

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1. Project Title

Sustainable Fishery through Fish Pots Development

2. Project Type

The project is a capital forming undertaking involving the construction of fish pots in strategic coastal areas of Baclayon Municipality. It also covers the provision of technical assistance to beneficiary fishers on appropriate fishing methods, maintenance of fish pots, and the proper strategies to protect the diverse marine resources of the municipality.

3. Project Components

The project has the following components:

- a. Project preparation and community information
- b. Training and capacity-building of fishermen
- c. Construction, utilization and maintenance of fish pots for project implementation

4. Project Location

Barangays Guiwanon, Sta. Cruz, Taguihon and Poblacion, all in the Municipality of Baclayon, Bohol Province

II. PROJECT STATUS

The project is still on its proposal stage. Its proponent is sourcing out funds from prospective local and foreign donor organizations for its implementation. The project is considered a simple undertaking, yet it can bring about the desired effect of enhancing the sustainable fishery production in the municipality. The Municipal Government of Baclayon pledges support and commitment to share in the financial and technical aspects of the project.

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

1. Project Background

The Municipality of Baclayon is one of the 5th class municipalities in the province of Bohol. It is a coastal municipality located 7 kilometers from Tagbilaran City. With its advantage to fishery and agricultural resources, majority of its people are engaged in fishing and agriculture as sources of food and income.

Currently, despite the presence of resources with potential for economic production, some people in the municipality are experiencing certain levels of socio-economic hardships. Based on the initial findings on the survey conducted using the Poverty Database Monitoring System (PDMS), 1,214 of Baclayon's households are living below the income threshold. The survey also revealed that 945 of the households, with an average of five (5) members, are living below the food threshold level. Furthermore, it was known that about 1,389 working-age population are unemployed.

The municipality has eight (8) coastal barangays (one is an island barangay) where majority of the population are fishermen. To collectively handle socio-economic problems in these areas, some of the fishermen have strategically formed an association. To date, fishermen of 4 coastal barangays have initiated this strategy. They are the fishermen from adjacent barangays of Sta. Cruz, Guiwanon, Taguihon and Barangay Poblacion. These barangays are strategically situated in such a way that if one is to travel by the coastal road from Tagbilaran, one has to pass through these areas before reaching the town proper. The association was organized with the aim of working together to improve economic conditions of fishermen and their families. Working as a group would mean greater manpower and resources to venture into fishing methods and strategies that would equally benefit greater number of people in the community. Also, the association pushes to work on fighting illegal fishing and assist on advocating environmental protection in coordination with law enforcement authorities. It can be said that the four above-stated barangays are blessed with ecologically diverse marine habitats teeming with marine life which are sometimes threatened by illegal fishing from commercial fishers. It is but timely and appropriate for the local fishermen to join their efforts in protecting the municipal waters for the common good of the municipality. On the other hand, forming an association would also provide the fishermen with opportunities to establish linkages with funding agencies to seek assistance for livelihood projects which would significantly help in increasing fishermen's meager income.

Through discussions and consultation among its member-fishermen in coordination with local agriculture office, the Association has reached a consensus on the need to initiate strategic measures that would improve the volume of their fish catch. This is considered essential as they try to increase their incomes for their households. It is on this circumstance that this project proposal has been conceptualized. The fishermen association believed, through experience, that construction of fish pots will greatly increase the fish catch within the area. The project would be the appropriate avenue for the fishermen to enhance their fishing capabilities and at the same time, assist them initially in venturing into effective and environmentally-sound method of

fishing. The Association is soliciting support from local and foreign donor organization for the realization of this fishing initiative.

3. Project Linkages

The project is in line with the food security program of the Municipal, Provincial and National Governments. It supports the Fishery Resource Development and Management Program set out in the Bohol Agriculture Master Plan. It also complements on-going marine protection initiatives and on the promotion of appropriate gears and methods of fishing in municipal waters.

4. Project Objectives

- a. To provide alternative livelihood opportunities to marginal fishermen who are now affected by low fish catch and economic crises;
- b. To enhance the fishing capability of the Fishers Association's members;
- c. To increase awareness of fishermen and local communities on proper methods of fishing as well as to promote awareness on marine protection and preservation.

5. Sectoral Objectives

Enabling the marginal fishermen to utilize environmentally-friendly device for better fish catch will bring about economic upliftment to their present situation. This will contribute to the attainment of food security in the municipality as well as help alleviate poverty situations in households.

The addition of more fishing devices, which is non-destructive to the marine habitat, will greatly contribute to the preservation of marine life, both flora and fauna. Regeneration cycle of marine life will take its own natural course as a result of this fishing method.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

1. Funding Requirements

The total amount needed for the project is P 93,780.00, all to be used for the construction of 160 fish pots for the four (4) recipient organizations in four (4) coastal barangays. Detailed costs are as follows:

QTY	UNIT	ITEM DESCRIPTION	UNIT COST	TOTAL
40	Bundle	Plastic screen cyclone net	1,800.00	P 72,000.00
60	Kgs.	Monofilament nylon # 0.80	120.00	7,200.00
60	Rolls	P.E. rope # 8	143.00	8,580.00
40	Pcs.	Bamboo poles	150.00	6,000.00
Total				P 93,780.00

Technical assistance will be provided from appropriate Municipal and Provincial Offices, which requires no financial outlays. Labor component will be provided by the fishermen in the organization.

2. Project Financing

The project will be financed through counterpart funding from the Municipal Government of Baclayon and interested local or foreign donor organizations. Technical expertise will be provided by concerned municipal and provincial offices in the strengthening of the fishermen associations, conduct of training and seminars on the fishing method, and information drive on proper marine resource management.

The labor component of the project, utilization and maintenance of fish nets and banca fabrication will be undertaken by the fishermen's association. Marketing of assorted fishes shall also be considered to ensure high profits.

3. Funding Source

The project will be funded by any interested local and foreign donor organizations, local and national government entities and non-government organizations.

4. Counterpart Funding

The Municipal Government of Baclayon will provide a counterpart fund equivalent to 10% of the total project cost. Furthermore, to sustain the project, the officers and members of the fishermen's association has agreed to set aside 20% of their net income to the association and another 10% for the repair and maintenance of the fish pots.

5. Financial Viability

The project is financially viable with the foreseen increase in fish catch by fishermen. This would mean better incomes for their families. Utilization of appropriate fishing method would promote continuous regenerative cycle of marine resources, enough to provide the necessary food requirements for human consumption. Although the initial financial outlays are provided by the funding organizations, the incremental income that the project brings to fishermen is considered financially rewarding.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

1. Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the project are the members of the Sta. Cruz Fishermen Association (STACFA), the Guiwanon Fishermen's Association

(GFA), the Taguihon, Fishermen's Association (TFA) and the Poblacion Fishermen's Association (PFA). They will be directly provided with the necessary materials to fabricate their own fish pots as well as the technical assistance that builds their capacities and know-how on proper fishing practices. With the available fishing gears/ methods and capabilities, fishermen will have the opportunity to increase the volume of their catch, and eventually their cash inflows.

2. Social Benefits

The project will enhance the social capital of the fishermen, strengthening their association through better capabilities, responsibilities and socio-economic linkages. The economic benefits that the project brings will redound to better nutrition, education and food for the deprived households.

Knowledge and implementation of proper coastal and marine management practices will promote better environments and sustainable supply of marine resources for the municipality. This will not only contribute to the four aforementioned barangays but the entire municipality. Neighboring barangays can also learn from this project and can start their own appropriate methods of fishing.

3. Economic Benefits

The project will improve volume of fish catch of fishermen in the four barangays that would allow them to earn better incomes. Market linkages will also be improved with greater volume of fish to be sold at markets. Through the Association, the fishermen can uplift their status in the community with the given opportunity to become self-entrepreneurs. The four aforementioned barangays will also be known for this fishing development and can become the center for fish production in the municipality.

4. Socio-Economic Costs

There are no foreseen socio-economic costs for the project. It only stimulates productivity of fishermen and economic growth in the municipality.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

1. Responsible Agencies

The Municipal Government of Baclayon will be responsible for the overall implementation of this project through the Municipal Agriculture Office/ Department of Agriculture – LGU Staff. Technical assistance can be provided from the Provincial Agriculture Office (PAO), Department of Agriculture (DA), Bureau of Fishery and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the Bohol Environment

and Management Office (BEMO). The Sta. Cruz Fishermen Association (STACFA), the Guiwanon Fishermen's Association (GFA), the Taguihon, Fishermen's Association (TFA) and the Poblacion Fishermen's Association (PFA), although beneficiaries of the project, will be responsible for the proper utilization and maintenance of the fish pots, as well as making sure that marine resources are properly protected and managed. Sustaining the initiative beyond the project life will also be the responsibility of the four associations merged into one, in coordination with the MAO/ DA-LGU Staff.

2. Implementation Schedule:

Project Activities	Project Cost (Php)	Time Frame	Counterparting Scheme
			Responsible Agencies
1. Fund-sourcing	P 93,780.00	Oct. – Dec. 2006	Office of the Mayor, MPDC, MAO/DA-LGU Staff/ Fishermen Association
2. Finalization of assistance		Jan. 2007	Office of the Mayor, MAO/DA-LGU Staff/ , MPDC, Fishermen Association, Sangguniang Panglungsod
3. Canvass/ procurement and delivery of necessary materials		Feb. – Mar. 2007	Office of the Mayor, MPDC, MAO/DA-LGU Staff/ Fishermen Association, Supplier
4. Training and capacity-building of fishermen		Mar. – April, 2007	MAO/ DA-LGU Staff/ PAO/ DA/ BFAR/ BEMO, Fishermen Association
5. Construction of Fish Pots		April, 2007	Fishermen Association, MAO/ DA-LGU Staff
6. Utilization, operation, maintenance of new fishing method	10% of association income for repair & maintenance	May, 2007 onwards	Fishermen Association, MAO/ DA-LGU Staff
7. Monitoring and evaluation		Start to finish of project, Quarterly Monitoring after project	MPDC/MAO/ DA-LGU Staff/ Fishermen Association/ Funding Organization

3. Administrative Feasibility

The project, during its period of implementation, will be managed and supervised by the Municipal Government of Baclayon, through the MAO/DA-LGU Staff. Proper coordination and partnership shall be established between this office and the four (4) fishermen organization composed of fishermen from Barangays Sta. Cruz, Guiwanon, Taguihon and Poblacion. To sustain the project, the composite fishermen organization have committed to set aside certain percentage of their incomes for the Association and the maintenance of the fish pots. All concerned organizations and government agencies shall work together for the proper protection and management of the municipal marine resources.

4. Legal and Political feasibility

There are no foreseen or actual legal impediments and political opposition to the project.

5. Environmental Impact

The fishing method is considered to be non-destructive and complies with fishing regulations. The project will not result to over-fishing and the Fishermen Association, composed of fishermen from Barangays Sta. Cruz, Guiwanon, Taguihon and Poblacion, will set standards and regulations to ensure that the marine resources in the municipality will be protected and well-managed. Fishing will be within the regenerative capacity of the area.

6. Social Acceptability

The community has no direct or indirect opposition to the project. Residents, particularly fishermen, are looking forward for the implementation of this project which is hoped to provide better economic returns and social benefits to the target communities.