

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR THE BALILI RIVER SYSTEM REVITALIZATION PROGRAM**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT, entered into this 19th day of June 2014, at Baguio City, Philippines, by and between;

The Municipal Government of La Trinidad, Benguet, with principal office at Km. 5, La Trinidad Municipal Hall, Benguet, herein represented by the **Municipal Mayor EDNA C. TABANDA**, herein referred to as **LA TRINIDAD MUNICIPALITY**;

The Municipal Government of Sablan, Benguet, with principal office at Sablan, Benguet, herein represented by the **Municipal Mayor ARTHUR C. BALDO**, herein referred to as **SABLAN MUNICIPALITY**;

The Municipal Government of Tublay, Benguet, with principal office at Acop, Tublay, Benguet, herein represented by the **Municipal Mayor RUBEN E. PAOAD**, herein referred to as **TUBLAY MUNICIPALITY**;

And

The City Government of Baguio, with principal office at 2/F City Hall Building, corner Abanao St. and herein represented by the **City Mayor MAURICIO G. DOMOGAN**, hereinafter referred to as **BAGUIO CITY**;

And

Benguet State University, with official address at Km. 5, La Trinidad, duly represented by **Dr. BEN D. LADILAD, President**, and the University of the Philippines Baguio, with official address at Gov. Pack Road, Baguio City and duly represented by **DR. RAYMUNDO D. ROVILLOS**, its **Chancellor**, both state owned and operated universities; Saint Louis University, with official address at Bonifacio Street, Baguio City and duly represented by **Rev. Fr. JESSIE M. HECHANOVA, CICM**, its President, University of the Cordilleras, with official address at Gov. Pack Road, Baguio City, and duly represented by its President, **Dr. RAMON C. CERCADO**, and Pines City Colleges, with official address at Magsaysay Avenue, Baguio City and duly represented by **Dr. ROCIO P. BALTAO**, its President, all private academic institutions of higher learning, representing the research and scientific partners of the undertaking;

And

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – CAR, with office address at #80 Diego Silang Street, Baguio City, represented by its **Regional Executive Director PAQUITO T. MORENO**; the Environmental Management Bureau, DENR-CAR, with official address at Forestry Compound, Gibraltar, Baguio City, represented by its Director, **OSCAR C CABANAYAN**; the Center for Health Development, CAR, with office address at BGH Compound, Baguio City, represented by **DR. VALERIANO JESUS V. LOPEZ, M.D., Regional Director**; the Department of Public Works and Highways, CAR, with office address at the Engineers' Hill Compound, Baguio City, represented by **Regional Director EDILBERTO P. CARABACCAN**; the Public Information Agency with office address at Wright Park, Baguio City, represented by **Regional Executive Director HELEN R. TIBALDO**, all representing the national government agency partners;

And

All Non-Government Organizations and Civil Society Groups who have shown dedication and participation since the initiation of this program;

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Balili River System used to be a clean water body where people went to for play and recreation;

WHEREAS, despite its current state, it continues to be a vital resource supporting agricultural production and hydro power generation;

WHEREAS, the consequences of indiscriminate disposal of wastes into the Balili River System and its tributaries, including other anthropogenic activities by and in the river, has rendered the river quality degraded;

WHEREAS, the PHILIPPINE CLEAN WATER ACT OF 2004 (RA 9275) mandates the protection, preservation and revival of our water resources;

WHEREAS, the Balili River System Revitalization Program aims to harmonize efforts of the local governments of La Trinidad, Sablan and Baguio City, NGAs, NGOs and civil society groups, in the protection, preservation and revival of the Balili River System;

WHEREAS, the program seeks to reduce, if not eliminate, pollution sources and impacts of harmful anthropogenic activities, through an integrated management approach;

WHEREAS, the continuing Balili River System Revitalization Program implementation period will be from 2014-2016;

WHEREAS, the BSU Secretariat will provide institutional and advisory services for ground implementation and will perform overall coordination and management of all activities;

WHEREAS, the Benguet State University, University of Philippines - Baguio, Saint Louis University, University of the Cordilleras, Pines City Colleges and other academic partners, will provide, but not limited to, scientific support to the local governments of La Trinidad, Sablan, and Baguio City, working together to determine the state of the Balili River System, to gather data and to propose recommendations which will aid in decision making and serve as basis for developing local government sustainable strategies to protect the Balili River and its tributaries;

WHEREAS, the cooperation between researchers and local government practitioners will stimulate long term learning processes for all parties involved, in which stakeholder participation will be key;

WHEREAS, the intended beneficiaries of the program are:

- The constituents and communities of Baguio City, La Trinidad and Sablan Municipalities ✓
- The City Government of Baguio, the Municipalities of La Trinidad and Sablan, including relevant local and national agencies officials and professionals, especially

key decision makers, technicians, water supply and sanitation managers, engineers, health workers and,

- Direct and indirect stakeholders (government and non-government organizations, civil society groups, community groups, resident welfare associations, the business sector, financing institutions, and academic institutions).

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and the mutual covenants and stipulations hereinafter contained, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Roles and Responsibilities of the Parties:

1.1 The Local Government Units agree to undertake the following:

- 1.1.1 Appoint a specific contact person for the program;
- 1.1.2 Establish a Local Government Task Force or Local Implementation Team for the Sagudin-Balili River Revitalization Program;
- 1.1.3 Agree on the coordination and communication structure for the effective execution of the program, including the obligation of the staff nominated to take part in program events and report back on the outcomes of such events to their seniors and other relevant colleagues;
- 1.1.4 Cooperate and provide accurate and updated information for the timely implementation and execution of the program;
- 1.1.5 Organize and host workshops and meetings relevant to the program and actively participate in all program events;
- 1.1.6 Assist the UP and BSU and other partners of the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSCRC); participate in the conduct of perception surveys and relevant research and identify other relevant stakeholders to take part in the perception survey and sources of data;
- 1.1.7 Implement local public campaigns in order to raise awareness on the possible impacts of revitalizing the Sagudin- Balili River;
- 1.1.8 Express its expectations on the Development Framework that will be developed through the program, and test and evaluate its draft version;
- 1.1.9 Formulate a Revitalization and Development Plan, including the budget to ensure implementation, both to be duly adopted by the Municipal and City Councils;
- 1.1.10 Formulate a Revitalization and Development Plan with identified success indicators, including the budget, to ensure implementation, both to be duly adopted by the municipality and city councils;
- 1.1.11 Agree to monitor, evaluate and report progress on the project on a continuous basis; and
- 1.1.12 Collaborate in the production of IEC materials
- 1.1.13 Implement the restoration and preservation of easements along the Balili River as required by the National Water Code
- 1.1.14 Work with the national government, civil societies and other housing groups to upgrade the urban poor areas and help form decent sustainable communities.

1.2 The ACADEMIC Partners, Non-Government Organizations and Civil Society Groups shall:

- 1.2.1 Perform the overall program coordination, management and reporting to all stakeholders;
- 1.2.2 Provide technical support, advice, training and coaching to the local staff;
- 1.2.3 Facilitate collaboration with other scientific partners;
- 1.2.4 Help identify and evaluate opportunities in the LGUs that are likely to arise due to the potential revitalization of the River System;
- 1.2.5 Make available various publications, materials and tools that will be developed during the program;
- 1.2.6 Promote and transfer knowledge gained within the program to a local, national, regional and global audience, through the development and publication of case studies;
- 1.2.7 Include participation of the LGU's representatives in the program's training events and knowledge transfer workshop;
- 1.2.8 Create a venue for national institutions and local governments to share their data and knowledge on sustainable inland waterway management;
- 1.2.9 Support the LGUs in profiling themselves as a "pro-active player in the conservation and protection of the Sagudin-Balili System" at the local, national, regional and international levels.

1.3 The NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY PARTNERS

- 1.3.1 Shall assist the Local Government Units advocate the national framework and policy relative to sustainable water resource management;
- 1.3.2 Provide financial and technical assistance in implementing programs for the Balili River System Water Quality Management Area (WOMA);
- 1.3.3 Provide Technical Assistance to the Local Government Units in the preparation of technical reports and compliance to performance standards as required under relevant laws and provide regular updates and developments relative to the river system as a Water Quality Management Area;
- 1.3.4 Assist the Local Government Units in the Advocacy Campaign of the Program.

2. Evaluation of Results and /or Outputs


- 2.1.1 If the Academic Partners and the National Government Agencies shall carry out interim or ex-post evaluation, the LGUs shall undertake to provide the persons authorized by it with any document or information which will be necessary for the evaluation.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, through their duly authorized representatives, signed this 19th day of June, 2014 at Baguio City, Philippines.


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City Mayor
Baguio City


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Municipal Mayor
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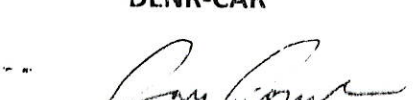
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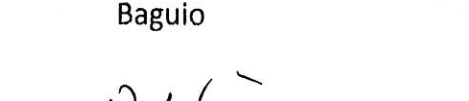

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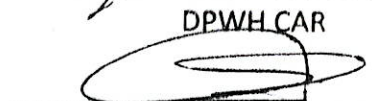

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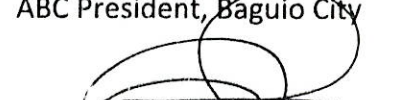
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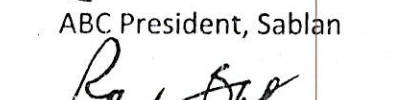

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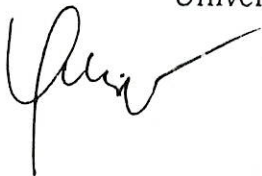

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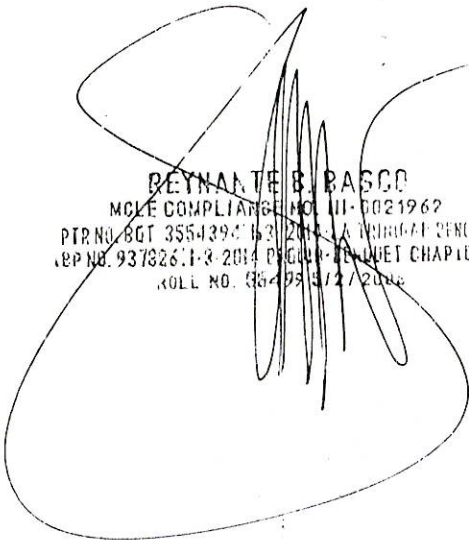
BEFORE ME, Notary Public for and in the Province of Benguet this 28th day of October 2014 personally appeared **BEN D. LADILAD** known to me to be the same person who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged before me that he is duly authorized to do so by the institution he represent and that the same is his free act and voluntary deed.

As competent evidence of his identity, BEN D. LADILAD has exhibited to me his Government Office ID bearing numbers 010687 issued by the Benguet State University.



WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL the date and place first given above.

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