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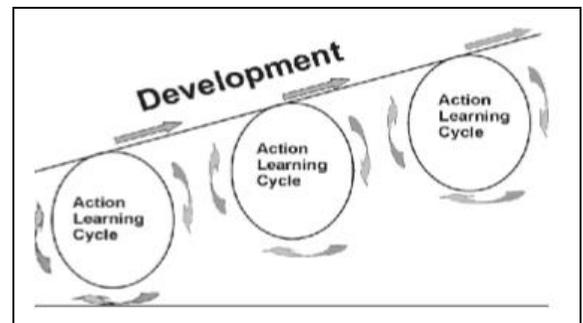
Daloy ng Buhay

EDITORIAL: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT FOR ACTION

In this day and age of unprecedented information overload – we are all faced with questions regarding time and knowledge management. For example; Why read this newsletter or visit our website? For our staff; Why work at DALUHAY? For others; Why donate time, resources, energy? No matter what you invest in Daluhay, you are joining a *flow of life* that is based upon thinking global and acting local. The Daluhay approach to sustainability is a hybrid that uses research as a basis for community-based action. The Daluhay community of engagement is based upon a respect-first approach to staff, Board members and volunteers and most importantly, community-based cultures. We are building participatory actions for positive change and local engagement. Although the future remains largely uncharted, our understanding of climate change, ecosystems and disaster risk management is rapidly increasing. We aim to help better prepare communities, to help themselves - as we move into the uncertainties of the future. Currently, Daluhay is project-based but we are working towards building a sustainable operation framework that will be defined by a meaningful role in and for society.

We are pleased that our readers can be part of this change and join us as we imagine a new future and work towards that by developing a broad range of partnerships – institutional, personal and community; so that we can facilitate the application of iterative **Action Learning Cycles** where we collaborate on baselines,

plan, do, analyze, and evaluate as a contribution to sustainability and development.



ARTS & SCIENCE MEET FOR COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



On APRIL 19-29, the Bagong Lumad Artists' Foundation Inc. (BLAFI), and Daluhay conducted training on *Siningbayan* (<https://sites.google.com/a/blafi.org/main>) tools and approaches for Coastal Resource Management Stewardship. Artists, elders, and youth coming from several municipalities and cultures of Aurora province attended workshop sessions on *IKOT DIWA* sharing of thoughts or ideas. BLAFI, led by social artist - musician Mr. Joey Ayala, uses a *SALUNDIWA* (thought catcher) and *SURI-SARILI* (self-assessment) approach to help participants express ideas in a free flowing manner through visual art; that is then transformed into the lyrics and music of song.

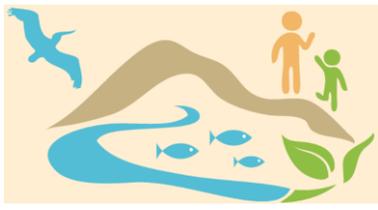


BLAFI believes that through social artistry people can more easily envision what they need and want through some form of introspection so that they can *imagine* what they need to do to attain their goals. DALUHAY believes that the way to meet the huge coastal challenges for this archipelagic nation is through cultural engagement. Together we partner on national TESDA curriculum development and this ongoing UNDP-SGP5 project for conservation and communities in the Sierra Madre Mountains and along the Northern Philippine Sea Bioregion coastline - **SUSTAINABILITY & LIVELIHOODS**



Joey Ayala accompanying trainee Shekayna Ramos and the Siningbayan facilitators

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World Oceans Month



DALUHAY is partnering with several other agencies and many peoples organizations (POs) on three projects through the United Nations Development Program– Small Grants Program’s 5th Operational Phase (UNDP-SGP5) administered by the Biodiversity Management Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR-BMB). On MAY 22-24, 2017, The DENR-BMB and UNDP held the First National Biodiversity Congress at the Crowne Plaza Galleria in Quezon City and was attended by more than 500 leaders and practitioners from different Civil Society Organizations, local government, private and public academic Institutions, environmental managers, indigenos other People’s Organizations (POs), and DENR personnel. The theme was: **Upwelling of Lessons, Sustainability Community Benefits in the Conservation of Landscapes and Seascapes**. In one session Doc Marivic shared Daluhay’s efforts in the Lower Sierra Madre regarding aspects of biodiversity conservation. The congress also featured an exhibit of biodiversity friendly products from partner communities. One of our PO partners led by Chieftain Rosalinda Francia from Egongot Tribe in Dimasalang Aurora presented her sabutan products to Senator Loren Legarda together with Mr. Ronnie Amatorio who showcased how his paintings give life to his Indigenous background.



Daluhay and partner People’s Organizations (POs) leaders at the Congress

OTHER RECENT DALUHAY ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS



- Partnered with LGU- Baler and KALMADABA to establish the Baler Seagrass & Mangrove Protected Area -Sitio Malaking Gasang, Brgy. Zabali, Baler, Aurora
- Municipality of San Luis Marine Protected Area Network Management Body Capacity Building Training and Workshop
- At the recent Northern Philippine Sea - **BENHAM BANK** Forum, Daluhay and the Marine Environmental and Resources Foundation accepted a secretarial role on socio-economics profiles. **FOCUS: SUSTAINABILITY & LIVELIHOODS**

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