

ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY 2004-2005

PROGRESS AGAINST THE OBJECTIVE OF STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT STRUCTURES FOR LANDCARE INCLUDED:

- Establishing a working partnership with the Landcare Foundation of the Philippines Inc (LFPI).
- Establishing the Landcare Coordinators Network (LCN) and conducting two LCN workshops.
- Seeking opinions on existing NRM institutional support structures within government, civil society and private industry sectors, for possible case study to identify appropriate issues for a successful Landcare agency.
- Strengthening existing municipal Landcare associations and other local structures at the three existing sites of Misamis Oriental, Bukidnon and South Cotabato through:

Misamis Oriental

- Re-scoping of institutions and issues across the province;
- Development and implementation of a strategy to focus efforts on five core sites across the province – the well-established Landcare sites of Claveria and Malitbog as key learning and innovation sites, and three strategically-located satellite learning sites in Alubijid, Sugbongcogon and Kinoguitan; to focus the main effort on building and enhancing the effective Landcare capacity of LGUs and the provincial government; and maintain a watching brief on potential Landcare scaling-out sites in neighbouring provinces to the west of Misamis Oriental.

Bukidnon

- Development and implementation of a strategy to focus efforts on five core sites across the province – the municipality of Lantapan; re-invigorating the Landcare programs in the municipalities of Manolo Fortich and Malaybalay City; and developing new programs in one or two new municipalities where factors conducive to Landcare exist; focus the main effort on building and enhancing the effective Landcare capacity of both Landcare institutions (such as the Lantapan Land Care Association, Farmer Training Group, and LFPI) and the local and provincial governments; and maintain a watching brief on potential Landcare scaling-out sites in neighbouring provinces to the south and west of Bukidnon.

South Cotabato

- Development and implementation of a strategy to enhance the Landcare structures and processes established during the previous project at the Barangay Ned site; scale-out Landcare to the province of South Cotabato

through targeting a small number of strategically-important upland municipalities near the Mt. Matutum, Mt. Parker and Mt. Roxas mountain ranges; and build partnerships with, and enhance the effective Landcare capacity of, LGUs, Landcare institutions and NGOs.

- Initiation of effective Landcare programs in the new sites of Bohol and Agusan del Sur through:

Bohol

- Scoping of the site completed with meetings with key stakeholders, and identification of appropriate entry points and engagement processes;
- Identification of two priority project sites – the Carood watershed and San Isidro, and the further investigation of four other sites (Carmen, Danao, Dagohoy and Sagbayan);
- Development of partnerships with a number of LGUs and NGOs, and preliminary site engagement.

Agusan del Sur

- Scoping of the site completed with collection and review of data, mapping of key players in the province, and courtesy visits to key players;
- Identification of six municipalities as key focus areas – three in the upper part of the province (Bayugan, Esperansa and Sibagat), and three in the lower part (Bunawan, Trento and Sta. Josefa);
- Development of partnerships with the municipal LGU and other institutions, and preliminary site engagement.

PROGRESS AGAINST THE OBJECTIVE OF SUSTAINING AND SCALING UP ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION FARMING SYSTEMS AND DIVERSIFIED LIVELIHOODS INCLUDED:

- Conduct of 32 major training, capacity building and networking events across the five sites;
- Provision of six facilitation, information and support services to improve productivity, diversification and resource sustainability of member farms.

PROGRESS AGAINST THE OBJECTIVE OF ANALYSING AND EVALUATING IMPACTS INCLUDED:

- Establishing a broad research infrastructure and research process, and orientating and training project staff;
- Refinement of the plan through two workshops of the LCN in March and June, and an M&E mini-workshop in April;

- Development of a process documentation system through training provided by Dr Linda Burton of RIMCU;
- Establishment of a minimum set of baseline information;
- Development of a list of site research topics and individual site process documentation priorities;
- Development of a research design for one major area of research at each site;
- Involvement of two graduate students from local universities in the research program.

PROGRESS IN THE COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT OF THE PROJECT INCLUDED:

- Staff recruitment completed, site teams established and office accommodation secured;
- A major project team orientation and planning workshop conducted in February, with 24 personnel participating, where work plans for the sites were developed;
- Documentation of roles and responsibilities for all project staff completed;
- A draft communications plan developed with multiple strategies for addressing internal and external communication, many of which were initiated;
- The Project Management Committee established with its inaugural meeting conducted;
- A draft project M&E system for the project developed and a draft security plan in progress.

Project publications included five conference papers, theses or books, and nine other feature articles or press items. Of particular note was the completion and launch of the Landcare book *Landcare in the Philippines – Stories of people and places*, development of a special communications collaborative partnership with E-connect Communications, the development of a project ezine, and the initial stages of development of a project web site/web portal.

Project staff undertook training through 11 training events, including two at an international level, two at a national level and seven at a local level.