

# NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS PROGRAMME

## Country

PHILIPPINES

## Location

Benguet, Camarines Sur, Occidental Mindoro, Sibuyan Island, Palawan, Misamis Occidental.

## Client

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

## Financing

EC

## Project Cost

12,700,000 EUR

## Services of ENB

224,000 EUR

## Project Duration

10/1995 - 03/2001

## Leader

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## Project Description

The overall objectives of the National Integrated Protected Areas Programme (NIPAP) are to protect, conserve and manage terrestrial/aquatic ecosystems and their biodiversity whilst maintaining environmental stability and sustainable productivity and to safeguard and improve the livelihood of local and indigenous communities in the following eight selected protected areas (3,000 families living in and around the protected areas):

- Mt Pulag National Park, Benguet
- Mt. Isarog National Park, Camarines Sur
- Mt. Iglit-Baco National Park, Occidental Mindoro
- Mt. Guiting-Guiting National Park, Sibuyan Island, Romblon
- Coron Island, Palawan
- El Nido Marine Reserve, Palawan
- Malampaya Sound, Palawan
- Mt. Malindang National Park, Misamis Occidental

## Services

- Execution of detailed socio-economic surveys and consultations for each of the 8 protected areas, which include: surveys of communities and provision of training and organisational support to local community groups and NGOs
- Preparation of a General Management Plan for each protected area, consistent with the NIPA System Act and the initial implementation of the Plan
- Delineation and demarcation of protected area boundaries including the delimitation of buffer zones. Strengthening the capability of protected area management staff to effectively patrol these areas
- Promotion of alternative economic activities which shall safeguard and upgrade the living conditions and incomes of local communities consistent with sustainable resource protection
- Enhancing the effectiveness and long-term ability of the protected area management and consultation mechanisms foreseen in the NIPA System Act, through the provision of appropriate training and advice
- Helping ensure that all communities living in and around the protected areas shall become properly acquainted with the importance of biodiversity protection and sustainable resource management concepts, through the implementation of an effective Information and Education Programme
- Establishment of an appropriate geographic information system that will provide data to facilitate the identification of core zones, buffer zones and mixed-use zones and will assist protected area management
- Provision of the necessary facilities for operation of the Project Office and of the respective protected area offices and for overall project planning, operation and management