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## Designing Low Carbon and Climate Resilient Watershed Management through Multi-Stakeholder Process: Study Case in the Philippines



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#### IGES/UPLB Pilot project: Study area



#### **Rapid Land Conversion**



#### $2007 \rightarrow 2014$

Portion of Sta. Rosa City experiencing conversion of **Rice fields** to **Subdivisions** 

#### Drivers and impacts of land cover change



## Weather-related disasters: Flooding

# Santa Rosa, Philippines 2014











#### **Consultation with local governments: Future development & land-use**



#### **Current Land Use (2014)**

#### Future Land Use Plan (2025)\*



\*Future land use plan map based on the results of a participatory land use mapping session representatives from four local government units (LGUs)

### **FLOOD MODELLING**



Generation of Basin Model using ArcGIS10 with HEC-GeoHMS and HEC-GeoRAS extensions



# Generation of Rainfall-Runoff Curve using HEC-HMS:

Hydrologic Engineering Center - Hydrologic Modeling System



*Generation of Flood Model using HEC-RAS* : Hydrologic Engineering Center - River Analysis System

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#### Curve Number (Runoff coefficient) Map: 2014



-Higher Curve Number values indicate higher stormwater runoff. Values are based or land use and soil type. Curve Numbers are used for flood hazard modeling.

#### **Collection of precipitation and discharge data from DOST-Project NOAH**



Rainfall intensity as of 02/25/15 09:30 AM



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#### Sample Results:

(should be calibrated)







#### **Initial Run**





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#### Downstream DSM (2m) from LiDAR data









# **#5** *Visualization using RAS Mapper or ArcScene*















# Change in C storage: 2014-2025

#### 2014 Above-ground Biomass

#### 2025 Above-ground Biomass



**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from LU change in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed** 

- Above-ground biomass (2014) = 173,189 tons C
- Above-ground biomass (2025) = **29,281 tons C**
- Change 2014 to 2025 = -143,908 tons C [-83%]
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions = 143,908 x 3.67 = 528,142 tons
  CO<sub>2</sub>

# Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from LU change

#### **Possible activities**

- Reforestation along riverbanks
- Maintaining existing vegetation in new developments
- Preserving existing forest/agro-forest lands with high C storage
- Next step: Calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for alternative land use development scenarios (i.e. with adaptation/mitigation actions
  taken).

#### **Consultation meeting with LGUs: Climate Change measures**



# Possible measures for climate change mitigation (CCM) and adaptation (CCA) (example)

Category	Measures	C	C
		C M	C A
Improved land-use	<b>Development control</b> in high-risk areas		0
	Green space, urban greening	0	0
Flood-tolerant,	Strengthened <b>building codes</b> in high-risk areas		0
environment-	(e.g., embankment, high-floored housing)		
conscious building	Roof greening, green building	0	0
Ecosystem-based, integrated watershed management	Maintenance and improvement of watershed		
	protection function (flood alleviation, water		
	retention ability) of ecosystem		
	Development control in upriver areas		0
	Afforestation & reforestation	0	0
	Watercourse management (e.g., riverbank		0
	reinforcement, dredging, river cleaning)		
	Change in varieties and cultivation methods		0
	of agricultural products to prevent soil runoff		

## Preliminary list of climate change measures by local governments

- Zoning/building ordinance
- River rehabilitation
- Information, Education, and communication (IEC)
- Run-off mitigation development
- Green space/building/urban agriculture
- Relocation of informal settlers
- Strict law enforcement

## Capacity building & public awareness

- Training needs assessments on CCA, CCM, disaster preparedness and management
  - Develop survey/assessment instrument to determine the needs for training and other IEC; Conduct the TNA
- Development of campaign materials and training modules for CCA, CCM, disaster preparedness and management
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- Conduct of trainings and events
  - Organize trainings and events to increase awareness and preparedness



**Inter-city cooperation** 

Memorandum of agreement (MOA) for cooperation Establishment of Council for Integrated Watershed Management December 2, 2014

Catalyzed by 5-year WWF

## Institutional building: Strengthen IWMC

- Review MOA / legal documents and plans
- Identify gaps/needs
- Help establish/facilitate regular communication among local governments and with LLDA
- Help create workplan/action plan
- **Provide technical assistance** or connect with experts/institutions
- Share information, experience, and lessons learned with other local government with similar climate change problems in and beyond the Lake Laguna watersheds

# **Conclusion/key messages**

- **Improving land-use planning** can be one of successful approaches for effectively addressing weather-related disasters such as floods, integrating climate change adaptation and mitigation measures.
- Land-use approach is a systematic process with multiple steps:
  1) Scenario development, 2) Risk assessment, 3) Climate change measure development, and 4) Climate-sensitive land-use planning.
- Targeting/managing river basin as a whole with inter-city cooperation will help address climate-related disasters (e.g., floods) downstream.
- Ecosystem-based, integrated watershed management can provide technically- and economically-feasible solutions and co-benefits to address conservation and climate disasters at the same time.

# Key messages (2)

- Experiences and lessons learned from the Silang-Santa Rosa pilot will be shared with other Subwatersheds facing similar problems.
- **IGES/UPLB would like to continue to support** LGUs in the Philippines and beyond in cooperation with National Governments by:
  - Developing flood risk maps under future scenarios
  - Helping develop/refine measures
  - Strengthening capacity of Integrated Watershed Management Council
  - Proposing joint research
  - Explore further cooperation with institutions and
  - universities

## THANK YOU VERY MUCH!