

GROUP 1 – FORESTRY AND PROTECTED AREAS

A. What is the vision for sustainable development in Southern Palawan and how your sector will contribute to this vision

- Biodiversity completely represented/protected in Protected Area System (all components)
- Ecosystems and ecosystem services maintained to support the well-being of communities
- Long lasting benefits from forests and PAs through equitable access from the resources for effective protection

B. How can we contribute to attain the vision:

- Enhance implementation through participatory planning
- Well defined forest land use plan
- Improve resiliency of ecosystems
- Strong political will
- Concerted/collaborative effort
- Use of indigenous knowledge system and practices in resource management
- Massive monitoring of enforcement within PAs

C. Threats/risks/Problems:

- Political intervention or vested interests
- Illegal occupancy
- Conversion of forests to other land-uses
- Mining
- Poaching
- Agriculture, settlements
- ECAN zoning not reflect all ecosystem services
- Population pressure (increase growth)
- Non-compliance to existing policies

D. Data (Needs)

- Biodiversity appraisal
- Supply and demand for timber, NTFP, water, and ecotourism
- Forest Resource Inventory
- Tenure instrument
- Census of Occupants
- Inventory of forest occupants
- Ancestral domain map

- Land cover/land use/land tenure/zoning
- Past valuation studies
- Data on utilization of natural resources (area, coverage, volume)
- Distribution of benefits
- Forest carbon stock

E. Opportunities:

- Cooperative stakeholders
- Availability of most data
- Mt. Matalingahan Protected Landscape
- RASA Island Wildlife Sanctuary
- Ursula Island Game Refuge Bird Sanctuary
- Funding agencies
- Assisting organizations
- New leadership
- ECAN/SEP
- Existing IPs communities
- Existing facilities

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