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Participatory Threats-Based Approach in the Philippines

Building Multi-Sectoral Stakeholders for
Sustainable Threats Abatement

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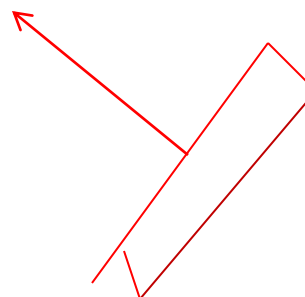
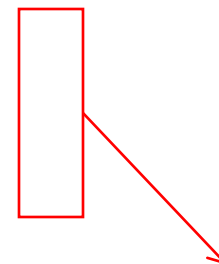
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Project Overview – Capacity Building for the Community Based Forest Management (CBFM)

- **Where:** Region 2 and Palawan, Philippines – Forest Biodiversity
- **Partners:** 120 CBFMs, 5 CBFM provincial Federations and Multi-sectoral Task Forces; Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Local Government Units (LGUs)
- **Outcomes:** 300,000 hectares under effective management; Sustainable organizational mechanisms to conserve biodiversity at landscape level in place





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Adapting to Changing Threats

Top Threats at Start of Project

- Fire
- Slash and Burn
Agriculture
- Illegal Logging

Top Threats Now

- Sudden Policy Changes
- Mining
- Illegal Logging



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Conclusions

A participatory threats based approach has:

- Taken time to bring stakeholders together and required careful facilitation; some stakeholders will be reluctant – be persistent!
- Helped the stakeholders to better understand, prioritize, and coordinate activities to abate threats.
- Increased chances of abating new threats ; trust grows as stakeholders work together on threats.
- Produced permanent functioning groups who continue to work to abate threats after the GCP project; stakeholders now pool financial and technical resources to abate threats.
- Been institutionalized in two regions of the Philippines; other regions looking to duplicate it.