

# Addressing Climate Change Concerns in Bataan Province and Manila Bay through Private-Public Partnerships: the Bataan Coastal Care Foundation (BCCF) Experience

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This paper articulates the partnership and collaboration between the private sector represented by the Bataan Coastal Care Foundation, Inc. (BCCFI) and the public sector represented by the various local government units (LGUs) inclusive but not limited to its history, commitment, partnership and accomplishments in the province of Bataan. The partnership was initiated based on common interest and objectives of these two (BCCFI and LGUs) likeminded institutions to build better coastal governance, increase awareness, promote community participation in coastal resources management and explore ways for dynamic and sustainable public-private partnerships in environmental management. Hence, this paper presents the various programs, projects and activities of the partnership that involved full participation of all stakeholders in meeting the challenges of sustainable development and ultimately, addressing climate change concerns in Bataan and Manila Bay at large. Since February 2000, BCCFI has actively led in partnering with the Province of Bataan and its various stakeholders in the province's 11 municipalities and lone city to implement the Bataan Integrated Coastal Management Program (BICMP), with focus on the 87 coastal barangays of the province. Through varied approaches and entry points, BCCFI, with its committed member companies, serves as catalyst in meeting climate change concerns by addressing the problems of the coastal and marine environment in Bataan within their respective spheres of influence and capabilities as manifested in the socio-economic investment survey conducted among the members of the BCCFI and in close collaboration with the local governments. This is a case in point that could be explored as one of the strategies and actions for regional and international networking among private and public stakeholders in addressing the climate change challenges.



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