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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COMMUNICATION

Commonly, the language used in communities in the Philippines (aside from their indigenous language) is Filipino. As such, it would be appropriate to discuss the development of a community in Filipino. It can also be seen as paying respects to the country in which Daluhay currently operates.

We try to understand community by seeking to capture members' experience of it. Instead of asking what does it look like to us.
Anthony P. Cohen

Ang mga proyekto na isinasagawa ng Daluhay ay nakatuon sa pagpapalakas at pagpapatibay ng ugnayan ng mga tao sa kalikasan. Napapaloob dito ang mga pagsasanay at seminar kasama ang mga tagapag-salita na mayroong sapat na kaalaman at karanasan ukol sa iba't-ibang paksa. Ngunit matapos ang mga training, mga seminar, mga open-forum, ay isang komunidad na nagsasama sama upang makatulong sa kanilang kalikasan, pamilya, at sunod na salin-lahi. Ang mga Dumagat ng San Luis ay isa sa mga nakakasama ng Daluhay para sa pagsasanay na ito. Matapos ang isang araw na pagsasanay, noong Enero, nagsagawa ng munting interbyu ang ilang miyembro ng Daluhay. Imbes na tanungin ang mga natutunan sa araw na iyon, tinanong ang mga kalahok kung ano, sa tingin nila, ang magiging epekto ng pagiging Bantay Gubat nila. Iba-iba ang kasagutan nila. Ngunit, sila'y nagkakaisa sa isang parte ng interbyu – ito ay ang pasasalamat dahil sa pagkakataon na dinala ng Daluhay upang maging parte ng isang samahan na magbabantay sa gubat na kanilang kinalakihan at pinagmamalaki. Makikita mula sa kanilang paniniwala at sinasabi ang sigla at pakikisama sa mga ipinapagawa ng Daluhay.

PHILIPPINE ICCA PROJECT: PROGRESS AND ASSESMENT

Another step taken for the of Indigenous Community Conservation Area (ICCA) Program in Dipaculao was the workshop conducted in the coastal areas. Since Daluhay has already conducted preliminary data gathering, the project is proceeding towards community validation and data affirmation. The workshop was an appropriate avenue for community validation along with the formulation of several management zones and policies decided by the community. Daluhay also sent two representatives to the National ICCA Registry Roll-Out and Year-End Assessment and Planning conducted by the Philippine ICCA. Both Erica Zafra and

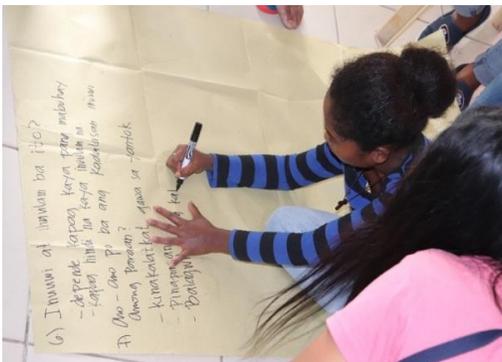
Mark Raquino participated in the ICCA meeting to learn more about the current national status of the ICCA and update the project coordinators on the local ICCA sites. The meeting was a productive event for Daluhay in the field of mapping and documenting important sites for other future projects.



The Philippine ICCA National Project Coordinators and Local Partners

RAINFOREST TRUST: TRAINING AND DEPUTATION

With the orientation of the Indigenous Communities finished, the project is moving on the training and the deputation of the participants. The previous trainings had focused on the exchange of both conventional and traditional knowledge on the flora and the fauna of their forest, the proper handling of injured animals (especially endangered animals like the Philippine Eagle), and some of the laws that bind the Forest Rangers. Daluhay also collaborated with several important resource speakers that discussed important topics regarding the project, the role of the individual participants, and the role of the Forest Ranger community. The project will move on securing the roles of these Indigenous Peoples in protecting the forests and the wildlife by the deputation of the participants after the end of the third training session.



Participants from the communities recording forest-wildlife status and reporting in plenary session.



CREATING A COMMUNICATIVE NETWORK FOR COASTAL AREAS

In response to the creation of a communication network in supporting the management, protection, and maintenance of a Marine Protected Area in San Luis, Aurora, Daluhay had collaborated with the Clean Seas Pilipinas – the Philippine branch of the global non-profit organization focusing on plastic waste reduction on seas – for a seminar. The Marine Protected Area in San Luis encompasses multiple coastal barangays that lack the necessary means for an effective communication system. Hence, the seminar was held to help the community create an efficient and effective plan for an easily managed communication network. The creation of such a network will be a beneficial part for the management of the Marine Protected Area and can serve as an informative output for future communication plans in the coastal communities of San Luis.



Participants creating a draft communication plan for a specific audience.

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