## **CEPF FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT**

### I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: Cagayan Valley Partners in People Development

**Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):** Design and Management of the Northeastern Cagayan Conservation Corridor

Implementation Partners for this Project:

Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement): December 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007

Date of Report (month/year): August 2007

### II. OPENING REMARKS

Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.

Civil society -non-government organizations and people's organizations, together with the academe and the church- have long been in the forefront of environmental protection in the Cagayan Valley region since the 1990s. They were and still are very active in the multi-sectoral forest protection committee and community-based forest resource management (CBFM) activities. A shift towards a conservation orientation came as a natural consequence of the Rio Summit and in view of the observation that biodiversity conservation was a neglected component of CBFM. Aside from this, there began to be implemented in region 02 biodiversity conservation projects under the CPPAP- GEF, Dutch assisted conservation and development project all in Isabela and the German assisted CBFM and Conservation project in the province of Quirino. Alongside with this was the push for the corridor approach.

The CEPF assisted project is a conservation initiative that has come just at the right time when there was an upswing of interest in Cagayan in biodiversity conservation and environment protection. It came as a conservation felt need for the province of Cagayan in view of the successful pro-active actions in the neighboring province of Isabela which led to the establishment of the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park. At that time, similar actions were already undertaken to process the proclamation requirements for the Penablanca Protected Landscape and Seascape and the Quirino Protected Landscape. Simultaneous with these undertakings were IEC and advocacy campaigns using a tri-media approach to different stakeholders – LGUs, government agencies, media, the academe and religious institutions and others.

Given also the various accounts of informants from the Sierra Madre of the richness of the biodiversity in the area and subsequent validations by the studies of Conservation International-Philippines and the Cagayan Valley Partners in People Development through its community-based projects, conservation partners launched an advocacy campaign and convinced the leadership of the Provincial Government of Cagayan to take up the cause of the environment and conservation as one of its banner projects. Thus was born the Cagayan Council for the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor (CCSMBC) in 2003. This became the main vehicle for a multi-stakeholder action towards conservation in the Sierra Madre de Cagayan. This body took as its main project the proclamation of the Northeastern Cagayan as a protected Landscape and Seascape. With the very strong support of the Provincial Governor, efforts focusing towards the proclamation started as early as 2003. Guided by the MOA which the CCSMBC members signed, initiatives towards this goal became a collective action and beyond an individual institutional interest. The leadership was provided by the Provincial Governor who serves as CCSMBC Chair.

## III. ACHIEVEMENT OF PROJECT PURPOSE

*Project Purpose*: Critical stakeholders (local communities, LGUs, policy makers, etc.) support the establishment of the Northeastern Cagayan Protected Landscape and Seascape as Protected Area

Indicator	Actual at Completion
Purpose-level:	
Presidential proclamation declaring Northeastern Cagayan Protected Landscape and Seascape signed by June of 2007	<ul> <li>The documents were submitted to DENR Central Office in the first week of July.</li> <li>Review by the DENR Central Office National Review Committee still to be undertaken. But NECPLS documents are already with the DENR - Protected Area and Wildlife Division (PAWB). Hence, DENR Secretary Endorsement and Presidential Proclamation not yet issued.</li> <li>The Presidential Proclamation will take place after the national review and endorsement of the DENR Central Office</li> </ul>
PA documentary requirements (Initial	COMPILATION OF MAPS
protected area plan, PA map, official public notices in local and national newspapers and Draft presidential proclamation) completed and endorsed by DENR and Regional Development Council for the creation of the Northeastern Cagayan Protected Landscape and Seascape by end of 2006.	<ul> <li>The NECPLS Base Map was prepared and finalized by the Technical Working Group(TWG) on Mapping of the Cagayan Council for Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor (CCSMBC). It was submitted to DENR, signed and approved by the DENR Regional Executive Director of Region 02 last May 2007. The base map was also digitized through the technical assistance of CI – Philippines.</li> </ul>
	PUBLIC NOTIFICATION
	<ul> <li>The Public Notice was issued by the Office of the DENR Regional Executive Director. It was announced in four local radio stations and published in one local newspaper.         INITIAL PROTECTED AREA PLAN     </li> <li>The IPAP was prepared and presented to the communities and LGUs, Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and concerned agencies and finalized by the TWG of the CCSMBC. It was endorsed by the stakeholders and submitted to the regional review     </li> </ul>
	committee of the DENR.
	<ul> <li>All these PA documentary requirements were prepared, secured, completed and endorsed by the communities, LGUs, Sangguniang Panlalawigan (SP) or Provincial Board of Cagayan, Provincial Development Council (PDC), Regional Committee</li> </ul>

### Planned vs. Actual Performance

	on Sustainable Development (RCSD), Regional Development Council (RDC). The religious sector
	and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry also made their corresponding endorsements.
DENR Central Office review PA documents and Secretary endorsed Presidential Proclamation for approval by the President by June 2007	<ul> <li>The DENR Region 02 review committee convened last July 03, 2007 and finally endorsed the NECPLS proposal to the DENR Central office for review and endorsement to the Office of the President. for presidential proclamation.</li> <li>The NECPLS proposal is now with the DENR Central Office – Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau.</li> <li>Review by the DENR Central Office National Review Committee still to be undertaken. But NECPLS documents are already with the PAWB. Hence, DENR Secretary Endorsement and Presidential Proclamation not yet issued.</li> </ul>

Describe the success of the project in terms of achieving its intended impact objective and performance indicators.

- The involvement and support of the CCSMBC members as the critical stakeholders of the proposed NECPLS play a vital factor in the producing the entire the NIPAS requirements documentary requirements.
- The empowerment and capacitation of the CCSMBC members facilitated in meeting the project objectives.
- Advocacy and IEC strategies contributed a lot in raising awareness and the appreciation of stakeholders in biodiversity and environmental protection. These also facilitated the endorsement of the proposal.
- The support of the LGUS and the involvement of the Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Officers (MENROS) contributed to the accomplishment of the project activities.
- The interpersonal relationship and partnership among stakeholders were improved and helped in carrying out the expected target.
- The project gained the interest and support of the local officials and the people. Including communities. Two municipalities in fact Sta. Teresita and Buguey asked to be included in the NECPLS.
- The technical, material and financial support of the LGUs and line agencies, including the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority and DENR contributed to the successful conduct of the different activities.

#### Were there any unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

- Increased awareness on biodiversity conservation and environmental protection from different stakeholders including the communities.
- The CCSMBC as a multi stakeholder mechanism had its ultimate
- Harmonizing the different strategies and instruments on environmental conservation and protection.
- Discrete impression on the utilization vs. conservation of forest resources of the DENR.
- The delay on the action of the partners contributed to the impediment of securing the endorsement of the DENR Secretary and Presidential proclamation. The delayed action at the regional level affected the action for the National review. The expected timeframe for securing the presidential proclamation was not accomplished. National review is still on going
- The issues related with the CEZA concern needed another dialogue and consultation with the Administrator of CEZA. This will be facilitated by the newly installed Governor as chairman of the CCSMBC.

## IV. PROJECT OUTPUTS

## Project Outputs: Enter the project outputs from the Logical Framework for the project

## Planned vs. Actual Performance

Indicator	Actual at Completion
Output 1: PA proclamation documentary requirements completed for PA proclamation	
<b>1.1.</b> Workshop for CCSMBC members conducted to draw advocacy campaign plan conducted by March 2005	<ul> <li>Series of meetings and workshops for the CCSMBC Secretariat were conducted and formation of the Technical Working Groups (TWG). The group composed of representatives from DENR - PAWS Provincial, Provincial Information Office and Provincial Planning and Development Office both from the Provincial Government, CI Phil. and CAVAPPED.</li> <li>The TWG for IEC developed the advocacy campaign plan and also strategies in the conduct IEC for the proclamation of the proposed NECPLS. The plan was presented and approved during the CCSMBC regular meeting last July 2005.</li> </ul>
<b>1.2.</b> PA proclamation documentary requirements (Map, IPAP, RBI, PASA, etc) and endorsement of local stakeholders (LGUs, POs, local DENR, etc.) gathered by September 2005	<ul> <li>COMPILATION OF MAPS</li> <li>Technical Working Group (TWG) on mapping was formed to compile and prepare the proposed NECPLS PA Base Map. The TWG was composed of the representatives from the DENR – Region 02, DENR – Land Evaluation Party (LEP), PENRO Cagayan, LGU Cagayan – ENRO, CENROS (Aparri and Alcala), Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Offices (MENROS), National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), Mines and Geo – sciences Bureau (MGB), CIP and CAVAPPED.</li> <li>The first proposed PA Base map covering five municipalities was compiled and prepared by the TWG on mapping. The map was reproduced (15 sets – blue print) and distributed to concerned LGUs and government agencies.</li> <li>Another series of mapping activities was also conducted that revised and finalized the map. Part of which were the inclusion of some barangays in the municipalities of Buguey and Sta. Teresita and exclusion of some areas in the map as a result of the consultations and public hearing conducted with the communities and other concerned agencies, especially the LGUs concerned.</li> <li>The second revised map was submitted to the DENR Region last January 25, 2007 for signature and approval. The said map was again revised.</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Descriptions was prepared by the same TWG and signed and approved by the DENR Regional Executive Director on May 25, 2007. The final map was also digitized through the technical assistance of CIP. Ten (10) types of Thematic Maps ware prepared through the technical assistance of CIP.</li> <li>The proposed NECPLS Base Map that was compiled and</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The proposed NECP LS base Map that was complied and prepared by TWG on Mapping was also presented and approved by the different concerned agencies.</li> <li>INITIAL SCREENING OR PROTECTED AREA SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT (PASA)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The Protected Area Suitability Assessment was conducted in nine (9) barangays in the terrestrial and coastal sites of the seven municipalities of the proposed NECPLS. The PASA was conducted by the team composed of representatives from DENR Region and Provincial, NCIP, Bureau of Fishery and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA), CENROS, MENROS, Provincial Government – ENRO and CAVAPPED.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A series of writeshops were conducted to consolidate, analyze the data. The consolidated results and report were prepared by the team. The report, including photo documentation, was submitted to the DENR Provincial Office including the copy of the Regional and Central office last January 25, 2007 for their review and endorsement.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>PUBLIC NOTIFICATION</li> <li>The official public notice was issued and signed by the DENR – RED last May 25, 2005 in English and local dialect (Ilocano) version and were forwarded to the respective municipalities and posted in the different strategic locations of the barangays of the seven (7) municipalities covered prior to the conduct of the consultations.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>It was also announced in four local radio stations (DWPE, DZCV, DZYT and Bay Radio) in two batches last 20 July – August 21 and 29 August – 30 September.</li> <li>The notices were, printed and published in one local newspaper (Northern Forum) in two batches (First batch - July 17, 24 and 31). Second Batch – August 21 and 28, September 4 and 11, 2005)</li> <li>RESOURCE BASIC INVENTORY</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A series of core group meetings and briefing /orientation for the team were conducted to prepared the RBI team for the survey. The team was composed of the representatives from DENR, LGU Cagayan – ENRO, CIP and CAVAPPED. The DENR PAWS gave the briefing to the RBI team.</li> </ul>

• The Resource Basic Inventory was conducted in fifteen
(15) study sites of the seven municipalities of the proposed
NECPLS using the DENR standard survey methodology.
Results of biological surveys of CIP at the proposed
NECPLS were also gathered and integrated in the report.
The report was prepared and reviewed by different
technical reviewers.
The RBI report, including photo documentation, was
submitted to DENR PENRO including the copy for
Regional and Central Office last January 31, 2007. The
said document was finalized with the integration of
comments and re-submitted last May 8, 2007 for approval
and endorsement to the DENR national office.
Conducted 11 public consultations covering the 48
barangays which includes the 41 barangays covered in the
seven municipalities, including the LCEs, SBs of each
town. It was conducted by cluster in strategic locations of the covered barangays of the seven municipalities from
August to September 2005. Minutes of the meetings were
prepared and attached to NECPLS documentary
requirements submitted to DENR.
<ul> <li>Resolutions of support from the 41 barangays and SBs of</li> </ul>
the five municipalities were secured.
SURVEY AND REGISTRATION OF PROTECTED AREA
OCCUPANTS (SRPAO)
• An SRPAO Training was conducted prior to actual conduct
of the SRPAO survey to prepare and plan the effective
conduct of the survey.
At least three Pre-SRPAO consultation and planning
meetings were conducted that facilitated the completion of
the first batch of SRPAO conducted in 59 actual days in 28
barangays (25 terrestrial and 3 costal barangays) of the
seven covered municipalities.
• The SRPAO was conducted in two batches. The first batch
was conducted on July to October, 2006 in 28 barangays
of the seven municipalities. The second batch was initially
conducted last April 16 – 26, 2007.
The result of the batch one survey was consolidated and     the data ware integrated in the IDAP. The result of the
the data were integrated in the IPAP. The result of the surveys was also presented in the CCSMBC during its
meetings.
<ul> <li>The SRPAO team was composed of representatives from</li> </ul>
DENR PENRO, CENROS, NCIP, CEZA, LGU/MENROS,
LGU Cagayan, Barangay LGU, ENRO, Enterprise Works
Worldwide (EWW) and CAVAPPED.
INITIAL PROTECTED AREA PLAN
• Two workshops / writeshops were conducted for the
CCSMBC members, especially the TWG that wrote the
IPAP on November, 2005 and August, 2006 respectively.

<ul> <li>The activity also included the exposure trips that helped the members developed the plan.</li> <li>The Initial Protected Area Plan was presented and endorsed by the LGUs, IP groups, CCSMBC, PDC, RCSD and RDC during the public hearing. The religious group</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>also endorsed the NECPLS through Archbishop Talamayan and Archbishop Villena of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarea and Bayomborg, respectively.</li> <li>Implementing Rules and Regulations of EO #11</li> <li>A series of meetings was conducted for the Technical review of the content of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Executive Order 11.</li> <li>The IRR was presented to the members of the CCSMBC during its meeting and endorsed its approval.</li> <li>The finalized IRR of EO 11 was forwarded to the office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for their review, approval and enactment of ordinance.</li> <li>A series of orientations / consultation and planning meetings were conducted with the different LGUs of the covered by the PA successfully conducted by September 2005</li> <li>A series of orientations / consultation and planning meetings were conducted with the different LGUs of the covered by the PA successfully conducted by September 2005</li> <li>A series of ACC and IP related concerns. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS AND HEARINGS</li> <li>Conducted 11 public consultations covering the 58 barangays. It was conducted by cluster in strategic locations of the covered barangays of the seven municipalities on August – September 2005. Minutes of the meetings were repared and attached to NECPLS documentary requirements submitted to DENR.</li> <li>The TWG on IEC of CCSMBC facilitated and conducted the different activities.</li> <li>Based on the recommendations of the LGUs and DENR, the 58 barangays were reduced to 41 bacangays and SBs of the fiver municipalities were ascured. PUBLIC HEARINGS and ENDORSEMENTS</li> <li>Consultations with the PAMB of Baua – Wangag and Magapit Protected Landscape were also conducted to secure their endorsement. The Baua – Wangag and Magapit Protected Landscape were also conducted to secure their endorsement. The Baua – Wangag and Magapit Protected Landscape were also conducted to ascure their support. This was due to their perception t</li></ul>

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	large section of Baggao will not be included as it has a
	boundary issue with Penablanca.
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	were also conducted for the Agtas. The meetings were
	conducted at Bolos Point, Gattaran for the coastal area
	cluster, STR Wangag Inn, Pateng, Gonzaga for Lallo, Sta.
	Teresita and Gonzaga area Cluster, Mabuno, Gattaran for
	Gattaran Cluster and at Mansarong, Sta. Margarita,
	Baggao for Baggao Cluster. The meeting were attended
	by Agtas who supported and endorsed the IPAP
	presented and the NECPLS Base Map.
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	conducted for the MDCs and SBs during the public
	hearing. The meetings were attended by municipal SBs
	and members of the MDC which included the barangay
	officials, especially from the covered sites.
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	proposal and affirmed this by their respective resolutions of endorsements. Minutes and documentations of the
	activities were attached in the NECPLS documents submitted to DENR.
•	was conducted on December 04, 2006 at the SP
	<b>Conference hall, Provincial Capitol.</b> The IPAP and Maps
	were presented and secured support and endorsement
	affirmed by their resolution.
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	November 9, 2006 and secured the support and
	endorsement as well.
•	Meeting with the RCSD was conducted November 13,
	2006 and secured their endorsement.
•	The CCSMBC affirmed its support during its meeting
	last November 11, 2006.
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	PAMB was conducted on December 12, 2006 at the
	STR Resort, Gonzaga, Cagayan. Attended by 28
	participants. PAMB members affirmed their support and
	endorsed the inclusion of their watershed forest reserve as
	part of the NECPLS.
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	of Tuguegarao Clergy on November 7, 2006 and gained
	their support on the proposed NECPLS and affirmed by
	the letter of endorsement of the Archbishop Diosdado
	Talamayan.
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	Ramon Villena was made and secured their support which was affirmed by their letter of endorsements.
	Meeting of the Regional Development Council (RDC)
	was conducted on December 14, 2006. The CCSMBC
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	<ul> <li>Chairman, Governor Edgar R. Lara endorsed the proposed NECPLS and the DENR Regional Executive Director also pronounced his support. The endorsement was secured. The resolutions were attached in the NECPLS Documents submitted to DENR.</li> <li>A series of consultation and planning meetings were also conducted with partner agencies (DENR –CENROS, NCIP, CEZA) and other stakeholders.</li> <li>Meeting with CEZA Chief of Security and Environmental Sector April 28, 2007 at CAVAPPED office in consideration for the inclusion of CEZA areas.</li> <li>IRR of EO 11 of the CCSMBC was finalized and approved and endorsed by its members. It was forwarded to the SP for review, approval and enactment of an ordinance.</li> </ul>
1.4	RESOLUTIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS
Resolutions/ endorsements of all stakeholders (RDC, RCSD, PDC, MDC, BDC, PAMBS, POs, & DENR regional office) secured and forwarded for review at the DENR central office February 2007	<ul> <li>Barangay Resolutions</li> <li>The resolutions of support 41 barangays covered and SBs of seven municipalities in the proposed NECPLS were secured. They strongly expressed their support in all the activities related to the proposed NECPLS which they affirmed during the consultation meetings.</li> <li>Sangguniang bayan and Municipal Development Council Resolutions</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The resolutions and endorsements of the Municipal Development Council and SBs of the seven (7) municipalities were secured. They affirmed their endorsements during the public hearing conducted in their respective municipalities.</li> <li>Agta Resolutions and Endorsements</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The IP resolutions supporting and endorsing the inclusion of their ancestral domain in the proposed NECPLS were secured. These were strongly affirmed during the IP Cluster consultation meetings conducted in four cluster area of the covered IP areas.</li> <li>Stakeholders Endorsements</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The resolution of endorsements of the RDC, RCSD, SPs, PDC, CCSMBC, Baua – Wangag PAMB were secured. They affirmed their support and endorsement during the public hearing.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Religious and Business Group Endorsements</li> <li>Secured statements of support from Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry Regional Governor, Diocesan Clergy of Diocese of Tuguegarao, Archbishop Diosdado Talamayan and Diocese of Bayombong, Bishop Ramon Villena.</li> <li>All the resolutions and endorsements of the different stakeholders were attached to the proposal of NECPLS forwarded to DENR Regional Office.</li> </ul>
Output 2: Protected Area	
advocacy campaign successfully	

initiated for the approval of Presidential Proclamation 2.1. Meetings with PAWB Director, DENR Secretary & Executive Staff to advocate immediate review of documents and endorsement of Presidential Proclamation for the President's approval by June 2007	<ul> <li>Initial informal meeting and coordination were made personally by the Governor with the PAWB Director Mundita Lim and Secretary Angelo Reyes during instances of meetings and gatherings.</li> <li>Initial lobbying was also conducted with OIC Director Mundita Lim during the CEPF Workshop at Ortigas, Pasig City</li> <li>The DENR Regional Review Committee convened only July 3, 2007 and endorsed the proposal and forwarded the documents to the DENR Central Office for review.</li> <li>Since the National Review had not yet been done, formal meetings were not conducted.</li> </ul>
<b>2.2.</b> Meeting with the staffs from the Office of the President for the review and approval of PA documents by end of May 2007	<ul> <li>This was also not undertaken because the National Review had not yet been done.</li> <li>The documents were submitted to DENR Central Office in the first week of July.</li> <li>This activity will take place after the national review and endorsement of the DENR Central Office</li> <li>Since the National Review had not yet been done, formal meetings were not conducted</li> </ul>
Output 3: PA institutional development, and awareness campaign and capacity building successfully initiated 3.1 Stakeholders consultations and orientations conducted for the protected area by November 2006	<ul> <li>An average of five CCSMBC secretariat planning and consultation meetings were conducted each year (2005 - 2006) prior to the actual meetings which facilitated proper action during meetings.</li> <li>Series of dialogue meetings with NCIP to resolve issues related to CADC and IP concerns.</li> <li>Meeting with the new CEZA Chief of Environment Sector was conducted to orient and secure support for the NECPLS proposal.</li> <li>Coordination and consultation meeting were regularly conducted and these helped accomplished the target output and activities.</li> </ul>
<b>3.2</b> Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for LGUs, PAMBs of existing marine reserve and watersheds, DENR and other stakeholders conducted and training modules developed by June 2007	<ul> <li>TNA questionnaire was developed and distributed to the PAMB members of Baua- Wangag PAMB, LGUs and members of the CCSMBC during its meeting last July 14, 2005. Results of the TNA were also presented during the CCSMBC meeting last October 12, 2005.</li> <li>TNA result reveals that the skills and knowledge of stakeholders on different PA related concepts is low.</li> <li>Training design modules were also prepared for IPAP and SRPAO Workshop / Writeshop</li> <li>Training design on PA management and wildlife/marine resources conservation was prepared.</li> </ul>

•	were the Mayors and Vice Mayors of towns visited. Supported the participation of CCSMBC members to the 4 <sup>th</sup> SMBC Annual Conference at ATI RTC, ISU Compound, Cabagan, Isabela on April 13-15, 2005 and 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Stakeholder Conference at Tanay, Rizal on September 13-15, 2006.
3.4 IEC materials (flip charts, posters, etc) developed and community awareness campaign and outreach program within the 7 municipalities initiated beginning second quarter of 2005 until the end of the project	<ul> <li>two kinds of posters and flyers were reproduced and distributed.</li> <li>100 copies of NIPAS Primer was reproduced and distributed to stakeholders.</li> <li>Conducted IEC on the NECPLS in the coastal barangays of Sta. Ana, Gattaran and Baggao during the Governor's visit to the coastal area in the month of April, 2006.</li> <li>Developed and produced flipcharts on biodiversity used during the public consultations.</li> <li>Developed and printed 1,050 pieces of CCSMBC brochures and 1,000 pieces of CAVAPPED biodiversity brochures distributed to different target recipients.</li> <li>Developed and produced pocket and poster calendars for year 2005 and 2006 and 200 pieces of bookmarks.</li> <li>Designed two sound slides on biodiversity</li> <li>Designed and produced posters on flora, fauna and IPs</li> <li>Conducted four batches of IEC on environmental areas from Sta. Ana to Valley Cove , Baggao on April 2006.</li> <li>Conducted four batches of IEC on environmental awareness, protection and biodiversity conservation at one college with 750 participants in September 22 and 24 and October 7-8, 2005</li> <li>Conducted advocacy and IEC activity during the Workshop of Bantay Kalikasan Brigade at Baggao, Cagayan last May 25, 2006. Attended by 50 participants from the CBFM POs, DENR CENRO Alcala, AFP, LGUs and partner NGO in the province.</li> <li>Conducted symposium on biodiversity conservation, forest protection and PA management on August 3-5, 2006, participants came from the NECPLS covered area. Facilitated the formation of Save the Mother Earth Movement of the school.</li> <li>Participated in Cagayan Environmental Summit on November 16, 2006 at lvory hotel, Tuguegarao City. Exhibited IEC materials related to biodiversity and environment.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>environmental protection and conservation at the Conservation on Line Program.</li> <li>Conducted an advocacy to the Diocesan Clergy of Tuguegarao and secured their support.</li> <li>Additional Biodiversity Posters and other exhibit materials were developed, produced and exhibited at the Natural Heritage Exhibit of Cagayan at the Provincial Museum of Cagayan during the culmination activity of Heritage Month celebrated in Cagayan last June 11-13, 2007.</li> <li>Bookmarks and flyers on biodiversity and environment related themes were distributed.</li> <li>Orientation was given to the students from Cagayan National High School and Cagayan State University, local and national media and other visitors.</li> <li>The training on Teachers was not conducted due to the unavailability of teachers - participants. Most of the teachers were busy and called for pre and post election - related duting</li> </ul>
	related duties.
<b>3.5</b> At least 1 exposure trip for CCSMBC, PAMB and other relevant stakeholders to established PAs conducted per year until the end of the project.	<ul> <li>Exposure Trips</li> <li>1. Conducted an exposure trip at the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park at Maconacon and Divilacan, Isabela on November 9-12, 2005. Participated by 18 CCSMBC members.</li> <li>2. An Exposure trip to Dumaguete City and protected areas / ecotourism sites in Oriental Negros was conducted on July 24-29, 2006. Attended by 31 members of the CCSMBC. Area visited were the PA of Twin Lakes of Balinsasayaw, Apo Island, coastal resource management program and marine sanctuaries of Dumaguete, Dauin and Bais – mangrove protection and rehabilitation, whale / dolphin sites including the PNOC Power Plant, Sustainable Agriculture area, Forest Camp in Valencia and Iake Balanan of Siaton. The activity was hosted by the LCEs and DENR PENRO.</li> <li>3. Initial coordination with partners in Palawan undertaken: Flora and Fauna, Aldrin Mallari, CIP and Enterprise Works Worldwide Phil. (EWW).</li> <li>4. Palawan trip was not undertaken due to the election related concerns. Most of the funds were to come from LGU Cagayan but there is an election ban for fund release 45 days before and after the election for the government partners.</li> </ul>
<b>Output 4:</b> PA management plan developed and implemented	
<b>4.1</b> Community consultations and orientations for all stakeholders in preparation for the development of initial PA management plan	<ul> <li>Consultation meetings with the Agta communities in four clusters were conducted in September and simultaneous with the SRPAO activity.</li> <li>Series of meetings, workshop and writeshop were conducted with all the stakeholders during the formulation</li> </ul>

completed by December 2006	of the IPAP.
completed by December 2006	<ul> <li>Four IP cluster consultation meetings were conducted for the Agta covered within the seven municipalities</li> <li>Initial planning meetings regarding environmental friendly development project were also conducted with local government officials and MENROs of the seven covered municipalities during consultations.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>4.2</li> <li>Initial environmental friendly projects implemented in selected areas within the seven municipalities by June 2007</li> <li>Output 5: PA monitoring and evaluation and database system</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implemented environmental friendly programs / projects:</li> <li>IP Welfare and Forest Resource Management in four villages in Gonzaga, Lal-Io &amp; Sta. Teresita supported by Regional Network for Indigenous People for Southeast Asia. Project focused on Agta tribal organizational strengthening and capability building, agroforestry development. Conservation of indigenous upland rice species and indigenous trees. The project will be implemented until year 2008.</li> <li>Community-based Resource Management Project at Bolos Point, Gattaran funded by Foundation for the Philippine Environment. The project focused on Community organizing / Institutional Development, Livelihood Development, Environment and natural Resources Management and Advocacy / Alliance Building.</li> <li>Supported the ADSDPP Formulation and 3 Dimensional Map Construction for the 2 sites in Gonzaga supported by Upland NGO Assistance Committee – Siemenpuu Funded which was completed May 2006. The 3D map serves as a tool for the land use planning and resource management process.</li> <li>Initial situational analysis and data gathering were also conducted as input for possible project in the coastal area of Patunungan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan during the mangrove and marine survey. Situational analysis and initial data gathering were also conducted in the MECPLS was conducted during the SRPAO activity.</li> <li>Agroforestry Projects for Baggao and Sta Ana were also implemented by PROCESS Luzon.</li> <li>Other agroforestry and population development projects were also implemented by CIP in Baggao.</li> </ul>
designed <b>5.1</b> Stakeholders workshop to develop data base/M&E system conducted by March 2007	Seminar – workshop for the Design of Biodiversity Monitoring and Evaluation System at GSP Ating Tahanan, Baguio City last February 5-8, 2007. A total 25 participants attended the activity composed of DENR Region-PAWD/CMMD, PENRO Cagayan, CENRO Aparri and Alcala, BFAR, DILG Region, CEZA, LGU Cagayan- PPDO/PNREO, LGU Sta. Ana, Gonzaga, Sta. Teresita, Buguey, Lal-lo, Gattaran and Baggao, CI-P and

	CAVAPPED. Resource persons came from the Office of the DENR - Cordillera Administrative Region PAWD, Philippine Sustainable Development Network (PSDN), and Conservation International. Technical Staff of DENR RO2 and BFAR also discussed their methods/tools used in Biodiversity Monitoring. Identified gaps on Biodiversity monitoring System in Cagayan.
5.2 Biological surveys conducted in 2 strategic sites within the municipalities covered by June 2007	<ul> <li>Apart from the 15 study sites conducted with Resource Basic Inventory, Intensive biological survey conducted in October 18-22, 2006 at Sitios Pasmacanan &amp; Sinago, Patunungan, Sta. Ana covering Limestone, Ultrabasic, Mangrove Forest and Marine Survey. Team composed of DENR Region – PAWD &amp; CMMD, CENRO Aparri, BFAR, CEZA, CAVAPPED, BS Biology practicum students of St. Paul University and CI-P as the Team Leader</li> <li>Survey report completed and presented in the CCSMBC 4<sup>th</sup> qtr meeting in December 13, 2006</li> <li>An intensive biological survey for marine (sea grass and corals, etc.) and mangrove areas was conducted in April 19-23, 2007 at the coastal area of Sitio Pasmacanam, Barangay Patunungan, Sta. Ana, Cagayan. The activity was participated by representatives from DENR R02 CMMD, PENRO Cagayan, CENRO Aparri, BFAR, LGU Sta Ana, PNREO Cagayan, CEZA, PROCESS Luzon and CAVAPPED.</li> <li>A validation survey and habitat characterization research on Rafflesia was also conducted on May 17- 24, 2007 at Kanapawan, Lallo and Bolos Point, Gattaran. This activity was participated by PENRO Cagayan, PENREO Cagayan, National Museum Phil., CIP and CAVAPPED. A new species of Rafflesia was validated. This activity was supported by the FPE.</li> <li>Coordinated with CIP the plan to conduct bat count and validation of roosting sites of flying foxes at Bolos Point, Gattaran. The activity will be conducted on August 1-3, 2007 after the Threatened Species Action Planning Workshop on July 29-31, 2007.</li> </ul>
<b>5.3</b> PA database system incorporating land use zoning, socio-economic and biological data developed by June 2007	<ul> <li>This was not undertaken due to the non- availability of LGUs and other agencies during the election period. The counterpart of the Provincial Government was not processed and released due to the government policy of no funds to be released prior to an election. Data of the LGUs were not ready or available.</li> <li>Initial available data were identified. Only one from the seven covered municipality completed its Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).</li> </ul>

<b>5.4</b> Conduct workshop to orient stakeholders on the PA database and monitoring and evaluation system by June 2007	<ul> <li>An initial orientation and updating was conducted to share the results of the Biodiversity Monitoring and Evaluation workshop at Baguio City to all the CCSMBC members during its first quarter regular meeting on February 28, 2007 at Governors Conference hall, Provincial Capitol, Tuguegarao City</li> <li>Activity not conducted because the participants were not available due to the election.</li> </ul>
<b>5.5</b> PA activities and accomplishments presented to the quarterly CCSMBC meetings beginning the second quarter of the project up to June 2007	• All reports and updates on the NECPLS activity related were reported and shared to the CCSMBC members during its regular and special meetings. There were four regular and one special meeting conducted in year 2005 and four regular and one special meting conducted in year 2006. In 2007, the 1 <sup>st</sup> quarterly meeting was also conducted last February 28, 2007. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting, which falls during the election period, was not conducted due to the election related activity and transition of elected officials.

Describe the success of the project in terms of delivering the intended outputs.

- Enhancing the capabilities of the CCSMBC members helped in carrying out the target output of securing the documentary requirements for the proposed NECPLS.
- A responsive action plan and intensive advocacy and lobbying strategies facilitated by the technical working group of the CCSMBC for the local chief executives and concerned agencies which include the covered communities contributed in securing the endorsement of the different stakeholders and the community as well.
- The materials and interpersonal techniques used in the IEC contributed to the enlightenment, awareness and appreciation of the effort.
- Multi stakeholder approach was employed which gained support of the local government units and a long established partnership relationship among NGOs and government agencies served well as a network in securing requirements and support for the NECPLS.
- The involvement and participation of the DENR and LGUs in the process developed mutual trust and transparency in accomplishing target output. The stakeholders were involved and participated in every activity conducted from the initial steps of the requirements.
- The work plan was formulated by the all concerned stakeholders.
- The consultations and hearings were facilitated by the IEC TWG of the CCSMBC and the endorsement were secured through their resolutions and retrieved through the assistance of the DILG.
- The capability building mechanism for the stakeholders facilitated attainment of the outputs.
- Proper consultation and dialogue with IPs and other stakeholder

### Were any outputs unrealized? If so, how has this affected the overall impact of the project?

• The full proposal of the NECPLS was submitted to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office on February 26, 2007 and endorsed the same to the DENR Regional Office on March 12, 2007. The documents were reviewed on the April 2, 2007 by the DENR Regional Office – Protected Area and Wildlife Division (PAWD). Their comments were given on May 4 and incorporated in the proposal . The full proposal was resubmitted on May 8, 2007 at the DENR Regional Office. The DENR Regional Review Committee convened last July 3, 2007 and finally endorsed the said proposal to the DENR National Office. The bureaucratic procedures of the government contributed to the delay in the review and hence delayed also the issuance of a presidential proclamation.

- The formal meeting with the staffs from the Office of the President and approval of the PA documents was not conducted since the regional review and national level review. Were not yet undertaken.
- The PA database system incorporating land use zoning, socio-economic and biological data and workshop to orient stakeholder on the PA database monitoring and evaluation system and the Environmental awareness campaign and training for science teachers were not conducted due to election related activities.

## V. SAFEGUARD POLICY ASSESSMENTS

# Provide a summary of the implementation of any required action toward the environmental and social safeguard policies within the project.

There were no activities that required an extraction or use of natural resources that caused a negative impact to environment, human health and safety. The biological surveys conducted conformed to laws and regulations. All activities of the project which involved communities, including IPs, did not in anyway affect their social, religious and cultural practices. The project is also outside areas which have international questions. All activities went through the proper process and conformed to the policies of the government.

## VI. LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PROJECT

# Describe any lessons learned during the various phases of the project. Consider lessons both for future projects, as well as for CEPF's future performance.

- Genuine and sincere support of partners front liners- are essential to reaching targets. Enhanced partnership with the Provincial Government Office and ensuring the replacement of a Focal person for Biodiversity and CCSMBC and the full support and action of other stakeholders are dependent on the moves of the Provincial Chief Executive to the proposed PA. His full and unequivocal support made a lot of difference.
- 2. Political leadership exerts a very strong influence in aligning a development and biodiversity agenda. Biodiversity is not easy to sell among LGus. Advocacy should go hand in hand with livelihood support to the local communities, including the IPs.
- 3. Notwithstanding rank and file commitment to biodiversity, their actions are still determined by the persuasions of their superiors which may be driven by pecuniary considerations.
- 4. Leveling –off with the LGUs and other stakeholders in promoting biodiversity conservation within the covered municipalities and barangays of the proposed PA.
- 5. The level of commitment is not the same among the stakeholders especially those in the government. There is a need to level off with the partners to have a common understanding of Go –NGO partnership.
- 6. No single entity can claim monopoly to knowledge, skills and resources. Hence, a multistakeholder partnership is an imperative. Positive support, participation and involvement of the CCSMBC members in carrying out the NIPAS steps.
- The extent and type of cooperation and support, accountabilities of two Local Chief Executives is associated with their personal interests which come in conflict with the project. Involving Local Chief Executives of LGUs make them more responsive and accountable.
- 8. Improvement of interpersonal relationship with partners. Partnership comes best when there is sincerity, commitment and recognition of the worth of each partner. Effective and functional partnership is a demonstration of the maturity of partners.
- 9. POs and local communities are more responsive once they understand the project purposes and when they see immediate benefits that will go to them.

- 10. Community level conservation advocacy efforts work well when the advocates have established their credibility in the community. Or the local community has heard of the credible and sincere pro-people development initiatives.
- 11. The project helped advance the interest both IPs and LGU in protecting environment and conserving biodiversity.
- 12. Church support can largely influence biodiversity campaigns and actions by government agencies and the communities at large.

### Project Design Process: (aspects of the project design that contributed to its success/failure)

The project concept and activities were generated from various consultations with key stakeholders and implemented the same with the support of the Cagayan Council for Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor. The Provincial Government of Cagayan, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Municipal Local Government Unit among many other government and non-government organizations led by Conservation International, contributed so much to the project design accomplishment.

#### Project Execution: (aspects of the project execution that contributed to its success/failure)

- The multi stakeholder approach for the CCSMBC members
- Involvement of LGUs and the Provincial Government
- Partnership and linkaging with other Regional line agencies, i.e. DENR, CEZA, NCIP, and NGOs like CI- Philippines, Enterprise Works Worldwide (EWW) and PROCESS-Luzon.
- Counterparts from DENR, LGUs, Provincial LGU, BFAR and others in the form of technical, financial and material resources

Negative:

- Demands for per diem by DENR during the Resource Basic Inventory. This was eventually resolved.
- Bureaucratic red tape delayed the regional review process and hence, also the national level review.

## VII. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes

\*Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:

- A Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)
- **B** Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF funded project)
- **C** Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF funded project.)
- **D** Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)

# Provide details of whether this project will continue in the future and if so, how any additional funding already secured or fundraising plans will help ensure its sustainability.

With support from the Foundation for the Philippine Environment (FPE), the **Bolos Point Community Based Resource Management Project of Bolos Point, Gattaran** will expand its project site to the NECPLS coastal areas of Baggao, Gonzaga, Lallo and Sta. Ana. There is an on-going negotiation with FPE and a strategic planning exercise had just been completed.

A proposal was also submitted to the **Philippine Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation**.

As well, the Provincial Government of Cagayan already approved funding for **project activities until December 2007. LGUs operate on a yearly budget.** 

### VIII. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. During the DENR Regional Review in July, the CEZA representative presented its objections to the inclusion of CEZA in the proposed NECPLS. This came as a very big surprise because CEZA from the beginning had been very supportive. It not only sent technical staff to the various activities but also gave financial assistance for surveys and SRPAO in its area of jurisdiction. Its objections seem to stem mainly over its desire to protect its investments and plans without being jeopardized by a protected area. This seems to show a lack of understanding of what a protected area is. A TWG from the CCSMBC went to the new Governor this month and requested his facilitation for a dialogue with CEZA officials. The schedule is likely to be set next month, September.
- 2. It is ironic that within DENR there is also a conflicting view regarding resource management and utilization. The Forestry Sector, on one hand, seems not to want a protected area because they want to have trees available for cutting. The Protected area sector, however, desires protection but allows sustainable resource use. These two sectors should level off again that protected areas allow timber harvesting in multiple use zones.
- 3. There is a need to have another dialog with NCIP because lately it has been learned that this office is pursuing its processing of ancestral domain titling. But it has not informed its partners, including local government units, about the status of its plans. The area proposed for CADT is within the proposed NECPLS.
- 4. There is now a new governor in Cagayan. While a CCSMBC TWG had already made its courtesy call and explained the project, there is a need to give him a full briefing to generate his commitment and support. He comes from an area which is not part of the proposed NECPLS. Similarly, an orientation needs to be given also to the Provincial Board because most of the members are new ones.

### VIII. INFORMATION SHARING

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