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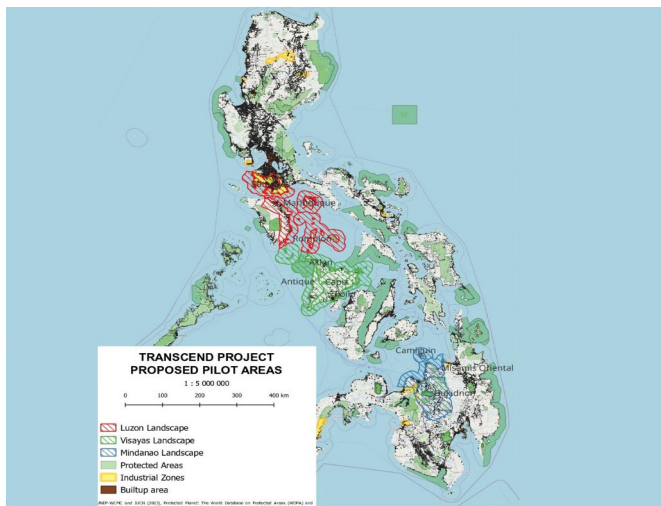
Challenge

As signatories to both the 2015 Paris Agreement and the 2022 Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Philippines stands strongly in addressing the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss and maintains an active role in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).

The processes within these two conventions guide the Philippines in its implementation of its national climate plans (e.g., National Adaptation Plan and Nationally Determined Contributions) and biodiversity plans (e.g., Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan).

However, in a country of 7,600 islands with 17 regions and 82 provinces, the Philippines is challenged with harmonizing the international agenda with its continuing pursuit of AmBisyon Natin 2040, aiming for a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society for all Filipinos.

Project Name	Transformative Actions for Climate and Ecological Protection and Development (TRANSCEND)
Commissioned by	International Climate Initiative, through the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)
Country	Philippines
Political Partners	Climate Change Commission, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Department of Trade and Industry, Department of Transportation, National Economic and Development Authority
Consortium Partners	Conservation International Philippines (CI), Rare, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
Implementing Organizations	International Council on Clean Transport, Wuppertal Institut für Klima, Umwelt, Energie gGmbH, Clean Air Asia, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, Climate Analytics, University of the Philippines – Center for Women's and Gender Studies, and Foundation for the Philippine Environment
Duration	2024-2029



Response

Recognizing the complexity of these twin crises, on top of the Sustainable Development Agenda, requires a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach that brings together different yet meaningful perspectives in crafting solutions. In this regard, TRANSCEND contributes to the on-going initiatives of the Government of the Philippines, from national to subnational, in improving the implementation of its climate change and biodiversity policies and processes.

The project concept of TRANSCEND was jointly chosen by the Republic of the Philippines and the Federal Republic of Germany in 2018 through the International Climate Initiative (IKI), which is one of Germany's key financing instruments for supporting international climate action and biodiversity. The Philippines is one of the priority countries with which the IKI maintains a particularly close cooperation with since 2008.

Since 2022, the IKI is implemented by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK) in close cooperation with the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) and the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The IKI makes contribution to mitigating greenhouse gases, improving ecosystem integrity, and strengthening climate resilience.

Approach

In all the three main islands of Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, TRANSCEND weaves the expertise of various organizations and political partners in strengthening the whole-of-society approach the project is aiming at.

Biodiversity, co-led by Conservation International Philippines and Rare with the Foundation for the Philippine Environment supports the development of local plans, as well as capacity-building for implementation of local actions, conserving key biodiversity, and restoring ecosystems and natural carbon sinks.

Urban ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA), led by UN-Habitat, integrates urban EbA into national policies that will provide guidance for sustainable ecosystem use and climate governance at the sub-national level

Energy efficiency in micro, small, and medium enterprises, led by UNIDO, supports the government in capacitating an energy-efficient and climate-resilient sector and the development of a roadmap for climate-smart industries and services.

Transport, led by GIZ with the Clean Air Asia, International Council for Clean Transportation, and Wuppertal Institute, empowers public transportation stakeholders through capacity building in the planning and management of public transportation.

Governance, led by GIZ with the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, Climate Analytics, and UP Center for Women's and Gender Studies, collaborates with the national and sub-national level in improving the understanding of the climate change and biodiversity processes, while ensuring that they are gender-responsive

Interface of the International Climate Initiative, led by GIZ, ensures that there is a consistent knowledge sharing between Germany and Philippines to enhance synergies of both countries' priorities aligned with the UN-FCCC'S Paris Agreement and the CBD's Kunming-Montreal Biodiversity Framework.

These outputs aim to demonstrate the strength in unraveling the interlinkages of climate change and biodiversity and how both should be holistically tackled.

TRANSCEND also ensures that its activities and approaches have positive impacts to both the people and the environment, through the continuous practice of the IKI's Safeguards Policy and the IKI Independent Complaint Mechanism. These mechanisms check the project's compliance with the international environmental and social standards.

If you believe that you suffer (potential) negative social and/or environmental consequences from IKI projects, or wish to report the improper use of funds, to voice complaints and seek redress, you can do so using the IKI Independent Complaint Mechanism accessible through www.international-climate-initiative.com



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