

YESA PROJECT PROFILE: Environmental Planning Mission to the Philippines

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Client: Canadian International Development Agency

Locations

PHILIPPINES

Description

The mission's task was to define programming options for the Canadian International Development Agency in the Philippines in two target areas, the "blue" (marine) and "brown" (urban) environments. The team was composed of three Canadian and two Filipino consultants.

Dr. Yap provided services as the institutional specialist, focusing on issues in the brown environment. This required a review of documents provided by CIDA and the Government of the Philippines. In the field, Dr. Yap undertook key informant interviews with Philippine government representatives, donor staff, representatives of industry associations (e.g., chambers of commerce, Business Council for the Environment), non-governmental, people's and church organizations, teaching institutions, and the alternative mass media.

YESA's Institutional Specialist Report described and analysed existing policies and legislation responding to major Philippine environmental problems. The changing role of local governments resulting from the passage of the Local Government Code, and the scope of political participation increasingly allowed for different institutions of civil society - NGOs, people's organizations, churches, media, industrial and professional associations was assessed. The potential effectiveness of multi-stakeholder fora such as the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development was examined. A decision-making road map for CIDA and two options derived from the model was presented. For each option, the demand (Philippine side), supply (Canadian side), expected outputs, potential results as well as risk was assessed.