

# Conflict Sensitive Resource and Asset Management



Since 2011, the Conflict Sensitive Resource and Asset Management (COSERAM) Program has been supporting an integrated approach of poverty reduction and peace building in the Philippines. The COSERAM Program is a joint undertaking of the Philippine and German Governments, implemented by GIZ in cooperation with National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA). The program seeks to introduce and strengthen governance that provides sustainable access to natural resources for the marginalized population and reduce violent conflicts in the Caraga Region and Regions 10 and 11.

**LEAD EXECUTING PARTNERS:** National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA)

**OTHER DRIVERS OF THE PROCESS:** Indigenous Cultural Communities, provincial and municipal LGUs, Protected Area Management Boards (PAMBs), NGOs, academe

**TARGET GROUPS:** Marginalized population, especially Indigenous Peoples

**DURATION:** January 2015 to December 2018

## Context

The Philippines, especially Mindanao, is marked by political and social unrest, often leading to armed violence. The conflict-affected areas possess a wealth of natural resources, including rich mineral deposits, extensive water and wood resources, and high biodiversity. Differing interests surrounding land and resources, as well as monopolistic land ownership and poor governance, contribute to the exploitative use of those resources. This, in turn, poses a major challenge to inclusive development, and the marginalized population (women, young men, and indigenous peoples) often has limited access to natural resources and public services.





## Approach

From 2011 to 2014, GIZ, in cooperation with its partners, enhanced mandated government processes to peacefully address violent conflicts in Caraga Region. These improvements have either been integrated into national policies or documented in guides for replication. In its second phase, from 2015 to 2018, COSERAM will continue scaling up the innovations, and replicate them through partners in Regions 10 and 11.

The GIZ program provides advisory services to relevant authorities in order to promote the peaceful and long-term resolution of conflicts over land use and land rights, and to support marginalized people in gaining lawful access to natural resources. The program promotes dialogue between the different interest groups at all levels, thereby assisting them to reach agreements. To secure the basic information for its planning and management, the program carries out participatory peace and conflict assessments in all three implementation regions.

The advisory services and technical assistance are categorized into six processes, each of which uniquely caters to the root cause of conflict, particularly:

1. Peace-building and Development Needs,
2. Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion in Land Use Planning and Resource Management,
3. Titling and Natural Resource Management in Ancestral Domain,
4. Access to Legal Assistance and Paralegal Services, Rights Awareness, and Conflict Transformation Mechanisms,
5. Indigenous Practices for Biodiversity Conservation, and
6. Sustainable Livelihoods Development

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## Anticipated Results

- Local and regional entities implement conflict sensitive land-use and/or management of natural resources.
- Communities are better able to deal with land- and resource conflicts through increased rights- and risk awareness and participation in decision-making processes.
- The marginalized population has access to improved services concerning land- and resource related rights and mechanisms for conflict transformation.
- Indigenous Peoples and their practices are recognized and integrated into the management of protected areas and in local land-use plans.
- Biodiversity monitoring and law enforcement follow a localized multi-stakeholder approach and include the monitoring of culturally important species and sites.
- The livelihoods of the marginalized population groups have improved.
- Recommendations for conflict sensitive management of natural resources are incorporated in relevant Philippine policies.

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