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INTRODUCTION

In 2006, Executive Order 533 adopted the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) as a national strategy in the Philippines. It outlines the support mechanisms necessary for implementing fisheries and coastal management activities by national agencies and local government units (LGUs); and promotes inter-agency cooperation as an approach for effective and sustainable coastal resource management (CRM) effort.

To provide a case study of how such an approach can be effective for CRM, an assessment of the implementation of the inter-LGU fisheries management plan (ILFMP), crafted by four municipalities in Baler Bay namely, Baler, Dipaculao, Dinalungan and San Luis, was undertaken.

OBJECTIVES

Specifically, the study aims to:
1. Assess the inter-LGU framework for implementing the fisheries resource planning and management of the four municipalities in Baler Bay;
2. Determine the requirements for implementing the inter-LGU framework;
3. Provide inputs and recommendations for improved planning and management strategies towards sustainable coastal and fisheries resource development.

METHODOLOGY

Figure 4. Documentation of key informant interviews (KII), consensus-building workshops and focus group discussions (FGDs) undertaken during the conduct of the research study

RESULTS

Figure 5. Diagram showing the current implementation of the ILFMP at the municipal level

Figure 6. At the individual municipal level, ILFMP is integrated with other LGU development plans prior to working with other LGUs in undertaking inter-LGU ILFMP implementation

Figure 7. ILFMP implementation encountered an “Adjustment Phase” as individual municipal LGUs begin to recognize the benefits of inter-LGU management

Figure 8. An analogy to establishing a sustainable inter-LGU fisheries management approach

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