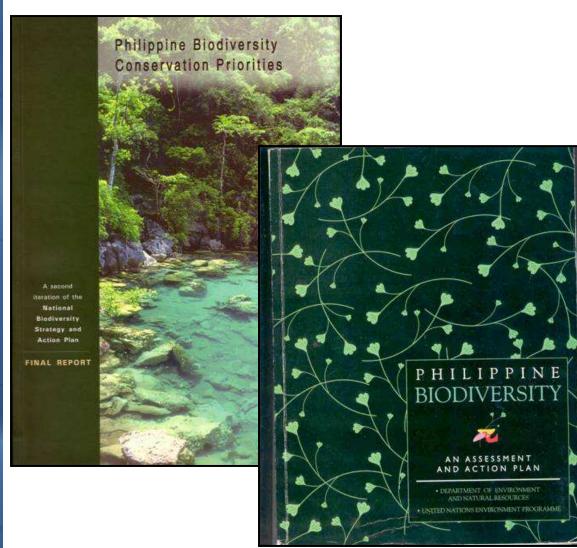
# PHILIPPINES: BIODIVERSITY (NBSAP) **PHILIPPINES**

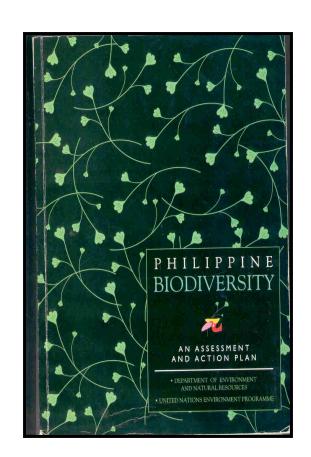
## CURRENT STATUS OF NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN



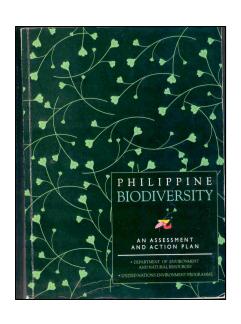
#### **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan**

- formulated in 1997 involving a broad range of stakeholders
- anchored on the framework of man being at the center of ecosystems and resource interaction, and
- the need to BALANCE
   UTILIZATION driven policy which entails
   modification of biodiversity for human
   needs

with CONSERVATION driven policy for maintaining natural biodiversity



#### **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan**



#### **STRATEGY 1:**

<u>Expanding and improving knowledge</u> on the extent, characteristics, uses and values of biodiversity

#### **STRATEGY 2:**

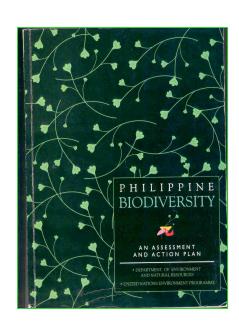
Enhancing existing and planned biodiversity conservation efforts with emphasis on <u>in-situ</u> conservation activities

#### **STRATEGY 3:**

Formulating an integrated policy & legislative framework for the conservation, sustainable use and equitable sharing of benefits of biodiversity



#### **National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan**



#### **STRATEGY 4:**

<u>Strengthening capacities</u> for integrating & institutionalizing biodiversity conservation & management

#### **STRATEGY 5:**

Mobilizing an <u>Integrated Information</u>, <u>Education and Communications (IEC)</u> for biodiversity conservation

#### **STRATEGY 6:**

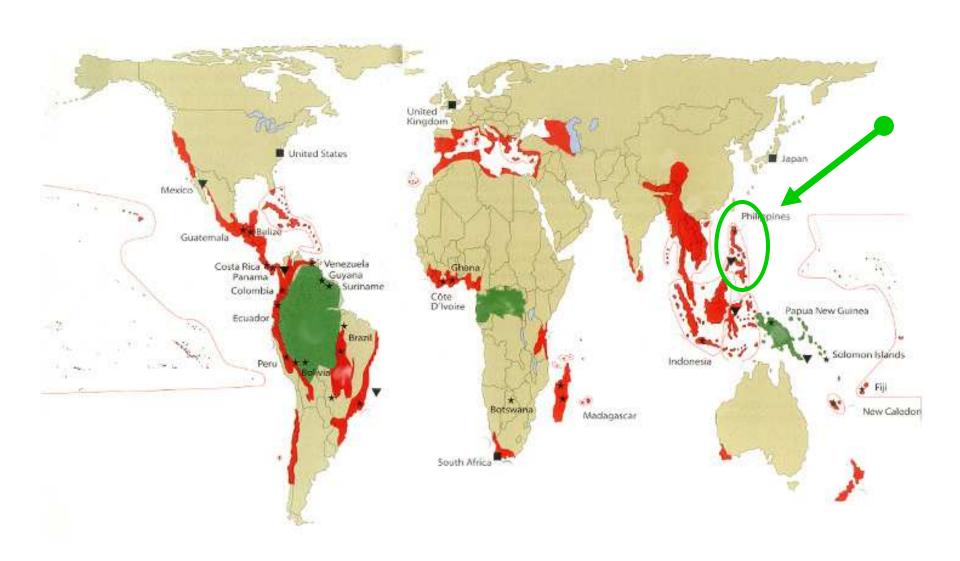
Advocating <u>stronger international</u> <u>cooperation</u> on biodiversity conservation



#### CONSTRAINTS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NBSAP

- Lack of clear-cut implementing mechanism that defines tasking, source of funding, institutional arrangements, indicators for monitoring, and monitoring scheme
- Inadequate capacity to implement biodiversity conservation initiatives (funding, overlapping jurisdictions, conflicting policies, lack of implementation support from some sectors, etc.)
- Lack of geographically specific priorities

#### In 1999, CI identified the Philippines as one of the 25 global hotspots





- On a per unit area basis, the Philippines was considered as the top megadiversity country and hottest of the hotspots
- In 2000, new information, approaches & analysis from various initiatives indicated the need to revisit the NBSAP



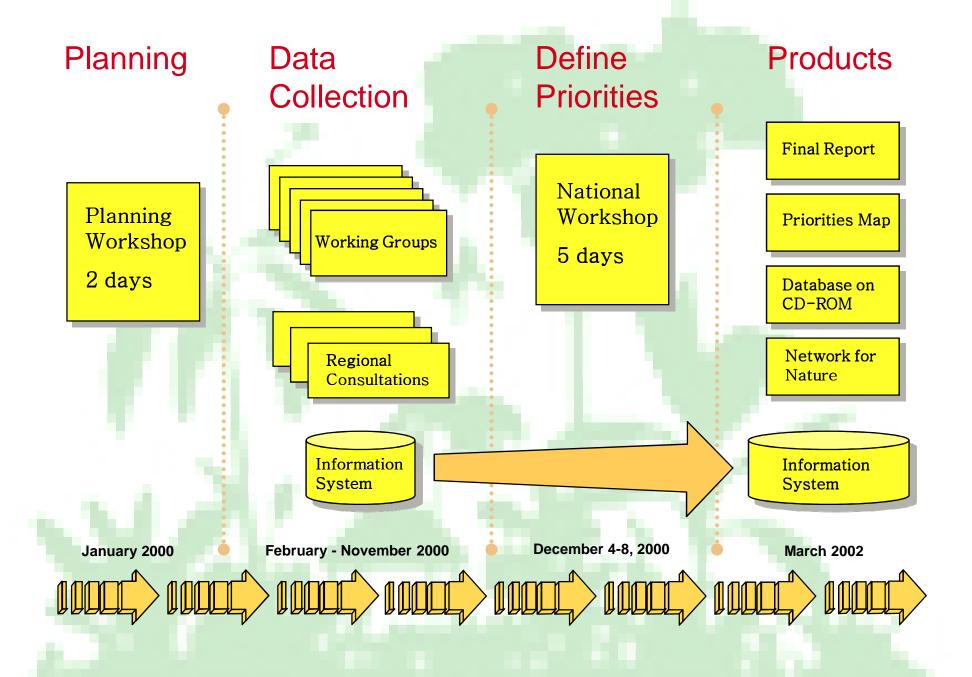
#### **UPDATING OF THE NBSAP**







- The PHILIPPINE BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PRIORITY-SETTING PROGRAM was jointly organized/implemented by the DENR, CI-Phils. & UP in 2000.
- On Dec. 4 8, 2000, the NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION PRIORITY SETTING WORKSHOP was convened.





#### **PARTICIPANTS**

#### **300 INDIVIDUALS**

## 100 LOCAL AND INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS





(GOVERNMENT, CIVIL SOCIETY, ACADEME, DONORS AND PRIVATE SECTOR)

#### **CONVENORS**







**DENR-PAWB** 

CI PHIL

**UP CIDS** 

#### **PARTNERS AND DONORS**















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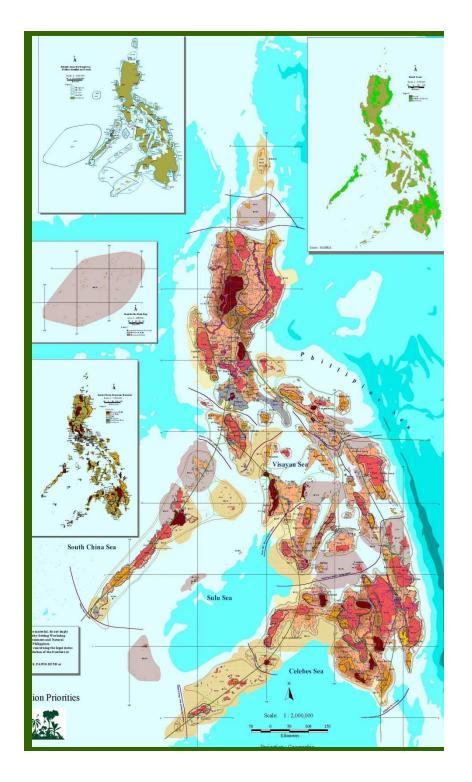
#### **5 MAJOR OUTPUTS**

1. The re-assessment and updating of the terrestrial (16) and marine (6) biogeographic regions.

2. A map of the Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Priorities that depicts areas that must be conserved to prevent extinction of species and those needing immediate protection.

## **Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Priority Areas**

Terrestrial 170
Marine 36
TOTAL 206



#### **Terrestrial and Inland Waters**

Extremely High urgent (EHu) - 19
Extremely High critical (EHc) - 73
Very High - 60
High - 3

Insufficient Data (ID) - 15

#### Marine

Extremely High (EH) - 14

Very High (VH) - 12

High (H) - 10

#### **5 MAJOR OUTPUTS**

- 3. Five Strategic Actions that need to be implemented in the priority conservation areas to address the biodiversity crisis in the country.
- 4. Biodiversity corridors identified for both marine and terrestrial ecosystems as focal areas for broader scale conservation actions.
- 5. A state-of-knowledge assessment of each thematic group.

#### **5 STRATEGIC ACTIONS**

- 1. Harmonizing Research with Conservation Needs (Strategy 1- improving knowledge)
- Strengthening of the Protected Areas
   System (Strategies 2 In-situ activities & 3 integrating policies)
- 3. Institutionalizing innovative but appropriate biodiversity conservation approaches: The Biodiversity Corridors (Strategies 2 & 3)
  - 19 terrestrial & 9 marine corridors identified



#### **5 STRATEGIC ACTIONS**

4. Institutionalizing monitoring and evaluation systems of projects and of biodiversity (Strategy 4 – Strengthening capacities)

5. Developing a national constituency for biodiversity conservation in the country (Strategy 5 - IEC)



#### **SOME SPECIFIC PLANS & FRAMEWORKS**

Year	Title
Frameworks/Master Plans	
2008	Sustainable Use and Protection of Philippine Peatlands: National Action Plan
2008	Verde Island Passage Marine Corridor Management Plan Framework
2007	Integrated River Basin Management and Development (IRBMD)  Master Plan
2007	Sustainable Development Strategy for Philippine Coastal Areas and Seas (Draft) (DENR & PEMSEA)
2006	Integrated Water Resources Management Plan Framework
2006	Operational Plan for the Manila Bay Coastal Strategy
2006	National Avian Influenza Preparedness Plan

# Implementing NBSAP thru the integrated ecosystem approach

Traditionally, sectoral approaches have been used to manage natural resources and the environment. This has resulted to separate governance mechanisms for different resource uses, and conflicts in management.

Until the need to adopt an integrated and holistic approach to water, land and related resources in order to meet the social and economic demands of the population, and the sustainability of ecosystems was realized.

### **Integrated Coastal Management**

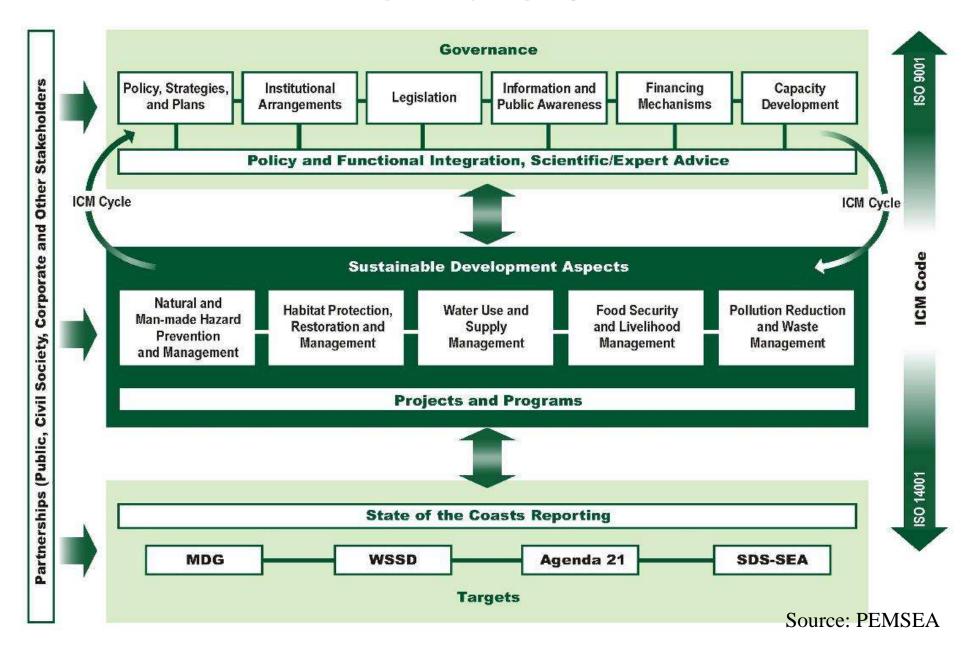
#### **Executive Order 533**

Mandated the adoption of an integrated coastal management (ICM) and related approaches, such as the coastal resource/zone management as the national management policy framework

#### **Objective:**

To promote SD of the country's coastal & marine environment & resources for food security, sustainable livelihood, poverty alleviation & reduction of vulnerability to natural hazards while preserving ecological integrity.

#### **ICM Framework**

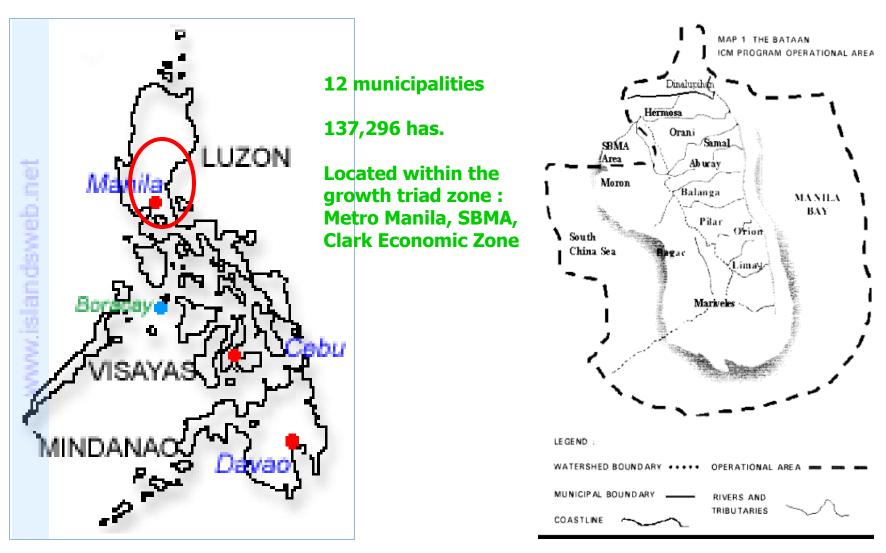


## Major challenges to the implementation of EO 533

- disparity in the capacity among government agencies and coastal municipalities
- lack of national training program in support of local coastal governance
- lack of sustainability after donors exit
- No standard by which to measure ICM coverage given the number of models and approaches in use for coastal management

(Ross, 2008)

## ICM Best Practice demonstrated in the Province of Bataan



Source: Lorenz, Juergen, Ecowatch: For Coastal Water Quality Protection Practices

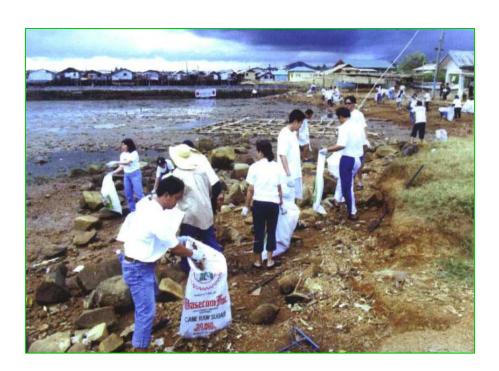
#### THE SITUATION

Economic progress has deteriorated the costal and marine environment of the province due to increasing pollution and resource use conflicts.

There was an urgent need to make the people of Bataan aware of these problems and prompt them to initiate integrated and long term solutions for sustainability.

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A coastal clean up drive in the Province of Bataan triggered a movement and a strong & unique partnership among the stakeholders that led to the creation of Bigkis Bataan (Bigay ng Kalikasan sa Bataan- Bounties of Nature in Bataan)



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#### THE VISION

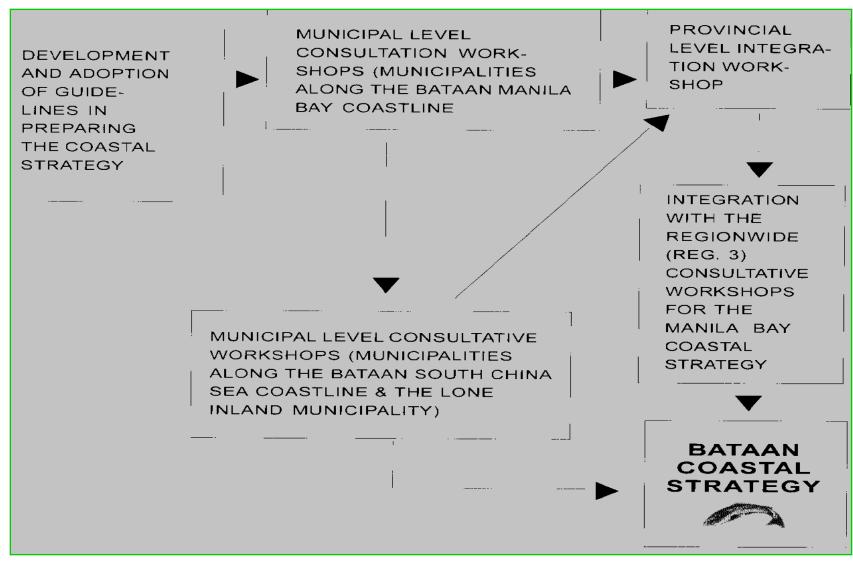
A well-developed community with abundant natural resources, clean environment and a responsible citizenry empowered to care for nature and it's bounty.

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#### What has been done -

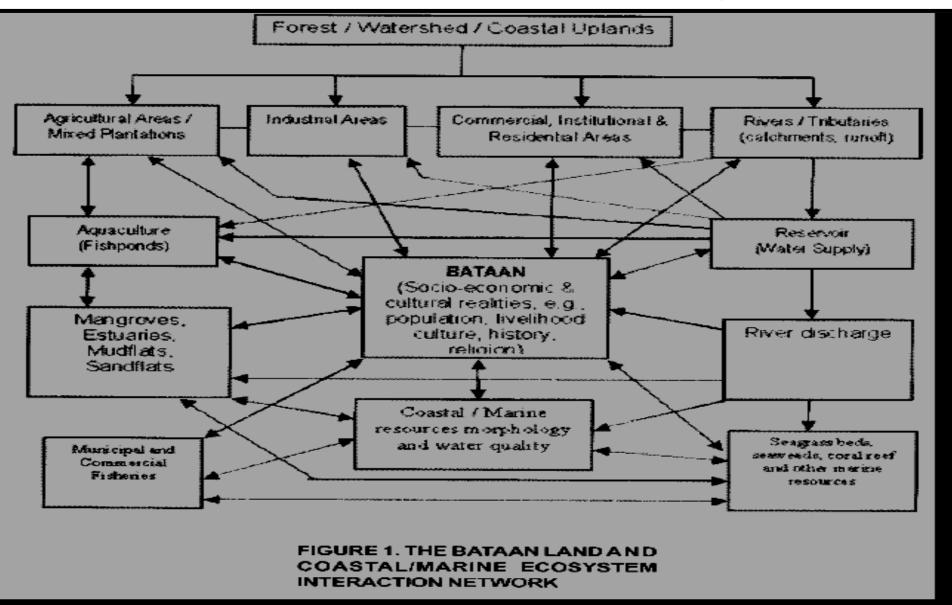
- 1. Organized the Bataan Coastal Care Foundationa consortium of 18 major industries in the province that raise funds to support the ICM activities in the province.
- 2. Adoption and institutionalization of the Bataan Coastal Strategy (formulated in 2002 but updated in 2006 as the Bataan Sustainable Development Strategy)

## Consultation process for the development of the Bataan Coastal Strategy



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#### **Scope of the Bataan Coastal Strategy**



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- 3. IEC at all levels esp the grassroots (eg CREST- Coral reef education for students and teachers)
- 4. Implementation of the Solid Waste Management Program and Integrated Coastal Zone & Sea Use Plan (approved by the Provincial Board in 2006)

#### **THE PROJECTS**



**Coastal Clean-up** 

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**Mangrove Enrichment Planting** 

#### **Marine Turtle Conservation**

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**Establisment of Pawikan Conservation Centers (MT Sanctuaries)** 

Mobilization of "Bantay Pawikan" to guard against poachers

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## Provision of alternative livelihood opportunities like mussel culture to the local communities

#### THE LESSONS

Many of the challenges on biodiversity conservation require the concerted efforts of stakeholders.

Not a single sector can do it alone.

Alliances and partnerships play a key role in meeting current and future environmental challenges.

#### THE CHALLENGE

#### **SUSTAINABILITY OF THE EFFORTS**

### **MABUHAY!**