

Building the Technical Expertise of LGUs for the Robust Implementation of Ridge to Reef Approach/Watershed Ecosystem Approach to Local and Provincial Land Use and Development Planning in the Philippines

Activity Report/Completion Report

1. Title:

Data Collection and Consultation Meeting

2. Duration and Date:

The data collection was conducted from April 23-24 while the consultation meeting was conducted for one (1) day, on April 24, 2024,

3. Venue:

The activity was conducted at the Provincial Government of La Union (PGLU) Provincial Capitol, Aguila Rd., Brgy. II, City of San Fernando, La Union

4. Content and Methodology:

The data collection was conducted by the APN Team, who visited several provincial offices to request the necessary information for implementing the R2R approach/WEM in local and provincial land use and development planning in La Union province.

Meanwhile, the consultation meeting was facilitated by Mr. Fandialan, a staff member of the APN project. The meeting began with a discussion of the status of the planning team formation. The PGLU team presented a draft Executive Order (EO) and identified the existing members of the planning team, core group, support group, and technical working group. It was mentioned that a link to the draft EO would be created for review and comments from both parties. Additionally, the PGLU team will follow up with certain offices to secure the endorsement of their official representatives for the planning team. Both teams agreed that the EO should be finalized by May 2024.

Following this, the team representatives discussed the process of reviewing and consolidating data, a prerequisite for updating the Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP) using the ridge-to-reef/ecosystem management (R2R/WEM) approach. The target was to complete the first step by May 2024, while the Visioning activity was scheduled for May 7, 2024. Some issues raised during the discussions included the provincial boundary, administrative map, copies of CLUPs, and overlapping boundaries.

The PGLU was tasked with sending a letter to NAMRIA to request a provincial boundary; however, no response was received. As a result, they sought assistance from the APN Team at UPLB. In the meantime, the basemap currently used by PGLU, approximately 149,000 hectares in size, was recommended for use in updating the PDPFP.

Regarding the planning environment, the PGLU team mentioned that maps had already been generated. However, since the data should incorporate the R2R/WEM approach, the maps will be updated accordingly. The issue of overlapping boundaries was added to the action items, as it is

important to resolve this, even internally.

The meeting concluded with both parties setting their schedule of activities and action items. UPLB will provide map data and land capability zoning, while PGLU will supply data and send letters to the concerned offices.

5. Participants and Facilitators

The participants during the consultation meeting comprised representatives from key offices of the Provincial Government of La Union including the Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator, the Office of the Provincial Agriculturist, the Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office, the Office of the Provincial Assessor, the Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office, and the Local Economic Enterprise & Investment Promotions Unit.

The meeting was spearheaded by Dr. Rex Victor O. Cruz, the project leader along with the project staff and key members from the Office of the Planning and Development Coordination, Provincial Government of La Union (OPPDC-PGLU).

6. Reflections/Concerns/Recommendations/Lesson Learned:

The consultation meeting initiated further collaboration between the UPLB-APN team and the PGLU team. Both parties presented progress on their tasks; however, the issue of completing the members of the planning team is crucial to moving forward with the next step of updating the PDPPF of La Union Province. Finalizing the list of members is essential for achieving the Executive Order (EO), which is necessary to proceed with the visioning activity. Therefore, it is recommended that consistent follow-up and monitoring be conducted to ensure the timely completion of the project's requirements.

7. Activity Materials

The activity included essential materials such as the program of activities and microphones for the open forum. To facilitate active participation, stakeholders were also provided with pens and notepads to take notes throughout the meeting.

8. Appendices

Appendix - Directory of Key Attendees.

No.	Full name	Address/Agency
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2	Roshelle A. Mamaril	PGLU
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7	Remedios G. Garellano	PGLU
8	Jo Angela Villanueva	PGLU
9	Michael K. Lopez	PGLU
10	Sharon A. Vloria	PGLU
11	JP Roma Duque	PGLU
12	Edgar Bryan Gurion	PGLU
13	Jomar L. Hufana	PGLU
14	John Joseph Ordoño	PGLU
15	Jonalyn O. Saranquin	PGLU
16	Jay-ar Raquedan	PGLU
17	Kristina Tunio	PGLU
18	Mark Taguined	PGLU
19	Jennelee Piza	PGLU
20	Nicholas G. Perlas	PGLU
21	Hanzel Guerrero	PGLU
22	Marinette Aquino	PGLU
23	Ernesto Callanta	PGLU
24	Aldrin Fandialan	UPLB
25	Garry M. Oca	UPLB
26	Diego Miguel C. Sapnu	UPLB
27	Marinelle Agonia	UPLB
28	Glenda Alcachupas	UPLB

29	Mirasol M. Guinto	UPLB
30	Vida Q. Carandang	UPLB
31	Rex Victor O. Cruz	UPLB
32	Viella Marie Tunay	UPLB
33	Dennis Go	UPLB
34	Pocholo Jairus Del Rosario	UPLB
35	Kier Lorenz B. Hernandez	DHSUD Region I
36	Jack Apigo	LTFRB Region I
37	Christine Joy Gonzales	DTI Region I
38	Bernard Quiros	DENR Region I
39	Erljan Balagot	DICT Region I
40	Dave Ezra G. Picar	DICT Region I
41	Racquel T. Atawe	NEDA Region I
42	Marvin C. Biligan	NCIP Region I
43	Reggie R. Colisao	DILG Region I
44	Nicolette May O. Amon	DILG Region I
45	Maria Cristina Rarogal	DA Region I
46	Glaiza Transfiguracion	DA Region I
47	Irene Taltal	DA Region I
48	Venus Cardenas	DENR-PENRO
49	Jason Jose Orpilla	DPWH Region I
50	John Lester Rittan	DOST Region I

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