



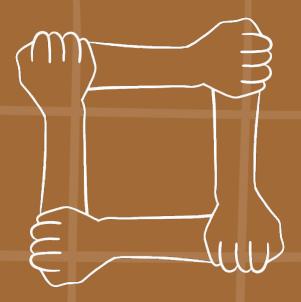


BUKIDNON-MISAMIS ORIENTAL: LANDSCAPE GOVERNANCE JOURNEY

2018-2020

START

DIALOGUES: AN APPROACH TO LANDSCAPE GOVERNANCE



Efforts to harness landscape governance are not at all new; but as times move forward, resources get depleted, and people grow at an exponential rate, the dialogues must be redesigned to be more inclusive, and promote sustainability at a landscape level. Dialogues help people from different sectors see their different development agenda, and identify how they can work together towards common sustainable pathways.

Since 2018, the Forest Foundation Philippines and Tropenbos International have been facilitating Sustainable and Inclusive Landscape Governance (SILG) dialogues in three focal landscapes – Sierra Madre, Palawan, and Bukidnon-Misamis Oriental. SILG aims to build on landscape experiences, and to promote best practices. It also aims to develop methodologies and tools that can help landscape stakeholders to co-create, co-implement, and co-own landscape governance mechanisms, and practices.

BRINGING COMPLEXITY TO THE SURFACE: SUSTAINABLE & INCLUSIVE LANDSCAPES AS AN APPROACH

Sectors and organizations now realize the complex nature of environmental problems we face. As such, landscape approach as a lens to look at existing dynamics brings the reality of these problems to the surface. For example, some look at the forests as conservation and restoration areas; whereas other groups can also see these areas for timber harvesting, timber poaching, possible expansion areas for agricultural production, and eco-tourism sites.

These varying intentions for forest areas depict a reality that these spaces are governed by different regulatory mechanisms, and subsequently by different groups of people and communities.

Another layer that contributes to the complexity of the problem is that ecosystems are under both natural and anthropogenic drivers of changes, and pressure. As these uncontrolled interventions, and unmonitored changes happen over time, problems become more difficult to address at a landscape level.

This is a general storytelling of where the dialogues are anchored on – bring people with varying perspectives, intentions, and advocacies together, and vision for probable futures.

Futures that are grounded on the pillars of landscape governance – sense of place, multi-stakeholder participation, institutions, sustainable economic development, and management.



why LANDSCAPE APPROACH?



COMPLEXITY of GLOBAL PROBLEMS



LANDSCAPE GOVERNANCE

TONE SETTING & WALKTHROUGH

OF THE

LANDSCAPE

INTEGRATIVE CONCEPTS



SUSTAINABLE DEV'T GOALS





FEDERALISM DECENTRALIZATION SPATIALIZATION









= PHILIPPINE LANDSCAPE DIALOUGE =



PEOPLE + NATURE







WE WILL ENVISION TOGETHER THE LANDSCAPE WE WANT & HOW to

PUSHPIN VISUAL SOLUTIONS

LANDSCAPE JOURNEY: HOW WE CAME TO KNOW OUR LANDSCAPES & OUR PARTNERS

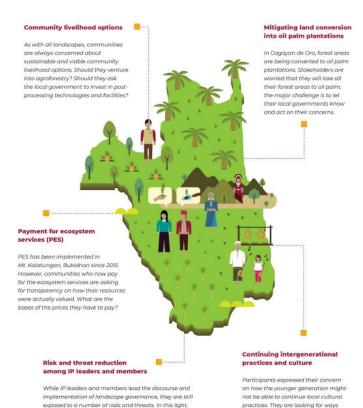
BUKIDNON-MISAMIS ORIENTAL:

CULTURE-BASED CONSERVATION

stakeholders see the need to help protect and reduce

the risks to IP advocates, so that the IP communities

can continue their landscape advacacies.



to help young people appreciate inter-

generational practices and to inspire

them to continue these practices despite modern advancements.

LIFESCAPES

March 12-14, 2019. Bukidnon-Misamis Oriental stakeholders saw their landscapes as lifescapes that can support, and sustain lives. They centered on responding to their landscape issues with life-centered approaches.

To jumpstart landscape governance work in Bukidnon-Misamis Oriental, the landscape dialogue provided opportunities for both laying down a conceptual framework, and as well as re-looking at their landscape from this perspective. Their group was composed of representatives from CSOs, local government units, Indigenous communities, and academic institutions. Participants identified a number of landscape issues, and concerns. What's interesting was how the participants were able to link all of these issues, and concerns with Indigenous culture, and governance systems.

Their discussions can be categorized into these five overarching themes:

- 1. Community livelihood options;
- 2. Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES);
- 3. Risk and threat reduction among IP leaders, and members;
- 4. Continuing intergenerational practices, and culture; and
- 5. Halting land conversion from forests to plantations (mostly oil palm)

Revisit our 2019 landscape dialogue summary here.





VISIONING FOR THE LANDSCAPE: HOW DO I SEE THE LANDSCAPE IN 5 TO 10 YEARS?



Participants of the breakout session formed smaller groups to focus their discussions on their watershed areas. From the smaller groups, the resulting identified problems and joint visions include prioritizing good governance and sustainable livelihoods through advocating against certain development efforts such as road and dam constructions, and expansion of oil palm plantations. Participants also envisioned to have stronger community inclusion in development agenda setting and planning, with the hope as communities get involved in conversations, their aspirations can be taken into consideration.



Participants from the landscape subdivided into smaller groups to discuss in detail the current situations of the watershed they belong to, and eventually discussed in a bigger group. The group was able to thresh out landscape issues on water provisioning, some of which include clarifying roles and responsibilities of the Cagayan de Oro River Basin Management Council (CDORBMC); lack of multi-stakeholder participation in development plan; absence of cultural inputs in water governance; contribution of agricultural areas and livestock to water pollution; changing climate; mining; and increasing settlement areas. All these contribute to declining landscape integrity, and the landscape's capacity to provide quality water to the people.

To address these pressing issues, participants envision to have proper monitoring and evaluation mechanisms in place, where malpractices will be reported, and apprehended. Ultimately, they envision a governance system where stakeholders are regularly consulted, and provided space to contribute.

Revisit NED 2019 summaries here.

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LAND GOVERNANCE JULY 9, 2020

As the pandemic continues to challenge our ways of working, so we must continue to adapt. Our dialogues have transitioned to digital platforms. These digital platforms are not replacement of our usual in-person conversations; but they also offer new possibilities of working together.

- How has COVID-19 reshaped the land use choices of communities in the landscapes?
- How can we continue banking on inclusivity, and participation for land resources amid challenges on mobility?

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- PREVALENT ISSUES

 DURING COVID-19
- DETERMINE KEY FACTORS IN ADDRESSING the ISSUES
- & CO-IDENTIFY ACTIONABLE POINTS

This dialogue session was designed to identify emerging and prevalent land conversion issues during COVID-19; and to determine key factors for success in addressing such issues. Ultimately, the session aimed to co-identify actionable points that can be taken on by specific landscape actors.

ON LAND CONVERSION

SITUATIONER FROM
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE FOR
SOCIAL CHANGE'S (ESSC)
LANDSCAPE-WIDE MAPPING PROJECT

- RAPID AGRICULTURAL EXPANSION (FOLLOWING FROM THE 70s)
- · ADDITIONAL FOREST AREAS (GAINS)
- DECREASE IN FOREST COVER, PREVALENT IN AREAS WITHOUT EXISTING LAND TENURIAL INSTRUMENTS
- VOLATILE PEACE and ORDER SITUATION
- PROTOCOLS of ENGAGEMENT BECAME MORE COMPLEX (MILITARY COMMANDS)
- · IDENTIFY CHANGE AGENTS
- ENHANCING CAPACITIES IS NOT JUST ABOUT ACQUIRING SKILLS
- · DELAYS ARE PART of the SOCIAL REALITY



LAND USE CHANGES DURING COVID-19

NOT MUCH REPORTS ON RECENT
LAND CONVERSION INCIDENCES
PRIMARILY DUE TO FOCUS ON
RESOLVING THE CURRENT HEALTH CRISIS
AND THE NEED TO BE VIGILANT DUE TO VIRUS

EVIDENCE for CASES



USE AVAILABLE DATA and INFO and MAPS

* CDORBMC IS DEVELOPING A DECISION SUPPORT TOOL (DST)

ON LAND CONVERSION

HOW DO WE ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES REALLY EARN FROM THEIR FARMING ACTIVITIES?



PROTECT indigenous peoples

INCREASE ENGAGEMENT with

- · GOVERNMENT AGENCIES
- · INDIGENOUS PEOPLES
 - THEIR CULTURAL INTEGRITY

EXPAND the NETWORK



- J INVOLVE THE NATIONAL COMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) IN THE DIALOGUES TO HELP BETTER GRASP THE CONTEXT AND BE INFLUENCED TO TAKE ACTION.
- REACH OUT TO IP COMMUNITIES
 ESPECIALLY TRIBE LEADERS
 TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE
 INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSION.
- 3 STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO INVOLVE PRIVATE SECTOR & FINANCERS TO INCLUDE THEM AS NETWORK THAT CO-CREATE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS AND FINANCING MECHANISMS.

WATER GOVERNANCE JULY 14, 2020

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- How has the landscape designed, and implemented water governance mechanisms pre-, and during COVID-19?
- Who were the necessary actors that helped implement the mechanisms?
- What sectors are still missing in the network?

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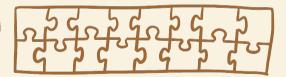
- PES MECHANISMS
- on PES implementation & OTHER WATER GOV EFFORTS
- A COLLABORATIVE PATH

This dialogue session was intended to provide updates on the ongoing Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) mechanisms in the landscape; and to identify bottlenecks on the implementation of PES, and other water governance efforts. Ultimately, the session intended to help participants set a collaborative path that all participating organizations can contribute to.

ON WATER GOVERNANCE

EMBRACING LANDSCAPE APPROACHES

A HOLISTIC APPROACH IN ADDRESSING ISSUES



COMPARTMENTALIZATION
USUALLY OCCURS WHEN
DEALING WITH PROJECTS/INITIATIVES



INCREASE & STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION



FIND A CROSS-CUTTING ISSUE THAT CAN HELP STAKEHOLDERS UNDERSTAND & TACKLE THE SITUATION MORE EFFECTIVELY



IMPROVING THE EDUCATION SYSTEM

EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE
THE EDUCATION SECTOR FOR A MORE
LASTING 4 SYSTEMATIC CHANGE



COORBMC + DEPED ARE LOCALIZING MODULES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES





TAP CHED TO HELP CSOS INFLUENCE HEL TO CONSIDER NEW LANDSCAPE SCENARIOS IN THEIR MODULES

CHED'S CONCERN:
CURRENT COURSES ARE FOCUSED
ON CLASSROOM LEARNING.
IT'S DIFFICULT TO ABSORB REALITY
WHEN THEY DON'T SEE IT.



GOVERNANCE

- THE DEPT OF TOURISM IS
 DEVELOPING THEIR SUSTAINABLE
 LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS > PLANS
 THAT WILL HELP INVESTORS >
 IMPLEMENTERS SEE RESOURCE
 UTILIZATION MECHANISMS BETTER
- DEPT OF TOURISM IS HELPING PROMOTE PROPER USE OF WATER (MOSTLY HOTELS & RESTAURANTS)
- · NATIONAL ECONOMIC &
 DEV'T AUTHORITY (NEDA) AND
 OTHER GOV AGENCIES MUST BE
 INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS
 TO APPROPRIATELY ANSWER
 THE WATER SHORTAGE PROBLEM

KASAMA SA KULTURA NILA NA MAHALIN AT IRESPETO ANG TUBIG.

LEARNING FROM INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

INTEGRATION of DEV'T PLANS

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN, FOREST LAND USE PLANS (FLUP), ETC, ARE NOT INTEGRATED AMONG IMPLEMENTING LGUS

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R ACTION POINTS

- I. OPTIMIZE ESSC ROAD SHOW BY INCORPORATING SESSIONS ON POSSIBLE USE OF THE DATA TO BE SHARED WITH THE LGUS Y PAMB | DENR OFFICES
- 2. STRENGTHEN EFFORTS TO INVOLVE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THE UPCOMING NAT'L DIALOGUE
- 3. EXPLORE PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPED, CHED, and OTHER HELS.
- 4. CONDUCT SMALLER & MORE TARGETED DIALOGUES for IDENTIFIED LANDSCAPE ISSUES

COMMUNICATING SCIENCE

TO POLICY MAKING

- #1 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SCIENTISTS, POLICY MAKERS ? DECISION MAKERS SHOULD BE OPEN and CONTINUOUS.
- #2 SCIENTISTS & THE ACADEME
 MUST CONVEY CLEARLY WHAT
 SCIENCE IS TELLING, AND
 HOW RESEARCH RESULTS CAN
 BE USED AS BASES FOR
 IMPROVING POLICY PROVISIONS.

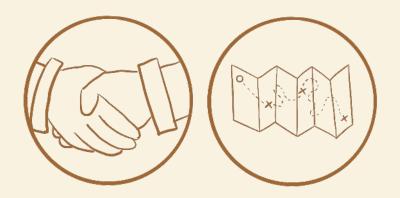
ADVOCACY WORK

· REALITY :

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IT'S DIFFICULT TO INCULCATE ENVIRONMENT-RELATED VALUES

STRENGTHEN ADVOCACY WORK for COMMUNITIES, ESP. THOSE WITH CONFLICTS ON WATER RESOURCE. THEY OWN TENURE RIGHTS BUT ARE NOT BEING ACKNOWLEDGED.



The online dialogues helped Bukidnon-Misamis Oriental stakeholder agree on two major points:

- 1. Harness using maps, and up-to-date data for planning, and conservation purposes; and
- 2. **Expand and strengthen the current network** by inviting representatives from private, and education, sectors.

Revisit the 2020 online dialogues here.

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

PATHWAYS FOR SUSTAINING INCLUSIVE LANDSCAPE GOVERNANCE

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2020

As the project culminates, this National Environmental Dialogue was designed to spark conversations on how participants can commit to sustain the dialogues. The sessions also provided specific entry points to institutionalize landscape governance principles in the current local development planning processes.

From here, we ask ourselves, "How can we continue working on our visions for the landscape?"





ADVOCATE FOR

ENVIRONMENT-CENTEREDNESS

AMONG LGUS SO THE NETWORK CAN WORK
TOGETHER FOR BETTER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



MAPS AS A COLLABORATIVE TOOL S
PROCESS TO HELP COMMUNITIES BETTER
LOCATE THEMSELVES IN THE LANDSCAPE

Taking off from the previous dialogues, the participants continued to build on their specific priorities to strengthen advocacy work to help LGUs adopt an environment-centered approach to development. They also built upon the idea to use maps to unite local communities, and Indigenous communities, spark collaboration, and increase their sense of belonging in the landscape.

Also, as a pre-session before they have a deep dive in exploring local development planning to sustain their existing efforts, they identified initial observable challenges in their landscape.

CHALLENGES in LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING



STRENGTHEN and INSTITUTIONALIZE FLUP



COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS from AGENCIES



SEEING EYE TO EYE

LGU PERSPECTIVE

COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE



RESPECTING FORESTS For SPIRITUAL PURPOSES



COMPENSATION of COMMUNITY EFFORTS (BY LOU/ GOVERNMENT)



DISCUSSION of INDIGENOUS
TRADITIONAL VALUES



PEACE & ORDER SITUATION

(.x. REP TAGGING of
UNKNOWN ORGANIZATIONS)



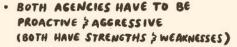
INSTITUTIONALIZE PROTECTION/
CONSERVATION AREAS

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IDENTIFIED ENTRY POINTS

CHALLENGES

POINTS





- · ACTIVE PARTNERSHIP with communities
- GET A FEEL OF HOW LGUS WORK; ARE THEY OPEN and/or what CAN THE CSOS DO TO BUILD RELATIONSHIP WITH LGUS
- · MONITORING & CHECK
 and BALANCE PROCESSES
- · ACTIVE PRESENCE of CSOS



FORMALIZE PARTNERSHIP with LGUS (FNGAGE in DIALOGUES > DISCUSSIONS OR PRIORITIZATION)



EXTENSION PROJECTS TO BE
INTEGRATED/COORDINATED with LGU
(TO ENSURE THAT COMMUNITIES BENEFIT
and IMPLEMENTATION GOES WELL)



GETTING A BOTTOMLINE:

IDENTIFY WHERE THE LGU IS IN TERMS OF WHERE THEY ARE IN THEIR LAND USE



UP TO BLEUS: COURTESY



EMPOWER PARTNER COMMUNITIES
SO THAT EVENTUALLY, THEY CAN
REPRESENT THEMSELVES

NGAYON LANG NAMIN KAYO NARAMDAMAN. BAKA KUKUNAN NIYO LANG KAMI NG DATA.

· COMMUNITIES



- · COVID & IMPENDING IMPACTS
- · EXISTING LOU DYNAMICS
- PROJECTS APPROVED
 BUT NO INPUTS
 from KIN AND
 OTHER GROUPS





- · ENABLING MECHANISMS
 TO ENSURE PARTICIPATION
 (TRANSPORTATION, INCENTIVE)
- · OPENNESS of LOUS

While not all participating stakeholders had direct work with local development planning, they were able to identify entry points. Most of these are anchored on maximizing their current strengths, and and roles in the landscape; and on banking on their existing relationships with LGUs, and other sectors.

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DAY 3 BREAKOUT SESSION





IT REQUIRES PATIENCE,
DEDICATION & EFFORT.

IT REWARDS YOU W/ STRENGTH, PERSPECTIVE & CONFIDENCE



WHAT KIND OF RESILIENT FUTURE CAN WE BUILD IF WE CONTINUE TO

Learn, Imagene & Collaborate?



THE AGREED ACTION POINTS



of IPS FOR ADSOPP



CENTRAL DATABASE



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DIALOGUE 2020 Pathways for Sustaining Inclusive Landscape Governance September 23–25, 2020

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Revisit NED 2020 sessions here.

To cap off their dialogues that started in 2018, the participants agreed to pursue the following:

- 1. Capacitate Indigenous communities in crafting, implementing, and monitoring their Ancestral Domains Sustainable Development and Protection Plans (ADSDPP). This entails more rigorous works from the CSOs to really provide the IPs with necessary skills, and understanding of their rights, and responsibilities;
- 2. Develop a collaborative central database where up-to-date data from different organizations can be stored. This effort can be started off with the existing effort of the Environmental Science for Social Change (ESSC) to host the updated land cover maps of Bukidnon. If the landscapes want science-based, and responsive plans, this central database can provide them with a platform to continuously, and more easily update plans, and identify good practices, and gaps; and
- 3. Come up with a strategy to engage other sectors needed to advance their advocacies. They envision to have more proactive participation from CHED, DepED, PLGUs and MLGUs (especially the PAOs, and MAOs), and private sector. They see the critical role of the education sector to integrate the ongoing advances in environmental issues, and solutions in curricula.



Revisit your 2018-2020 Landscape Governance Journey!

The shared Google Drive folder contains summaries of 2018-2020 landscape and national dialogues; and scenarios from our foresight session.

SUPPORTING MATERIALS FOR OUR LANDSCAPE GOVERNANCE WORK

Invitation to Landscape Governance Journey
(Video)

National Environmental Dialogue (NED) 2018

Policy Brief Series

National Environmental Dialogue (NED) 2020

Materials

Reading materials on Landscape Governance, and Sustainable Development

National Environmental Dialogue (NED) 2019

<u>Materials</u>

2020 Inter-landscape Kumustahan-Dialogue on Continuing Work amid COVID-19

Maraming salamat sa pakikibahagi!

Tuloy lamang ang mga diskusyon para sa solusyon.

Share your responses, questions, or requests at

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