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A NEW STEP FOR DALUHAY

Magalak na pinauunական ng Daluhay Daloy ng Buhay ang bagong miyembro ng Lupon ng mga Direktor na si G. Eulalio Guieb III!

Mula sa kaniyang pagsasagawa ng tesis na pinamagatang Community, marine rights, and sea tenure: A political ecology of marine conservation in two Bohol villages in central Philippines, kaakibat niya ang karanasan na maaari niyang ibahagi sa Daluhay. Si G. Guieb ay matagal nang kakilala at kaibigan ng ating Ehekutibong Direkto at siya ay isang magiging malaking karagdagan sa ating organisasyon dahil sa kanyang pasyon na makatrabaho ang mga tao – lalo na ng mga katutubong pamayanan na nakadepende sa paggawa ng kagamitan mula sa likas na yamang nakapalibot sa kanila. Bilang isang dating Punong Tagapangulo mula sa Kagawaran ng Pamahayagang Brodkast, ang linaw ng tunguhin, determinasyon, at mga koneksyon ni G. Guieb ay magiging malaking tulong sa gawain ng Daluhay bilang isang katalista para sa sustenableng pag-unlad at nakabase sa komunidad na Action Research.



Si G. Guieb, binibigay ang isang panimulang pahayag sa Ikawalong UP CMC Sining Del Pilar: Ituloy Ang Kwento!

COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION PLANNING WORKSHOP FOR SAN LUIS ANCESTRAL DOMAINS

With the official deputation of the *Bantay Gubat* (Forest Guards) in the municipality of San Luis comes the increased responsibility and larger area to protect and conserve their Ancestral Domain. After conducting months of monitoring, patrolling, and monthly report drafting, Daluhay has initiated a Community Conservation and Protection Planning (CCPP) Workshop last October 15 to October 18. The aim was for the designated representatives of each of the communities to be able to draft a CCPP for the entire municipal Ancestral Domain that also considers their communities' issues and concerns. The CCPP will be formulated along with the community so as to identify which are problems that are needed to be addressed using approaches that are ecocentric and community-based.

The CCPP would also be a document that can serve as an action plan that will be presented to other municipal offices in San Luis, such as the DENR, LGU, and BFAR. Much like the Community Conservation Plan done for the Indigenous Communities Conserved Areas (ICCAs) in Dipaculao, four days were allotted for several workshops.

The first day was set for preliminary introductions with the added instruction of mimicking the participants' favorite wildlife and having the rest guess its common name. After the introductions, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPAG's) representative, Reymar Tercero, led in creating a salundiwa for the Forest Guards. He asked the participants to write down common points of interest regarding their Ancestral Domain. Furthermore, For. Marilyn dela Torre assisted in drafting the Forest Guards' mission with the participants' suggestions.

The second day was allotted for several presentations of data from the Daluhay. The data was already analyzed and tabulated, it simply needed a community validation from the participants while a second community validation from the community itself will be held on a later date. The presentations included a levelling-off presentation and the reason why community validations are important by Biol. Mark Raquino. Data from the Resource Inventory (forest status, health, and management) and socio-economic aspects of the communities were presented by For. Marilyn dela Torre and Shan Alejos respectively. After the short break, Dr. Marivic Pajaro discussed both the Indigenous Knowledge, Systems, and Practices (IKSP) documentation and its importance. She linked it to the earlier Salundiwa – which points to the Indigenous cultures' reliance and strong linkage to the nature. The last activity of the day was Biol. Raquino's Systems Analysis. Systems Analysis is a process in which the staff (or participants) determine the root causes (and effects) of issues and how it can be resolved. Biol. Raquino asked the participants to write down what they know as the issue is in their communities and had them also list down why it's the issue and what it entails.

For the third day, Provincial Government – Environmental and Natural Resource Office (PG-ENRO) representative Ted Torio discussed about the difference between governance and management. He also tackled a brief explanation of the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA) before returning the mic to OPAG's Reymar Tercero for a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) Analysis. The SWOT Analysis required the participants to determine what they believe to be their strengths, weaknesses, the opportunities that can arise from completing the CCPP, and the threats that hinder its completion. After the completion of the SWOT, a discussion of Sustainable Financing by Shan Alejos followed – which expounded on how the Forest Guards can obtain funding through protecting and conserving their Ancestral Domain. Following that was Erica Zafra's activity on creating an envisioned goal and an action plan in the form of a potted plant. After each of the settlements are finished with the reporting of their output, Dr. Pajaro and Reymar Tercero then headed the drafting of the Forest Guards' vision and goals. The two also explained and drafted a sample Action Plan for the Forest Guards' to emulate for their own.

For the fourth and final day, Erica Zafra once again took the lead in community mapping, identifying community boundaries and landmarks. Dr. Pajaro then headed the planning for future events for the San Luis Forest Guards. Before adjourning the workshop, Daluhay staff then handed out radios for the exclusive use of forest protection and monitoring.



Participants during the Systems Analysis.



Participants receiving their radio equipment to be used during monitoring rounds

PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE-LEGISLATIVE AGENDA INVOLVEMENT

As a way of identifying both the current and future programs, initiatives, and projects of both the government and non-government organizations, an Executive-Legislative Agenda (ELA) and Capacity Development (CapDev) meeting was held. This workshop / meeting was aimed to assist the different offices and organizations for collaborative approaches on achieving the same goal. The invited organizations and offices were grouped into three major sectors, namely: General Services, Economic, and Social Services. The General Services Sector are comprised of transportation offices, broadcasting organizations, etc. On the other hand, the Economic Sector focused on livelihood-creating organizations and environmental offices along with the architects and engineers. Daluhay was part of the Social Services Sector that focuses on health, youth, and education. Essentially, the workshop identified the current projects of each offices, how it can correlate to other offices' projects, and how it can be made much more effective. Each sector has its own point person that would be collating the different projects of each organization. Since there are offices that are multidisciplinary, submitting a different project to a different sector was allowed. Daluhay submitted an ELA for both the Economic Sector and Social Services Sector. The ELA for the economic sector focused on the livelihood analysis of the Indigenous people while the ELA for the social sector focused on their well-being. The workshop was a great avenue for Daluhay to approach the different offices regarding the concerns and issues that are experienced by the Indigenous communities and was gathered from community focus group discussions and participant interviews.



Governor Noveras giving a speech about the importance of the offices to maintain their good service for the benefit of the people.

3D MAPPING FOR THE ANCESTRAL DOMAIN IN DICADI

Last September 20, Daluhay began the construction of the 3D Map that will encompass the entire three municipalities of Dinalungan, Casiguran, and Dilasag. The 3D map will serve as an important tool for the participants to identify their cultural and historical areas along with their traditional boundaries. Furthermore, the 3D map will be an important component for their Community Conservation and Protection Plan (CCPP) as the plan will be modeled after their identified management zones that will be applied to the map along with both their forest resource analysis. With participants from each cluster, the task was completed in under three (3) weeks. Although chieftains from Dinalungan and Dilasag were unable to see it, some members of their community had.

Moving forward, the construction of the 3D maps for each sector began last October 23 and ended on October 30. The first two clusters that was finished earlier were the San Ildefonso Peninsula 3D Map and the Calabgan 3D map. The second two clusters were the Dilasag and the Dinalungan 3D Map. With the assistance of the two key members from both Dumaguipo and Calabgan, the 3D Map in Dinalungan and Dilasag progressed faster.



A participant from Calabgan, Casiguran finishing up on the DiCaDi 3D map



The volunteers from Sitio Dumaguipo, painting the soon to be finished 3D map of San Ildefonso, Casiguran

DECGROWA NURSERY ESTABLISHMENT TRAINING

The Diarabasin Egongot Coffee Growers and Weavers Association, Inc. (DECGroWA) is an association based in Brgy. Diarabasin, Dipaculao Aurora that primarily focuses on producing, manufacturing, and sale of coffee beans alongside their variety of handicrafts. However, because of the sensitivity of the coffee plants in terms of soil nutrients, location, temperature, and other weather conditions, the association decided to postpone the creation of a nursery for coffee beans. With the approval of the community, DECGroWA decided to first create a primary nursery for some of the native plants in their area. They also decided that a percentage of the wildlings that the community managed to gather for the reforestation will also be sold to the members of the community that are not part of the association. For

the community to be oriented about nursery establishment, DECGroWA enlisted the assistance of Daluhay's For. Marilyn dela Torre. The training lasted two days. The first day was simply a PowerPoint presentation by For. Dela Torre along with a survey of the proposed area for nursery. The second day was allotted to the construction of a single growth chamber and the procurement of 50 wildlings as an initial sample. With the completion of the training, President Emmalyn Sindac spoke with the members of the association before informing For. Dela Torre that the association will be constructing three (3) more growth chambers with more wildlings. As of October 22, DECGroWA has four growth chambers with 200 or more wildlings, each of different species.



The participants from DECGroWA was able to build four growth chambers for 200 (or more) wildlings each

TEN ACCOMPLISHED YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AWARD INCLUSION

The Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Award is an ongoing nationwide search for the organizations with at least five (5) members that are aged below 30 years old and are building engaged and inclusive communities through collaboration. Daluhay has sent an application under the theme of Environment, Disaster and Climate Change, entitled *Synergistic and Ecocentric Capacitation of Sierra Madre's Indigenous and Artisanal Communities*. With Daluhay's work spanning most of Aurora's municipalities, the application for a nationwide award can be an advantage in the acceptance of Daluhay's project proposals that are centered on both environment conservation and protection along with community-based capacitation and trainings. Furthermore, the recognition from being part of a nationwide award can be advantageous in the scaling up of Daluhay's work into the region. With the Dimasalang Egongot Tribal Farmers and Weavers Association, Inc. (DETFAWAI) as the primary participant community that Daluhay has capacitated, the TAYO Foundation has sent Zherluck Shaen Rodriguez as a focal interviewer for the community along with a small presentation from Shan Alejos. Although the time was short, Zee (as Zherluck preferred to be called) was surprised by the amount of work that Daluhay has done in the past and was vocal about volunteering. After conducting the interview with Chieftain Linda Francia, she informed the Daluhay staff about how the selection for the winner would go, which would later be released.



The Daluhay staff along with Zee, in the middle, after both Shan Alejos's presentation and the community interview

SIERRA MADRE SUMMIT 2019

Last September 23, Daluhay was chosen as a participant for the Sierra Madre Summit of 2019. With the aim of the protection of both flora and fauna in the seascape and landscape of the DiCaDi area, CENRO Merliza A. Torre and Save Sierra Network Alliance, Inc. Speaker, Fr. Pete Montallana held the summit at the Gayeta Farm in Casiguran, Aurora. The whole day was dedicated to giving solutions to issues and concerns of both the Indigenous communities and several government offices such as the Dept. of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). Furthermore, the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) were also invited as both speaker and a participant during the summit.

The entire day was concluded with a panel of representatives from the government offices answering questions from both community chieftains and community representatives. The summit itself was an appropriate avenue for both community members and chieftains to be able to voice out their concerns to the offices that are present. With Daluhay's inclusion as a Civil Service Organization (CSO) to the summit, the staff was able to identify how the offices respond to the concerns and issues of the communities. The offices, especially the DAR based on Dilasag, will be focusing more on how they can implement their projects and initiatives with the inclusion of the community's participation and approval.



The key speakers and officers of the Sierra Madre Summit along with Fr. Montallana of Save Sierra Network Alliance, Inc.

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