

Component 4 (Social): Philippines

SOCIAL ANALYSIS OF COASTAL COMMUNITIES IN PANAY, PHILIPPINES

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Component 4 is an integral part of the whole collaborative project between UP Visayas, RIHN and several universities and agencies in Japan, and SEAFDEC and Kasetsart University in Thailand to develop the concept of Coastal Area Capability Enhancement. The approach is holistic in order to give a full understanding of the relationship between the coastal resources and the people dependent on these resources.

The main contribution of Component 4 is to provide a social analysis of the coastal communities and the people, specifically in Batan Bay area and in selected three coastal communities in the provinces of Iloilo and Guimaras. Specifically, Component 4 aims to describe the socio-economic, cultural and demographic characteristics of the coastal fishing households; assess the households in terms of social indicators; and, assess economic activities and resource users in the study areas.

In Year 1 (1 April 2012 to 30 March 2013), the locale of the study are the municipalities (Altavas, Batan, and New Washington) surrounding Batan Bay in Aklan province. In Year 2 (1 April 2013 to 30 March 2014), the locale of the study includes the municipalities of Concepcion (in northern Iloilo province), Miagao (in southern Iloilo Province), and Jordan (in Guimaras province). In Year 3 (1 April 2014 to 30 March 2015), Component 4 returned to the three municipalities surrounding Batan Bay for another survey integrating impacts of Typhoon Haiyan.

The methods of data collection include individual and household surveys, focus group discussion (FGD), key informant interviews (KII), assessment of secondary data, and participant observation. The data collection instruments include the interview schedule, FGD guide and interview guide. The interview schedule used in Year 1 is in Akeanon and in Year 2 is in

Hiligaynon. The interview schedule in Year 3 is in Akeanon but it is a revised version of the interview schedule in Year 1 with some parts or questions of Year 1 version deleted and the addition of the parts on the impacts of Typhoon Haiyan. All these versions of the interview schedule were pilot tested. Data collectors were hired and trained on data collection.

In Year 1 and Year 3 surveys, the same 467 fishing households in Batan Bay area were covered with the following distribution:

Municipality	Barangay	No.
New Washington	Tambak, Pinamuc-an, Mabilo	240
Altavas	Odiong, Cabugao, Linayasan, Poblacion	104
Batan	Tabon, Songcolan, Camaligan and Cabugao	123

For Year 2, the study covered 300 fishing households with the following distribution:

Municipality	Barangay	No.
Jordan (Guimaras)	Lawi and Sinapsapan	100
Miagao (southern Iloilo)	Damilisan, Kirayan Norte, and Baybay Norte	100
Concepcion (northern Iloilo)	Nipa and Loong	100

The UPV Team has already identified topics for manuscript and book writing for publication. In Year 4, the UPV team plans to focus on publication and sharing of results to the study areas, particularly in Batan Bay and in conferences (local and international). The UPV Team also proposes to conduct another field work in Batan Bay in Year 4 with focus on the importance of small-scale fishing in Batan Bay.