

Increasing Tagbanwa Women and Youth Capacity in Traditional Foods Conservation

PROJECT PROFILE 2021

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Project Description

The project is focusing on to the formation of resilient Calamian Tagbanwa communities wherein the indigenous peoples' political, economic and cultural governance are strengthened to ensure the integrity of the biodiversity and ecosystem services of their landscapes and seascapes, and adapted to changing climate regimes.

Project objectives:

To support the Calamian Tagbanwa community-led conservation of traditional food sources for improved food security and assertion of rights.

Specifically, the project aims to:

- Document traditional food sources in the ancestral domain, along with Indigenous Knowledge, Practices and Systems (IKSP) on food production management and conservation;
- Promote traditional food sources and their conservation;
- Increase the capacities of women and youth as *Manig-amlig* (conservation leaders)

Project components/ target outputs:

- Documentation and community research on food sources and IKSP;
- Community and women-led capacity building and skills sharing;
- Production and conservation activities: backyard gardening, community centre seed banking;
- Promotion and learning exchanges: Tagbanwa food festival, community learning sessions and visits to conservation sites; and
- Strengthening women's participation in indigenous governance.



Project Site/Area of Implementation

- 1 Marabal island (part of Marabal-Alulad Chinindonan-Luac ancestral domain)
- 2 Lajala island (Lajala ancestral domain)
- 3 Panlaitan-San Isidro ancestral domain.

Partners we work with

- Panlaitan San Isidro Cultural Minorities Development Association (PASICMIDA)
- Nurunutan Yang Tagbanwa Yang Lajala (NYTL)
- Katutubong Samahan ng Marabal Marily Alulad (KASAMMA)

Project period

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Donor Partner

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