**PROJECT PROPOSAL FORMAT**

**Group 8 - ICC Environmental Protection Programs**

1. **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| * **1.** | **Project Title** | | **:** | Sustainable Ecological Tourism/Development of Taklala Falls in Iraya AD | | | | | | | | |
| **2.** | **Project Site** | |  |  | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | ***Sitio*** | **:** | Calamintao | | ***Barangay*** | | | | **:** | Alacaak | |
|  |  | ***Municipality*** | **:** | Sta. Cruz | | ***Congressional District*** | | | | **:** |  | |
|  |  | ***Province*** | **:** | Occidental Mindoro | | ***Region*** | | | | **:** |  | |
|  |  | ***CADT/CALT*** | **:** |  | | ***Name of AD*** | | | | **:** | Iraya AD | |
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| **3.** | **Project Basis/es** | | **:** | ADSDPP, CRDMP, SWF, IPMP 2023-2025, | | | | | | | | |
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| **4.** | **Total Project Cost** | | **:** | Php 1,000,000 | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | ***Direct*** | **:** | Php 830,000 | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | ***Indirect*** | **:** | Php 170, 000 | | | | | | | | |
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| **5.** | **Source of Fund/ Budget Year** | | **:** | GAA 2023 | | | | | | | | |
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| **6.** | **Estimated Number of Partner Beneficiaries per IP Group** | | **:** | ***Direct Beneficiaries: 50*** | | | | ***Indirect Beneficiaries: 1000*** | | | | |
| |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Beneficiaries** | **Total** | **Male** | **Female** | | IP Group  Iraya ICC |  |  |  | | PWD |  |  |  | | Children |  |  |  | | PWD |  |  |  | | Youth |  |  |  | | PWD |  |  |  | | Adult | 50 | 25 | 25 | | PWD |  |  |  | | Older |  |  |  | | PWD |  |  |  | | | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Beneficiaries** | **Total** | **Male** | **Female** | | IP Group |  |  |  | | PWD |  |  |  | | Children | 200 | 125 | 75 | | PWD | 5 | 3 | 2 | | Youth | 250 | 100 | 150 | | PWD |  |  |  | | Adult | 400 | 150 | 250 | | PWD |  |  |  | | Older | 50 | 20 | 30 | | PWD |  |  |  | | | | | |
| **7.** | **Core Program and Sub-program Addressed** | | **:** | Human Socio-economic and Ecology Development and Protection Program- Culturally Appropriate/Responsive and Gender Sensitive Socio Economic and Ecology Development and Protection Services | | | | | | | | |
| **8.** | **Project Status** | | **:** | ( x ) Proposed | ( ) On-going | | ( ) Continuing | | ( ) Terminating | | | ( ) Coordinated |
| **9.** | **Project Stakeholders and Address** | | **:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Office | Address | Contact Number | | Ms. Miriam | Sta. Cruz, Occ. Mindoro LGU Tourism | Sta. Cruz, Occ. Mindoro | xxxxx | |  |  |  |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.** | **Proponent/s and Address** | | **:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Office | Address | Contact Number | | Caridad Cawayan | Iraya IPS | Sta. Cruz, Occ. Mindoro | xxxxx | |  |  |  |  | | | | | | | | | |
| **11.** | **Project Duration** | |  |  | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | ***Target date of start*** | **:** | February 2023 | | | | | | | | |
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|  |  | ***Target date of completion*** | **:** | October 2025 | | | | | | | | |
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| **12.** | **Mode of Implementation** | | **:** | ( x ) by administration | | | ( ) by contract (x) by combination with IP Community | | | | | |
| **13.** | **Implementer and Address** | | **:** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Office | Address | Contact Number | | Richard Quevedo | NCIP San Jose CSC | San Jose, Occ. Mindoro | xxxxx | | | | | | | | | |

1. **BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

The Municipality of Sta Cruz is endowed with rich biodiversity areas that attract local and foreign tourists in the area. Among the array of destinations where tourists and nature lovers can go to the famous Apo Reef Natural Park, an island some 250 kilometers off the coast of the Municipality that features a picturesque underwater paradise of corals that hosts many lives aside from the beaches where people mostly congregate. The locality is also rich in ecotourism sites which can be found within the Ancestral Domains of the Indigenous Peoples particularly Iraya tribe. The vast ancestral domain of the indigenous peoples offers a lot of potential in the development of this sector. Development in this segment of the economy will give the indigenous peoples a fresh breath from the traditional system of livelihood in *kaingin to* a new-fangled livelihood opportunity in eco-farm tourism which Iraya Indigenous Cultural Community in Sitio Calamintao Brgy. Alacaak, Sta, Cruz, Occidental Mindoro.

The project aims not only for poverty alleviation but also in order to have a balanced bio-diversity and socio-economic upliftment in the lives of our IP brothers and sisters.

The project may also involve the participation of not only the indigenous people’s men and women but youth and persons with disability as well.

Further, the project is not only intended for the development of their ancestral domain but moreover, it serves as a marketing site for their indigenous products and an avenue for the recognition and respect of ICCs/IPs by showcasing the Coffee Table Books (CTBs).

Finally, it will help promote tourism in the respective municipality where the project is located.

Poverty incidence among the indigenous cultural communities remains palpable despite the intervention provided by different sectors both in public and in private. This may be attributed to the interventions provided could be sustainable or could make out something after the assistance or it ends with the departure of the agents themselves. This should not be happening with the vast ancestral domain of the indigenous peoples spreading to thousand hectares, programs and services given to them are designed to address the seasoned and number one problem of the IPs, “poverty”.

Currently, the area is being frequented by visitors particularly during summer season to take a bath in the fresh and cold water in the area. It is more or less three kilometers from the IP community and is accessible only by foot trail to reach the place. Though it is one of the projects identified in ELCAC that the community proposed.

The IP Community has been wanting to make Taklala Falls as their ecotourism site of choice because of its potential attracting hordes of visitors in the area.

The project development entails the construction of structures like native cottages, comfort rooms, kitchen, water pool, dormitories, planting of native trees and fruit trees around the vicinity area to make it more attractive to visitors.

The project falls under Chapter III Sec. 7, par. b; Rights to develop lands and to manage and control natural resources, as well as to address climate change mitigation.

1. **OBJECTIVES**

**General Objectives**

To promote, uplift and strengthen the socio-economic conditions of ICCs/ IPs and ecological protection of Ancestral Domain through implementation of Sustainable Ecotourism Development Projects.

**Specific Objectives**

1. Address climate change mitigation;
2. Conduct training on management of eco-tourism destination;
3. Provide amenities to the IP communities like native cottages, dormitory, comfort

rooms, kitchen area;

1. Enhance agro-forestation and to maintain ecological balance;
2. Provide sustainable livelihood opportunity to the IP Community through

agribusiness;

1. Capacitation of IP Tour Guides for employment;
2. Formulate a culture-sensitive environmental protection and tourism code by the

community;

1. Generate employment opportunities among members of the community;
2. Maintain Peace and Order through strengthening IP defense system.
3. **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Section 56, right to develop, control and use lands and territories traditionally occupied, owned, or used; to manage and conserve natural resources within the territories and uphold the responsibilities for future generations; to benefit and share the profits from allocation and utilization of the natural resources found therein; the right to negotiate the terms and conditions for the exploration of natural resources in the areas for the purpose of ensuring ecological, environmental protection and the conservation measures, pursuant to national and customary laws; the right to an informed and intelligent participation in the formulation and implementation of any project, government or private, that will affect or impact upon the ancestral domains and to receive just and fair compensation for any damages which they may sustain as a result of the project; and the right to effective measures by the government to prevent any interference with alienation and encroachment with these rights.

The project on Sustainable Ecotourism Development Project provides ecological protection of the Ancestral Domain through implementation of agro-reforestation to maintain ecological balance, preservation and showcasing of their own flora and fauna, as well as their IKSPs.

The project provides economic opportunity to ICCs/IPs through agri-business, selling of IP products and other related services.

Capacitation of IP Tour Guides for employment and maintaining peace and order through strengthening IP defense, which incorporated in the formulated culture-sensitive environmental protection and tourism code by the community.

In compliance with the provision of the Climate Change Act of 2009 (RA 9729), the project addresses the climate change mitigation and adaptation to minimize the impact of global warming.

1. **PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING AND EVALUATION STRATEGIES**

**Pre implementation Activities**

**First Year**

* Conduct Social Preparation (consultation with IP leaders and members, and stakeholders)
* Delineate the area that will be covered by the ecotourism site and fenced with trees as boundary landmark.
* Conduct inventory of natural resources (flora and fauna).

**Second Year**

* Capability Development Intervention/Training (IP tour guides, IP defense system).
* Conduct of culture-sensitive orientation and tourism management.
* Establishment of amenities (cottages, comfort rooms and the like).
* Training on proper waste disposal and management.

**Third Year**

* Establishment of Ancestral Domain Management Office (ADMO).
* Training on administrative and financial management.
* Formulation of Community Resource Management Development Plan (CRMDP).
* Formulation of culture-sensitive environmental or ecological protection and tourism code by the community.

**Monitoring and Evaluation Strategies**

Conduct pre and post monitoring to ensure that all plans indicated in the project proposal are properly implemented in collaboration with the ICCs and concerned stakeholders.

Participatory monitoring and evaluation focus on both results and process to ensure transparency and accountability.

1. **POTENTIAL RISK**

As to the perceived impacts of the project, garbage from tourists may contribute to pollution of the area if not properly managed. IKSPs and CLs of the Iraya ICCs/IPs may also decline considering the influx of people or migration. Conflict among the community members/IPO/IPS may likewise arise if participation and capacitation will not be strengthened in the first place-social preparation aspect of the project.

To mitigate the said impacts, a solid waste management plan for the area should be imposed with the help of the DENR and LGU. IKSPs and CLs on forest management protection should be preserved and implemented through the help of the IP Elders/Leaders/IPMRs and IP Youths/EAP Grantees. Full participation of the community members and Project Partners/Stakeholders; and capacity building training for the IPS/IPO from the social preparation up to the sustainability aspects of the project must be ensured in order to avoid social conflict.

1. **SUSTAINABILITY PLAN**

The project shall be sustained through the continuous management and implementation of the IPS/IPO with the continuous help of the IPMR/IP Elders/Leaders, IP Youths, EAP Grantees and in close coordination with the project partners like the DOT, DENR and LGU.

NCIP in collaboration with the concerned agencies will also extend its continuous assistance on capacity building and/or livelihood training to the IPS/IPO, IPMRs, IP Youths/EAP Grantees.

The capacitated IPO/IPS may also share their best practices to the nearby IP communities for adoption and implementation. The documented best practices can be presented or showcased during community, LGU and inter-agency planning meetings.

1. **BUDGET REQUIREMENTS**

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| **PARTICULARS** | **AMOUNT** |
| * 1. Social Preparation | Php 170,000.00 |
| * 1. Delineation of Eco-Tourism Site | Php 100,000.00 |
| * 1. Resource Basic Inventory | Php 100,000.00 |
| * 1. Trainings & Orientations | Php 150,000.00 |
| * 1. Establishment of AD Office | Php 100,000.00 |
| * 1. Putting up of amenities and facilities for the community | Php 100,000.00 |
| * 1. Formulation of CRMDP | Php 100,000.00 |
| * 1. Formulation of Environmental & Tourism Code | Php 50,000.00 |
| * 1. Project Monitoring and Evaluation | Php 130,000.00 |
| **TOTAL** | **Php 1,000,000.00** |

1. **ATTACHMENTS**
   1. Project Procurement Management Plan (PPMP)– PPF 1a (Annex B)
   2. Project Implementation Plan/Gantt Chart – PPF 1b (Annex C)
   3. Summary of Expenditures – PPF 1c (Annex D)
   4. List of Beneficiaries – PPF 1d (Annex E)
   5. Other attachments – page/portion of the plan as project basis; plan, bills of materials and vicinity map for Infrastructure, Return of Investments for livelihood and other similar projects

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| **CSC Staff** |  | **Provincial Officer** |  | **IPS/IPO Heads/IP Leader/Elder** |

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