

Changing MAPs, Bridging GAPs

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Biodiversity and Environmental Protection

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1. Do you have researches that have not been updated to OVCR/not in the database? Why?

- These depend on the status of the research because some may have been terminated. OVCRs must be the one to verify and collect research data. However, they must also have a financial support so that these initiatives may be pushed through.

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2. What are the areas that are not being addressed? How would we address this?

- a. Energy and mining
- b. Law and business
- c. Biofuel research
- d. Risk management and hazard mapping (esp. in Mt. Makiling)
 - This must be ICT-based warning system rather than manual
- e. Ecological system relative to poverty and well-being
 - There are no studies between poverty and the state of the ecosystem
 - Socio-ecological research

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2. Cont...

- f. Integration of social sciences and bio-cultural diversity
 - This will include endangered indigenous people and the sustainable utilization of their areas.
- g. National Greening Program (NGP)
 - planting of fruit-bearing trees to generate income
 - educate LGUs on greening at the right places
- h. Bioinvasive species

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3. What can we prioritize to come up with a policy paper/brief (considering the researches already completed)?

- a. Pesticide
- b. Microalgae as biofuels
- c. Bioinvasive species
- d. Organize discussions on mining and environment
 - e. Comparative studies on Taklong, Bolinao and Makiling with experts from various Cus

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3.Cont...

- f. Recover the protected areas such as Mt. Makiling, Mt. Isarog and Subic
- g. Local area studies from different UP campuses
 - It will also include land use planning either physical or economic
 - There may be some areas where there are regional planners who might also have ideas on these initiatives
- h. Sea cucumber project
 - preserving of sea cucumbers (UPB)
 - sea ranching: economically feasible (UPV)



4. What possible collaborative themes can we work on starting with our baseline?

- It is best for UP to have “Policy Option Explorations”:
 - to represent trade offs
 - to become transparent to pros and cons of different solutions
 - to become tolerant to the views of others regarding the different areas of discipline