2014 State of Conservation Report Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras



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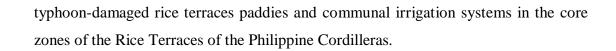
The Provincial Government of Ifugao is exerting all possible measures to rise up to the challenge of restoring the Ifugao Rice terraces and the preservation of the rich and unique Ifugao culture. The rate of degradation of the Rice Terraces and diminution of the Ifugao Culture requires an imperative action to address the situation. Through the collaboration of the Provincial Government with other Line Agencies, Peoples Organization, other Local Government Units and other stakeholders, collective mitigating endeavors were initiated and acted upon. These were manifested through establishment of restoration funds, sponsorship of local and national legislative bills, and other programs and projects that were conducted and geared towards the arrest of the degradation of the Rice Terraces and the valuable Ifugao Culture.

The conservation program for the Rice Terraces should not only be focused on the physical aspect of the Rice Terraces. Rather, it has to be approached in a holistic perspective. It should be cognizant to current conditions of the Ifugao People, the prevailing Ifugao culture and the influence of modern times. It is an accepted fact that conservation of the Rice Terraces and Culture is an "uphill battle". Nevertheless, to strive with a common aspiration and through concerted efforts of the various stakeholders, the conservation Program for the Rice Terraces and the Ifugao Culture will come into fruition i.e. the maintenance of a Living Cultural Landscape.

The following are the highlights of accomplishments in CY 2013 cover the:

- 1) Bio-Physical Restoration of the Property
 - a) DENR UNESCO-NATCOM First Tranche of 2012 in the amount of One Million Seven Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 1,700,000.00) or USD37.778.00.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines (UNESCO-NatCom) secured a total funding of Php 5,000,000.00 (USD 111,111.00) for the continued restoration of



The First Tranche of this project covers six Barangays in the four World Heritage Sites (WHS) in Ifugao. The restoration of the damaged/collapsed walls of the Rice Terraces (RT) reached a volume of 2, 698.51 cubic meters. This has an equivalent of five hundred ten (510) restored/repaired rice paddies with Two Hundred Seventy Four (274) Rice Terraces owners as beneficiaries.

b) TWENTY- PERCENT DEVELOPMENT FUND OF CY 2012 of the Provincial Government in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 400,000.00) or USD 8,889.00.

By law, the Provincial Government of Ifugao allocates a portion of its annual budget to the continued conservation and management of the Ifugao Rice Terraces.

This restoration project was implemented in the four Barangays in the four World Heritage Sites (WHS). It restored a volume of 639. 47 cubic meters of damaged Rice Terraces. The number of rice paddies restored was One Hundred Two (102) with Eighty (80) rice terraces owners as beneficiaries.

c) RICE TERRACES CONSERVATION FUND from the revenue collected from the operations of the AMBANGAL MINI-HYDRO POWER PLANT

In line with sustainable development practices, it may be recalled that the development of the Ambangal Mini-Hydro Power Plant goes beyond the sustainable generation of power as part of the revenues derived from the operations of the power plant is allocated to the Province of Ifugao's Rice Terraces Conservation Fund (RTCF). The Fund was set up to provide resources for the continued conservation of the rice terraces paddies and communal irrigation system in the World Heritage areas as well as for projects related to safeguarding and documenting the intangible cultural heritage of the Ifugao.

For the reporting period, a total of Php 1,208,000.00 or USD 26,844.00 was allocated to the RCTF. There are Fourteen (14) Communal Irrigation Systems located in the World Heritage areas that have been and are being repaired through this fund.

d) Batad Rice Terraces Rehabilitation Project - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) FUNDS – Php 20,000,000.00 or USD 444,444.00

Similar to the efforts of the efforts of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines, the Department of Agriculture allocated a total amount of Php 20,000,000.00 or USD 444,444.00 to restore the typhoon-damaged rice terraces and irrigation systems specifically in the Batad Rice Terraces Cluster, located in Banaue Municipality.

The usage of the fund is demonstrated in the following breakdown:

i) IRRIGATION SUPPORT COMPONENT - Php 4,202,500.00 or USD 93,389.00

There are Twenty Three (23) Communal Irrigation Systems (CIS) that were rehabilitated in Batad, Banaue. These CIS serve as the "lifeblood" of the rice terraces clusters in the locality since it is the main system that allocates water to the rice terraces paddies by channeling rainwater collected from the watersheds in the mountaintop.

ii) RESTORATION OF DAMAGED RICE TERRACES COMPONENT - Php 8,666,820.00 or USD 192,596.00

This is a massive rice terraces restoration project that was implemented in Batad, Banaue. There were nine hundred seventy three (973) rice paddies that were restored with two hundred eight (208) rice terraces farmers as beneficiaries.

iii) CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTION WALL FOR THE BATAD RICE TERRACES COMPONENT - Php 3,500,000.00 or USD 77,777.78

The protection wall, as shown in the photos in the latter part of this report, basically covers the repair of the damaged and deteriorated portions of the stone walls of the rice terraces paddies. As these stone walls deteriorated over time, the paddies located below the walls have become vulnerable to soil erosion especially during strong typhoons.

This protection wall was constructed at the upper portion of the Batad Rice Terraces to protect the rice terraces cluster from any soil erosion that may emanate from the mountaintop. The structure has a length of 194.44 meters with a height of 3 meters. The construction took into account the traditional stonewalling techniques and aimed to contribute into restoring the visual integrity of the rice terraces cluster.

iv) CONSTRUCTION OF PROTECTION WALL OF THE KINAKIN RICE TERRACES - Php 250,000.00 or USD 5,555.55

This protection wall was constructed at the base of Rice Terraces to prevent the water from the river from causing erosion in the lower portion of the cluster of rice terraces.

2) Safeguarding of the Cultural Identity and Heritage of the Ifugao

- Approval of two vital ordinances in the Province namely, the Provincial Ordinance No. 2013-13 or the "Ifugao Tourism Code" and Provincial Ordinance No. 2013-22 or the "Ifugao Cultural Code".
- b) Two Related Provincial Ordinances are already being deliberated on by the Sanggunian Panlalawigan (Provincial Legislative Council) namely, "The Guidelines for the Buffer and Core Zones of the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras" and "The Re-organization Plan of the Provincial Government of Ifugao".
- c) Under the Rice Terraces Conservation Funds (RTCF), six (6) projects on safeguarding of the Ifugao non-material culture were implemented with funds amounting to Php 328,330.00 or USD 7,296.00.



- d) Under the Batad Rice Terraces Restoration Project, five (5) trainings that are related to School of Living Traditions and one harvest festival were conducted in the World Heritage Site (WHS) of Batad, Banaue Municipality.
- e) The Provincial Government had recorded one hundred (100) Ifugao songs which will be used for research and promotion activities.
- f) Documentation of Rituals particularly the *Ayangan* Wedding Rites and the Rice Ritual in Banaue which have been published for research.
- g) Every year the Provincial Government conducts the "Grand Gotad Festival" that depicts the culture, skills and traditions of Ifugao. This is one way of creating awareness and transferring the Indigenous Knowledge to the younger generation. During this event, various Ifugao songs, dances, chants, games, skills and talents are showcased.
- h) Reproduction of the Ifugao Tourism Brochure.

3) Other Support Services for Conservation

- a) A special rehabilitation project establishing the Bangaan Rice Terraces Cluster as a "Living Cultural Landscape Model" is being planned. Component parts of the project include sustainable tourism, heritage agriculture, cultural industries (loom weaving and woodcarving) have been identified. Activities in support of the components are will be implemented in 2014.
- b) Trainings were conducted on value formation and leadership, Barangay Disaster Risk Reduction Management and Garbage Recycling in WHS specifically in Batad, Banaue, Ifugao.
- c) To improve quality standards of Ifugao products, the Provincial Government has launched a local system for certification of quality and assists Ifugao entrepreneurs in producing products that meet national and international standards.
- d) The Ifugao people and other Filipino volunteers supported the call for volunteers to work in the Rice Terraces through the *Bachang* or Rice Terraces Weekend Warriors.



- e) This year, the drafting of the 2014-2023 Ifugao Rice Terraces Master Plan has started through community consultations, which involves the rice terraces owners and farmers from the four Heritage Sites, People's Organizations and other Government Line Agencies.
- f) The Provincial Government endorsed the "Muyung System" concept as a tool in implementing of Forestland Management Projects in Ifugao.

RESPONSE OF THE STATE PARTY TO 36 COM 7A.29

(Decision adopted in the 36th Session of the World Heritage Committee in St. Petersburg, 2012)

ENSURING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO SUSTAIN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN THROUGH OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

1) Updating the Rice Terraces Master Plan (IRTMP) through a stakeholder-inclusive process involving the Rice Terraces Farmers, Rice Terraces Owners, National Agencies, Local Government Officials and Employees, Non-Government Organizations and Barangay Officials

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Sources of Fund: Provincial Government in partnership with Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS) Activity Timeframe: January – October 2014 Activity Description:

- As the Ten Year Ifugao Rice Terrace Master Plan (IRTMP) of 2003-2012 has ended, the concerned Offices of the Provincial Government are conducting a series of related activities to update the IRTMP. The new IRTMP will strive to address the current challenges in the restoration of the Rice Terraces and the preservation of the unique Ifugao Culture.
- Four consultation meetings were held in the World Heritage Sites of Kiangan, Banaue, Mayoyao and Hungduan, respectively, wherein Rice Terraces Stakeholders and Rice Terraces Organizations participated in the consultation and workshop.
- Writing Workshops are being conducted to consolidate the data that were gathered during the series of consultations.

2) Provincial Ordinance No. 2013-22, "An Ordinance Enacting the Ifugao Cultural Code"

Proponent: Provincial Government of IfugaoSource of Fund: Provincial Government of IfugaoActivity Timeframe:The effectivity of the Ordinance is upon its approval on June 10, 2013.Activity Description:

- he approved Ifugao Cultural Code underlines the principles and guidelines in the conservation, protection and safeguarding of both tangible and intangible heritage of the Ifugao. It endeavors to create a balanced cultural milieu with the important events of the past in harmony with the present social and cultural context.
- On the other hand, it shall approach the problem of cultural conservation in all its aspects while building strong partnerships between and among the concern government agencies, civil society, the domestic and international organizations and the private sectors cutting across all relevant disciplines and technologies.

The Ifugao Cultural Code has the following purposes:

- a) To preserve, conserve and promote Ifugao cultural heritage;
- b) To establish and strengthen cultural institutions such as museums, preserve relics and historic buildings and historical landmarks, as well as to promote and conserve the *Muyung* system and other cultural resources; and
- c) To protect the collective ownership and custody of indigenous people's culture as permanently prescribed by the customs, mores and practices of each community.

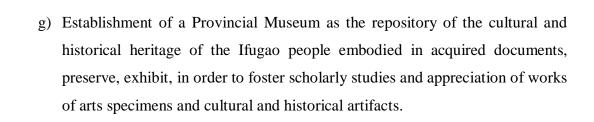
The Ifugao Cultural Code assigns the following responsibilities:

a) The Ifugao people through the Provincial Government shall develop the appropriate programs and strategies for cultural transmission and education to include the use or the restoration of their own languages and orthographies;

- b) The Provincial Government shall exercise control over all cultural researches conducted within any of the municipalities of Ifugao in order to protect the sanctity and integrity of the culture of the people; and,
- c) The free, prior and informed consent (FPIC) of the traditional owners should be an essential precondition on any agreements which may be made for the recording, study, use or display of Ifugao cultural heritage.

The Code has the following salient provisions:

- a) Creation of the Ifugao Provincial Council for Cultural Heritage, a policy making body to develop policies and operational guidelines to ensure the effective implementation of conservation programs;
- b) Establishment of an Ifugao Registry of Cultural Properties to be maintained by the Ifugao Cultural Heritage Office where all the cultural properties of Ifugao will be listed;
- c) Nomination, certification and inscription of cultural properties in the Provincial List of Cultural Properties;
- d) Incorporation of Ifugao heritage studies an indigenous knowledge systems and practices in formal and non-formal education systems in the province;
- e) Establishment of guidelines and policies on research and documentation of the Ifugao cultural heritage inside and outside the community. It includes the researchers, artists, writers and mass media.
- f) Protection of Ifugao Indigenous Knowledge and Practices through:
 - Promotion and assistance in the application of patents, trademarks, copyright and other legal means of protecting Ifugao indigenous knowledge;
 - Regulation of non-traditional aesthetic presentation of Ifugao performing arts and related practices;
 - Prohibition of cultural mendicancy and the use of sacred ceremonies solely for commercial purposes;
 - Securing of FPIC as defined by the IPRA Law for media documentations and related activities.



Under the approved Code, resources through yearly allocations for the implementation of the programs identified by the Cultural Council and the provisions of the code shall be funded by the Provincial Government.

3) Proposal to Create a Separate Department for Culture and Tourism in the Provincial Government Organizational Structure

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Sources of Fund: Provincial Government of Ifugao Activity Timeframe:

• The proposed 2012 Reorganizational Plan was crafted in 2011 and had undergone various consultation meetings with the various departments of the Provincial Government.

As of date, the proposal was submitted to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Legislative Council) for review and approval.

Activity Description:

- The 2012 Reorganization Plan of the Provincial Government of Ifugao aims, among others, the separation of the two divisions under the Provincial Planning and Development Office to create another department of the Provincial Government – the Culture and Tourism Department to look into the concerns of the province in terms of cultural conservation and tourism development programs;
- With this move, the creation of one department primarily focused on culture and tourism would solidify the sustainability in the implementation of programs for the conservation and management of the World Heritage Sites. This would also ensure a stronger structure for securing resources needed in the rice terraces conservation and promotion of the tourism industry in the province.

CONTINUING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY-BASED LAND-USE AND ZONING PLANS WHICH RESPOND TO TRADITIONAL VALUE SYSTEMS

1) Proposed Provincial Ordinance which Provides for the "Guidelines for the Conservation of the Core and Buffer Zones of the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras"

Proponent: Ifugao Provincial Government Activity Time Frame:

- The proposed Provincial Ordinance was submitted by the Office of Board Member James Frederick Dulnuan to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan (Provincial Legislative Council) in 2012.
- As of this date, the proposed ordinance is on Second Reading under the Sanggunian Panlalawigan Committee on Tourism. The proposed ordinance is still under review and is subject to consultations with other concern stakeholders for additional inputs, suggestions and recommendations.

Activity Description:

- The proposed Provincial Ordinance provides for the guidelines for the management of the Core and Buffer Zones of the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras. The ordinance proposed to adopt the delineated core and buffer zones of the rice terraces as identified by rice terraces stakeholders with the help of National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) and the UNESCO National Commission. The core and buffer zones shall serve as the fundamental basis and planning tool for the Provincial Development Management Plan and the crafting of a Comprehensive Infrastructure Guidelines and Community-Based Land Use and Zoning Plan.
- Article II of the Proposed Provincial Ordinance provides for the Conservation Guidelines for Watersheds and Forest within the Core Zones of the four (4) World Heritage Cluster Sites. Article III of the same proposed ordinance provides for the Conservation Guidelines for the Buffer Zones of the five (5) World Heritage Cluster Sites.

DEVELOPING AN INTEGRATED TOURISM MANAGEMENT PLAN IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS MECHANISMS TO CONTROL TOURISM RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENTS

1) Provincial Ordinance No. 2013-21, "Formulating and Establishing the Ifugao Tourism Code of the Province to Provide the rules Governing the Tourism Industry in the Province of Ifugao for Tourism Promotion and Development, Creating the Provincial Tourism and Culture Office to Effectively and Efficiently Implement Tourism Policies and Programs Appropriations Funds Therefore"

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao

Activity Timeframe:

This Ordinance took effect on March 18, 2013.

Activity Description:

The Provincial ordinance shall also be known as the "Ifugao Tourism Code." It aims to establish guidelines and rules to govern the tourism industry in the province.

It has the following salient provisions:

- a. Creation of the Provincial Tourism and Culture Office to effectively and efficiently implement tourism policies;
- b. Creation of the Ifugao Provincial Tourism and Culture Council to become the policy-recommending Body for the promotion, development and maintenance of tourism in the province;
- c. Article 6 provides for guidelines in coming up with tourism infrastructures;
- d. Provisions for capability building programs as well as ethical standards that shall govern the conduct of tourism stakeholders;
- e. Provisions for assessment, monitoring and evaluation for impacts of tourism activities in the province; and
- f. Provisions for incentives for tourism investments.

ADOPTION OF A LEGISLATION REQUIRING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, AS WELL AS TO ESTABLISH HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

1) Enactment of the "Ifugao Environment Code of the Province of Ifugao"

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Source of Fund: Provincial Government of Ifugao Activity Time Frame:

The research, conceptualization, drafting as well as the submission, deliberation and passage of ordinance took place in 2009 to 2010. The ordinance is already being implemented.

Activity Description:

 The Provincial Government of Ifugao enacted Provincial Ordinance No. 2010-023 on March 15, 2010 which is otherwise known as the "The Environmental Code of the Province of Ifugao"

Article VII of the code provides for the Environment Impact Assessment of development projects. Under this article, Section 35 provides for the adoption of the assessment mechanisms as provided for by Presidential Decree No. 1586 otherwise known as "Environmental Impact Assessment System". It defines the operating principles of the Local Government Units to ensure environmental soundness of agro-industrial and eco-tourism projects thereby maintaining a rational and orderly balance between economic growth and community development in the province.

Based on Presidential Decree No. 1856, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) must be prepared and approved along with an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC). These documents will not be approved until an Environmental Impact Assessment or an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) is undertaken examining the following using generally accepted scientific methods and standards: environmental setting of the project, potential impact and other concerns of the project based on the environmental setting, and social acceptability of the project.



The resulting Environment Impact Assessment document will be reviewed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). The comments of the Review Committee will serve as the basis in reviewing the application for Environmental Compliance Certificate.

The Environmental Compliance Certificate maybe granted under certain conditions and includes the implementation of an environmental management plan. The Environmental Impact Statement may vary from project to project but shall contain in every case all relevant information and details about the proposed project or undertaking, including the environmental impacts of the projects and the appropriate mitigating and enhancement measures.

As a matter of provincial policy and in order to ensure the social acceptability of the projects as provided in DENR Administrative Order 96-37, series of 1996, the Governor shall fully exercise his powers to ensure that "public hearing" shall be conducted when required for all projects that falls under an Environmentally Critical Project (ECP) pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 2149, as a condition precedent to Environmental Compliance Certificate issuance.

The primary objective of the project is aimed to contribute to the attainment of sustainable development goals and to mandate equity in the access to and disposition of natural resources that the utilization, development, protection and conservation of the environment should be managed by the local government units of Ifugao in a way, and at a rate, that will enable the communities and constituents to provide for their economic, social and physical well-being/health.

2) Proposed House Bill No. 3485 otherwise known as "An Act to Protect, Conserve, Utilize, Develop and Sustainability Manage Forest Resources and for Other Purposes"

Proponent: Ifugao Congressman Teddy B. Baguilat, Jr. Activity Time Frame:

The proposed House Bill was submitted in the House of Representatives pending for its approval.

Activity Description:

 Proposed House Bill No. 3485, otherwise known as "An Act to Protect, Conserve, Utilize, Develop and Sustainability Manage Forest Resources and for Other Purposes was proposed by no less than the Lone Representative of Ifugao, Cong. Teddy Baguilat, Jr. The House Bill called for an Environmental Impact Assessment of watersheds.

Section 38 provides for a system of prioritization of watersheds based on the:

- a. Biodiversity and environmental enhancement,
- b. Cultural and historical value;
- c. Water supply for domestic, irrigation, power, industrial, and commercial use;
- d. Contribution to the economy; and,
- e. Effect on downstream areas.

Section 40 provides for the need of an Environmental Impact Assessment, Resource Accounting and Valuation wherein all new environmentally critical projects to be implemented in forestlands, such as harvesting, grazing and other special uses, mineral prospecting and exploration, and road, infrastructure, and mill construction, shall be subject to Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) in accordance with Presidential Decree No. 1151 or the Philippine Environmental Policy, and Presidential Decree No. 1586, Establishing an Environmental Impact Assessment System. A scientific resource valuation of impacts of affected biophysical and environmental elements, and an extended benefit cost of analysis shall be used in the Environmental Impact Statement System. DENR shall design and implement a system of regular periodic monitoring and assessment using Criteria and Indicators as framework and shall formulate appropriate standards as basis for assessing progress towards sustainable forest management.

3) Proposed House Bill No. 990 otherwise known as "An Act Adopting the Ifugao Rice Terraces Rehabilitation and Preservation Plan, Creating the Administrative Machinery for its Implementation and its Secretariat, Providing Funds Therefore, and Other Purposes"

Proponent: Ifugao Congressman Teddy B. Baguilat, Jr.

Activity Timeframe:

The proposed House Bill was submitted in the House of Representatives and it was pending with the Committee on Natural Resources since July 24, 2013 for its approval.

Activity Description:

- The proposed House Bill is also known as "Ifugao Rice Terraces Rehabilitation and Preservation Act"
- Under Section 4 in Chapter II, states that Ifugao Rice Terraces Rehabilitation and Preservation Plan (IRTRP) shall serve as a guide in formulating comprehensive framework and implementation of plans, programs and projects to maintain the sustainability development of the IRT that compromise the conserving and protecting the natural resources.
- Section 5 in the same Chapter, states the Ifugao Rice Terraces Rehabilitation and Preserving Plan Philosophy (IRTRPPP), its general philosophy is the Rehabilitation and Preservation of the Ifugao Rice Terraces which is concerned on the restoration of the IRT and its subsequent conservation, enhancement and protection. That also includes improving the quality of life of the people in the present and the future generations, while allowing the development of sustainable commercial industries.

The following are special concerns of the Proposed Bill:

- 1) Ecological viability The physical and biological cycles that maintain the productivity of natural ecosystems must always be kept intact.
- Social acceptability The people themselves, through participatory process, should be fully committed to support sustainable development activities by fostering equity in access to resources and the benefits derived from them.
- 3) Integral approach This allow for holistic view of problems and issues obtaining in the environment as well as opportunities for coordination and sharing that will eventually provide resources and political will to actually implement and sustain IRTRPP activities

4) Proposed House Bill No. 1074, also known as "An Act Mandating the Inclusion of Indigenous Culture Education in the Curricula of School in all Levels in the Country"

Proponent: Ifugao Congressman Teddy B. Baguilat, Jr. – Co-Authored Activity Timeframe:

• The proposed House Bill was submitted in the House of Representatives and it was deliberated and deferred to the Basic Education and Culture on January 27, 2014.

Activity Description:

• Section 2. Inclusion of Indigenous Education in the School Curriculum in all Levels. This section is to ensure proper understanding and appreciation of indigenous cultures by the Filipinos today, especially the youth, as well as to protect and develop the same, the indigenous education shall be included in the curriculum of all public and private schools in the Philippines at all levels.

This House Bill is included in this report because through the inclusion of indigenous education in school curricula, indigenous knowledge on traditional environmental management practices would become part of a localized educational material, which thus facilitates the transmission of indigenous knowledge to younger generations.

PURSUING THE ADOPTION OF A NATIONAL LEGISLATION DECLARING THE WORLD HERITAGE PROPERTY AS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREA

The Philippine government continues to explore avenues for the adoption of a national legislation declaring the Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras as an Environmentally Critical Area. The Ifugao Cultural Heritage Office will commence a research in close consultation with the elders of the Ifugao Provincial Council for Cultural Heritage to harmonize relevant laws applicable to this legislation. A policy relative to this matter shall be passed by the Council to be endorsed to the Lone Representative of Ifugao to the House of Representatives.

UPDATES ON THE DESIRED STATE OF CONSERVATION

SUSTAINED BIO-PHYSICAL RESTORATION OF THE IFUGAO RICE TERRACES

1) Restoration of Collapsed/ Damaged Walls of the Rice Terraces

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao

Sources of Funds: Provincial Government

- a. 20% Development Fund of 2012,
- b. 20M DA Trust Fund
- c. DENR UNACOM Funds (First Tranche)

Activity Time Frame:

The restoration of damaged walls of the rice terraces especially in the four heritage towns is a continuing project of the Provincial Government in coordination with various funding agencies

Activity Description:

With a total budget allocation of <u>PhP10,766,820.00 or USD</u> <u>239,263.00</u> based on the following breakdown:

- a. 20% Development Fund of 2012 Php 400,000.00Volume of restored Rice Terraces $- 639.47 \text{ m}^3$ Number of beneficiaries - 80Number of paddies restored - 102
- b. 20 Million DA Funds Rice Terraces Restoration Component

Php 8,666,820.00 Volume of restored Rice Terraces - 6,748.15 m³ Number of beneficiaries - 208 Number of paddies restored - 973

c. DENR-UNACOM fund – Php 1,700,000.00 Volume of restored Rice Terraces – 2,654.385 m³ Number of beneficiaries – 274 Number of paddies restored - 510

The total volume of restored Rice Terraces is $10,041.99 \text{ m}^3$ with a total of <u>622</u> beneficiaries from the 4 Heritage Sites. All the projects were 100% completed.





	Location	Budget Allocation	Source of Fund	Total Vol. Restored (m ³)	No. of Beneficiaries	Status
1.	Banaue	100,000.00	20% DF 2012	155.32	19	100% Completed
		300,000.00	DENR - UNACOM Funds	474.83	31	100% completed
		8,666,820.00	20M DA Trust Fund	6,748.15	208	100% completed
2.	Hungduan	1,000,000.00	DENR- UNACOM Funds	1567.71	155	Completed
		100,000.00	20% DF 2012	158.73	89	Completed
3.	Kiangan	100,000.00	20% DF 2012	166.67	17	Completed
4.	Мауоуао	100,000.00	20% DF 2012	158.75	15	Completed
		400,000.00	DENR – UNACOM Funds	611.83	88	Completed
	Total	10,766,820.00		10,041.99	622	

2) Construction of Protection Walls

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao

Sources of Funds:

- a) Provincial Government Supplemental Budget of 2011
- b) Php 20 Million Department of Agriculture Trust Fund.

Activity Time Frame:

The restoration of damaged walls of the rice terraces especially in the four heritage towns is a continuing project of the Provincial Government in coordination with various funding agencies

Activity Description:

• The construction of a protection wall in Kinakin, Banaue was implemented with a budget allocation of PhP 250,000.00 from the Supplemental Budget of 2011

Fund while the construction of the protection wall in Batad, Banaue is 100% completed and the allotted budget for the project is PhP 3,500,000.00.

Table 2. Construction of Protection Wall					
Location	Budget Allocation	Status	Source of Fund		
1. Kinakin, Banaue	250,000.00	100%	Supplemental		
2. Batad, Banaue	3,500,000.00	completed 100%	Fund of 2011 20M DA Trust		
	- , ,	completed	Fund		



3) Rehabilitation/Repair of Existing Communal Irrigation System

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Sources of Funds:

- a) Php 20 Million Department of Agriculture Trust Fund.
- b) Ambangal Mini-Hydro Power Plant Fund or Rice Terraces Conservation Funds

Activity Time Frame:

• The repair/rehabilitation of communal irrigation (CIS) systems in the rice terraces especially in the four heritage sites is a continuing project of the Provincial Government in coordination with various funding agencies.

Activity Description:

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• For 2013, 44 existing Communal Irrigation Systems were identified for rehabilitation and repair in the four (4) Heritage Sites. The total budget allotted for the rehabilitation/repair of the existing CIS is PhP 5,913,266.285 with funding sources from the 20M DA Trust Fund, the Ambangal Mini-Hydro Power Plant Fund. There are thirty (30) rehabilitated/repaired CIS while fourteen (14) other CIS projects are on-going in its implementation or still to be implemented.



Ta	Table 3. Rehabilitation/Repair of Existing Communal Irrigation System						
	Project type	Budget	Source of	Status/			
		Allocation	Fund	Accomplishment			
Ki	Kiangan						
1.	Rehab.of Lilin	53,000.00	AMHPP	100 % Completed			
	Pindongan	55,000.00	FUND	100 % Completed			
2.	Aid to Umiyon CIS-	22 012 2505	AMHPP	D			
	Mungayang	33,913.2505	FUND	For programming			
3.	Improvement of	22 014 2505	AMHPP	Ean nua anomina			
	Lohob CIS-Pindongan	33,914.2505	FUND	For programming			
4.	Rehab. Of Holang &	125,000.00	AMHPP	100% completed			
	Carne-Nagacadan	123,000.00	FUND	100% completed			
5.	Rehab. of Nungkilat	125,000.00	AMHPP	1000/ completed			
	CIS – Julongan	123,000.00	FUND	100% completed			
6.	Rehab. of Tattawang	102 206 004	AMHPP	Eastimplementation			
	CIS - Pindongan,	103,306.004	FUND	For implementation			
7.	Rehab. of Nakahakan	168,000.00	AMHPP	For implementation			
	CIS – Nagacadan	108,000.00	FUND	For implementation			



8.	Rehab. of Lohob CIS Phase II, Pindongan	80,000.00	AMHPP FUND	For implementation
9.	Boy- angan – Angadal CIS, Ambabag	80,000.00	AMHPP FUND	For implementation
10.	Rehab. of Namaw- ingan CIS, Lower Nagacadan	80,000.00	AMHPP FUND	For implementation
11.	Rehab. of Hulbuk CIS, Baguinge	70,000.00	AMHPP FUND	For implementation
12.	Rehab. of Hiccot CIS, Duit	70,000.00	AMHPP FUND	For implementation
13.	Rehab. of Buul – Bocco CIS, Tuplac	70,000.00	AMHPP FUND	For implementation
Ba	naue			
14.	Rehab. of Bolbol- Bangaan CIS-Bangaan	170,765.66	AMHPP FUND	100% completed
15.	Rehab. of Bung-u CIS	110,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
16.	Rehab. of Itiit-Bayon CIS	330,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
17.	Rehab. of Agadchang- Badyon CIS	127,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
18.	Rehab. of Bangnga CIS	73,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
19.	Rehab. of Hu-ab CIS	70,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
20.	Rehab. of Ginnaw- Naggor CIS	140,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
21.	Construction of Mapallay CIS Diversion Dam	85,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
22.	Rehabilitation of Purpog-Gabgab CIS	126,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
23.	Rehabilitation of Upper Purpogan CIS	112,00.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
24.	Rehabilitation of Upper & Lower Gataw	47,000.50	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
25.	Rehabilitation of Achottar CIS	42,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
26.	Rehabilitation of Aga-orchag CIS	144,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
27.	Rehabilitation of Lower Aghao CIS	83,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
28.	Rehabilitation of Una- un CIS	43,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	On-going
	Rehabilitation of	90,000.00	20M DA	100% completed

Lower Tucheng CIS 30. Rehab. of Langihon		Trust Fund 20M DA	
CIS	70,000.00	Trust Fund	100% completed
31. Rehabilitation of	50,000.00	20M DA	100% completed
Tipog CIS	30,000.00	Trust Fund	100% completed
32. Rehabilitation of Ge-	90,000.00	20M DA	100% completed
ong CIS	90,000.00	Trust Fund	10070 completed
33. Rehabilitation of Ehit	198,000.00	20M DA	100% completed
CIS	,	Trust Fund	I
34. Rehabilitation of	105,000.00	20M DA	100% completed
Lower Lanad	,	Trust Fund	1
35. Rehabilitation of	225,000.00	20M DA	100% completed
Upper Lanad CIS		Trust Fund	-
36. Rehabilitation of	485,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
Pinoong CIS			
37. Rehabilitation of Bongbong-Binnab CIS	1,400,000.00	20M DA Trust Fund	100% completed
	108,000.75	20M DA	For
38. Rehab of Pannar CIS		Trust Fund	implementation
Hungduan			
39. Rehab. of Pulla-Lubina	171,306.04	AMHPP	100% completed
CIS, Hapao	171,000101	FUND	10070 compress
		AMHPP	
40. Rehab. of Picdot-	100.000.00		100% completed
Lamag CIS-Hapao	100,000.00	FUND	100% completed
Lamag CIS-Hapao Mayoyao	100,000.00	FUND	100% completed
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Lamag CIS-Hapao Mayoyao 41. Rehab.of Fangki CIS Mayoyao Proper 42. Rehab. Of Olohan- Bukig CIS, Bongan 43. Rehab. Of Chaya – Hofang CIS	50,000.00 50,000.00	FUND AMHPP FUND AMHPP FUND 20% Dev. Fund 2012	100% completed On-going
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4) Implementation of the National Greening Program as Mechanism to Sustain the Muyung System

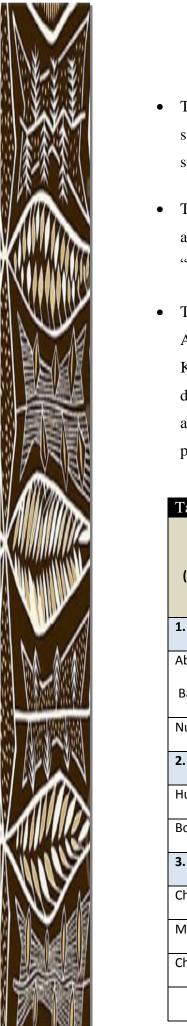
Proponent: Department of Environment and Natural Resources through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office

Source of Funds: DENR

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Activity Time Frame: The project is on-going in coordination with the four heritage sites. Activity Description:



- The forest or the "Muyung" system is the main source of water for the irrigation system of the Rice Terraces thus in order to preserve, protect and sustain this system, the National Greening Program (NGP) was implemented.
- The National Greening Program is a project of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) which aims to preserve, sustain and restore the "Muyung" system of Ifugao through reforestation and agro-forestry.
- The implemented (9) program was in the nine barangays of Abatan, Nunggulunan and Bangbang of Hungduan, Hucab, and Bolog of Kiangan, and Chumang, Chaya and Mapawoy of Mayoyao. The project developed a total of 542.65 hectares of land. Through the reforestation program, a total of 153.9 hectares was developed and under the agro-forestry development program, it has a total of 388.75 hectares of developed land.

Table 4. DENR National Greening Program - Muyung Management Program						
Location	Area	Mode of Dev				
	Developed	Reforestation	Agro-Forestry	Remarks		
(Mun. /Brgy.)	(Hectares)	(Hectares)	(Hectares)			
1. Hungduan	195	105	90	Implemented		
				through the		
Abatan	90	0	90	National		
Bangbang	90	90	0	Greening Program (NGP)		
Nunggulunan	15	15	0			
2. Kiangan	130	41	89			
Hucab	10	10	0			
Bolog	120	31	89			
3. Мауоуао	11	11				
Chumang	77	24	73			
Mapawoy	73.51	0	73.51			
Chaya	67.14	3.9	63.24			
Total	542.65	153.9	388.75			

5) Implementation of the Community Watershed Conservation – Forest Management under the 2nd Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management (CHARMP2)

Proponent: Department of Agriculture (CHARMP2 Project)

Source of Funds: Department of Agriculture

Activity Time Frame:

The CHARMP2 project started in 2009 and is expected to terminate in 2015.

Activity Description:

• The 2nd Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management Program (CHARMP2) is a special project implemented by the Department of Agriculture.

It has four project components which are the following:

- 1. Social Mobilization, Participatory Investment Planning and Land Titling
- 2. Agriculture, Agri-Business and Income Generating Activities
- 3. Rural Infrastructure Development
- 4. Community Watershed Conservation, Forest Management and Agro-Forestry.
- Under the Community Watershed Conservation and Forest Management, certain Barangays were selected from 2 Heritage Sites. The selected barangays established nurseries for potted seedlings to be used for the reforestation of a total of <u>478</u> hectares of land.

Table 5. Community Watershed Conservation, Forest Management (CHARMP2)				
Target Hectares for Reforestation per Barangay	Accomplishment to Date			
Мауоуао				
1. Barangay Chaya – 55 Hectares	- 55 hectares planted with 110,022 Indigenous seedlings			
- 31 Hectares expansion	 On – going nursery establishment with target of 62,012 seedling to produce. 			
2. Barangay Chumang – 50 Hectares	- 50 hectares planted with 83,350 indigenous seedlings.			



- 34 Hectares expansion area	- On – going nursery establishment with 68,014
	seedlings to produce.
3. Barangay Nattum – 50 Hectares	- 50 hectares planted with 90,000 indigenous
	seedlings.
4. Barangay Magulon – 50 Hectares	- 20 hectares planted with 33,340 indigenous
	seedlings.
Hungduan	
1. Barangay Bokiawan – 50 Hectares	42 hectares planted with 78,214 indigenous
	seedlings.
2. Barangay Lubu-ong – 50 Hectares	- 50 hectares planted with 83,350 indigenous
	seedlings.
3. Barangay Bangbang – 50 Hectares	- 50 hectares with 90,000 indigenous seedlings
4. Barangay Maggok – 36 Hectares	- 36 hectares planted with 60,012 indigenous
	specie seedlings.
- 30 Hectares expansion	- 30 hectares planted with 50,010 indigenous
area	specie seedlings.
Total: 478 Hectares	

6) Documentation of Sustainable Traditional and Indigenous Forest Resource Management System and Practices

Proponent: Department of Environment and Natural Resources through the Provincial

Environment and Natural Resources Office

Source of Funds: DENR

Activity Time Frame:

• The project is completed. The result of the documentation is now awaiting publication.

Activity Description:

• One of the major components in the production system of the Rice Terraces is the forest or "*Muyung*" which serves as a source of water to irrigate the fields. The project aimed to document the various traditional and indigenous forest management systems and practices in forest management of the Ifugao people.

SAFEGUARDING OF CULTURAL IDENTITY AND HERITAGE THROUGH THE CONSERVATION, PROMOTION AND TRANSMISSION OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, LAWS AND PRACTICES

Table 6. Programs for the preservation of culture					
РРА	APPROVED BUDGET	FUND SOURCE	REMARKS		
SLT – Capitol	Php 50,000.00	PLGU Funds 2013	Completed		
SLT – Gohang National High School	Php 90,000.00	PLGU Funds 2013	Completed		
Installation co Culture Bearers	Php 15,000.00	PLGU Funds 2013	Completed		
Recording of Ifugao native Songs and CD Production	Php25,000.00	PLGU Funds 2013	Completed		
SLT on Theatrical Presentation	Php 40,000.00	20M DA Fund	Completed		
SLT on Rattan/Bamboo Handicraft Making	Php 40,000.00	20M DA Fund	Completed		
Documentary on the Agricultural Rice Cycle of Kiangan	Php 40,000.00	RTCF	For implementation		
Identification and Labelling of the Agro-Forest/Muyong Flora & Fauna	Php 30,000.00	RTCF	For implementation		
Establishment of a Model Rice Demonstration Farm	Php 30,000.00	RTCF	For implementation		
Establishment of a Repository of Ifugao Farm Implements	Php 30,000.00	RTCF	For implementation		

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Conservation and Preservation Initiative for Banaue Rice Terraces thru the "Chawwa" farming system	Php 148,320.00	RTCF	For implementation
Promotion and Preservation of Intangible Culture	Php 50,000.00	RTCF	For implementation

1) CONDUCT THE SCHOOLS FOR LIVING TRADITION (SLT) - CAPITOL

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao

Sources of Funds: 2013 Annual Budget of ICHO

Activity Time Frame:

• The activity was implemented last September – November 2013 every Friday with 35 participants consisting of PLGU employees. It offered courses of *Hudhud* chanting, Gong beating and Theatrical presentation.

Activity Description:

• The implementation of the School of Living Tradition was channeled to Ifugao Cultural Heritage Office (ICHO) as it was mandated to train, enhance and develop the Provincial Government Employees to be knowledgeably expert in the different ethnic practices. This program significantly helps in the preservation and restoration of the unique culture of the Ifugao.



2) CONDUCT THE SCHOOL FOR LIVING TRADITION (SLT) – GOHANG NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, BANAUE, IFUGAO

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Sources of Funds: 2013 Annual Budget of ICHO Activity Time Frame: This program was done on November – December of 2013.

Activity Description:

- There was a close coordination with our partners in the DepEd involving the high school students and teachers to participate because there is a need to equip them on the different Indigenous Knowledge Skills and Practices.
- The program provides the transfer of skill in learning the Ifugao Dances, Ethnic games, Music and Rituals.
- There were ninety (90) students/participants were able to graduate in the program.



Gohang National High School, Banaue

3) INSTALLATION OF CULTURE BEARERS

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Sources of Funds: Annual Budget -2013 - PLGU Funds Activity Time Frame: 3rd quarter Activity Description:

- It is the responsibility of the Province to document to enable to safeguard and preserve the culture bearer's skills and practices.
- The Province of Ifugao were able to document two (2) rites of Ifugao practices which are the Ayangan Marriage Rites and Rice Rituals

4) RECORDING OF THE NATIVE SONGS AND CD PRODUCTION

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Sources of Funds: Annual Budget – PLGU Fund Activity Time Frame: 3rd Quarter, 2013 Activity Description:

- The identity of the Ifugao being historic in culture, arts and skills is diminishing due to the introduction of religious sectors and globally technology had influences the minds and activities of the younger generation.
- The Provincial Government would maintain the identity through Ethnic performances, singing of the Ifugao Native songs and document it for preservation.
- There are 100 copies reproduced of the native songs.

5) CONSERVATION AND PRESERVATION INITIATIVE FOR BANAUE RICE TERRACES THRU THE "CHAWWA" FARMING SYSTEM

Proponent: Banaue Municipal Local Government Unit, Ifugao

Sources of Funds: RTCF-Mini-Hydro Power Plant

Implementing Partners: Provincial Government, Brgy. Viewpoint, Banaue and Beneficiaries

Activity Time Frame: 2014 implementation

Activity Description:

• The provincial Government had not focused only on conservation and preservation on the rice fields but also considered abandoned rice fields and unproductive rice terraces. The responsibility was handed to the Barangay Local Government Unit of Viewpoint, Banaue to operate this system. This system is

production sharing and its goals is to sustain the rice terraces productivity. Enterprising farmers offer their services to the owner of the abandoned ricefield. The sharing would base on the severity of the damaged ricefield and negotiation would arise before sharing would commence. There will be a contract or agreement between two (2) parties of whether sharing would be in kind or in cash.

• The selection of sites would pass on the criteria provided by the BLGU as it was approved.

6) MAINTENANCE OF THE IFUGAO RESOURCE CENTER AND MINI – MUSEUM

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao

Sources of Funds: PLGU Funds

Activity Time Frame: this is a continuing program of the Office

Activity Description:

- The Office of the Cultural Heritage still has some of the acquired books and would continue to provide services to the researchers that visit the office. And planned to maintain the Directory of Ifugao Related Literatures.
- As of today, there are still lacking in artifacts that the office would try to acquire original that has been inherited by generations.
- The office had already started filing documented researches for research purposes and study.

PROVISION OF SUPPORT SYSTEMS

1) Support to Community-Based Agri-Industry Development Program

Proponent: Department of Environment and Natural Resources through the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office



Source of Funds: DENR

Activity Time Frame: The project is on-going in coordination with the four heritage sites. Activity Description:

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2) Support to the Call for Volunteers to Work in the Rice Fields through the Bachang or Batad Weekend Warriors

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao

Source of Fund: PLGU, Office of Cong. Teddy Baguilat Jr., GIAHS

Activity Time Frame:

• The activity was done from January – March, 2013.

Activity Description

- The provincial government being inspired by the strong cooperation exuded by the people when struck by typhoons prepared activities which opened opportunities in which Ifugao people once again experienced, appreciated, revived the *Bachang* as a way of life. The *Bachang* was a call for Ifugaos as well as non-Ifugao volunteers to get their acts together for the restoration of the rice terraces.
- With the help of John Chua and other volunteers, the Bachang became a very potent tool in bringing about a national consciousness on the issues and concerns of the terraces and the need for every Filipino to pitch in for the restoration of the property. Various media campaign using broadcast, print and

social media was used and eventually, various corporations and volunteers came to Ifugao to provide support in our crusade.

- Among the volunteers are: Canon Philippines, Red Cross, SM, Photography with a Difference, Department of Tourism, Black Pencil Project, Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority, Green Peace, Couples for Christ, Real Sons and Daughter of Ifugao organization, Sons and Daughters of Ifugao, Save the Ifugao, Thompson Group of Companies, ABS-CBN, Toshiba Group, Zamboanga Group and many others.
- These groups donated various school supplies to the children of Batad including computers, bags, umbrellas, pad papers, pens and pencils as well as farm implements like gloves, spades, hose and many others.

3) Launched the Adopt A Rice Terraces Program to Call for Corporations and Private Individuals to Adopt a Rice Field

Proponent: Provincial Government of Ifugao Source of Fund: Toshiba, private individuals

Activity Time Frame

• This activity was launched last year and it is regularly implemented.

Activity Description

The Provincial Government of Ifugao provided for mechanisms for interested individuals and corporations to give their share in the restoration projects of the rice terraces by adopting a rice field in the heritage sites.

As of date, the Provincial Government is monitoring six rice fields adopted. Toshiba Group provided PhP100,000.00 for the restoration and five rice fields while a newlywed couple in Cavite adopted one rice field in Bocos and provided hose and P3,000.00 to restore the rice field.

Toshiba Group donated school supplies to 50 school children in Banaue and adopted 5 paddies in Batad with PhP29,000.00 assistance for the maintenance of the adopted paddies.



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