

The Social Carrying Capacity of Lake Lanao

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Abstract:

Social carrying capacity in this study is based on the social services and facilities available in the area and how this matches the economic needs and peace and order condition of the locality. As an economic resource, the social carrying capacity of Lanao Lake is greatly diminished. The Meranaws have moved on to other sources of income outside of that provided by the lake. Although there are existing social services for health, protection, and education, these are still insufficient to respond to the needs of the Meranaw constituents. The gap between the desired or standard condition and existing number of facilities for health, protection and education is apparently an issue of good governance. There is also a prevailing culture of distrust between Meranaws and perceived outsiders who use the lake as an economic resource.