE

In general, Daluhay works as a catalyst in developing reflexive linkages between communities, local government, academe and other stakeholders. Our Action Research aims at helping people and governments in the management of change with the goals of environmental sustainability and poverty alleviation. It is Daluhay mission to develop site-based mechanisms for good governance and mainstreaming biodiversity conservation within the LGU systems. Efforts include assisting on the development of policies and legislation as well as revenue generation, public participation, accountability and transparency. These considerations need to be in balance to move forward.

Daluhay works to ensure that projects are inclusive of capacity building for the communities themselves and the LGUs that represent their interests. Working with all levels of government, our approach to development/sustainability *gap analysis* helps to bridge associated challenges through a range of functions, including project management, financial accountability, reforestation, biodiversity conservation and management. Over the past three years Daluhay's collaboration with government has resulted in 100 hectares of rainforested indigenous ancestral lands, 20 hectares of beach forests planted, 400 hectares of marine protected area network including turtle sanctuaries, 30 hectares of seagrass-mangrove protected areas, initiation of biodiversity friendly enterprises and documentation of indigenous knowledge systems and practices (IKSP). Innovations include the establishment of a project Management Committee for the Egongot tribe along with a coordination and communication plan. Daluhay is now in a position to scale-up activities for social and ecological networks. Work on an international foundation, initially involving 4 countries aims to help bridge grants and contracts to maintain services moving forward and considering future generations.

Looking forward and looking back, Daluhay has grown an approach to collaborative governance perhaps best illustrated by more than a decade of work with *The Three Musketeers*, Ted Torio, Reymer Tercero and Jagger Enage. Work that has extended through their rising recognition within various levels of government. This group, originally organized by Dr. Ped Orencio continues to

work closely with Daluhay. Daluhay values our government partnerships and builds upon collaboration.



Government representatives Jagger Enaje and Reymer Tercero members of Coastal Resource Management Monitoring Team in partnership with Daluhay monitors the time and tide while waiting for Teodoro Torio doing underwater assessment.

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