

# Ecosystem-based, integrated watershed management to address climate change

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#### Background

The water quality of Laguna Lake, the largest freshwater lake in the Philippines, has significantly deteriorated due to pollutants from soil erosion, effluents from chemical industries, and household discharges. With rapid urbanization and increase in population pressure, all these have stressed the aquatic life (fish, shells, etc.) over the past several decades.

#### BACKGROUND FACTORS

- Globalization
- Economic Growth
- Population increase
- Urbanization

#### - Changing Climate

- Increasing Natural Hazards

#### **DRIVING FORCES**

- Ecological Changes (soil, water, vegetation)
- Land Use Change
- Increasing Vulnerability

ISSUES INCREASING RISK FOR FOOD AND HEALTH SECURITY

#### Analysis of Land Use Patterns, Drivers & Impacts of Land Use Change in the Sta. Rosa-Silang Subwatershed

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## STA. ROSA SUBWATERSHED



## **Specific Objectives**

- To analyze changes in the type, intensity, extent, distribution and patchiness of land cover types in Sta. Rosa sub-watershed in the past 30-40 years.
- To investigate and document drivers and impacts of land use change in the subwatershed.



#### Identified Sites for Participatory Rural Appraisal in the Sta. Rosa Sub-watershed

- Brgy. Tartaria, Silang, Cavite – upstream
- Brgy. Sto. Domingo, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna – midstream
- Brgy. Aplaya, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna – shoreline

#### Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) Activities in the Sta. Rosa Watershed









#### VILLAGE TRANSECT

Brgy. Sto Domingo (Mid stream)

- Farming community
- Multi-storey Agroforesty
- Flat
- Varied income source
- Industrial + residential community
- Vegetable gardens
- Solid wastes and water pollution

Brgy. Aplaya (Shoreline)

- Flat topography
- Fishing community
- Fishing
- Fishing
  Lake pollution and poverty LAKE

# Land-use Changes Through Time

#### **Sta. Rosa Subwatershed**



# **Findings**: Sites differed in land use and land-use conversion

#### **upstream** = agricultural/agroforestry

midstream = undergoing conversion from agricultural to residential-industrial

**lakeshore** = predominantly residential

# Participatory Reconstruction of Community Land-use Maps



#### Barangay Sto. Domingo, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna



#### Barangay Aplaya, Sta. Rosa City, Laguna



# Drivers-Impacts of Land-use Changes

#### Sta. Rosa Subwatershed



#### Sta. Rosa Sub-basin



#### LAGUNA LAKE

### Agricultural and Agroforestry Systems and their Impacts on the Environment: The Case of Silang- Santa Rosa Subwatershed

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# **Objectives**

 To document biophysical profile of agricultural and agroforestry farms in the Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed.
 To document the frequency and quantity of fertilizer and pesticide application to agricultural and agroforestry crops in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed.
 To assess the environmental impacts of fertilizer and

pesticide application in agriculture and agroforestry systems in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed.

# Methodology

## Farm survey

- 1) biophysical characteristics
- 2) tenurial conditions
- 3) farming input and output allocations
- 4) labor utilization
- 5) fertilizer and pesticide application details

6) environmental impacts of the agricultural and agroforestry systems in the watershed

# n details icultural and agroforestry



# Soil and Ground water sampling analysis







# RESULTS

# **Farming System**











## Inorganic Fertilizer Use in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed



## Pesticide Use in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed



Rosa







# Nitrate level in Ground Water in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed

Nitrate Level in Water in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed 4 3.5 3 Vitrate level (mg/L) 2.5 2 1.5 1 0.5 0 P86 CRY UP 86 WELL UP ACLINEL UP 1 UIT WELL UP 1 UIT WELL UP 3 WELL NS 1 RT OR NS CRY UP PS CRY Tartaria; PSL: Pasong Langka

US EPA standard limit for drinking water = 10 mg NO<sub>3</sub>/Li

#### Results and Discussion: Organochlorine Pesticides (OCP) in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed

ОСР	PBG_3_2_UP	PBG_2_3_UP1	BCL_7_14_UP
Alpha - BHC, ug/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Lindane, ug/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Beta - BHC, ug/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Delta - BHC , ug/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Heptachlor, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Aldrin, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Heptachlor Epoxide, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
g-Chlordane, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
a-Chlordane, ug/kg	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
4,4 DDE, ug/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Endusulfan 1, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Dieldrin, ug/kg	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
Endrin, ug/kg	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
4,4 DDD, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Endusulfan 11, ug/kg	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
4, 4 - DDT, ug/kg	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
Endrin Aldehyde, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Methoxychlor, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Endusulfan Sulfate, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Endrin Ketone, ug/kg	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Toxaphene, ug/kg	<1.0	<1.0	<1.0

PBG: Pulong Bunga; BCL: Bucal

\*\*\*Soil samples were collected last June 2013 in Silang, Cavite within 2 inches of soil surface, 2weeks to 1 month after pesticide application

## Environmental Impacts of Farming in Silang-Santa Rosa subwatershed



# Conclusion

#### SILANG-SANTA ROSA SUBWATERSHED

- Characterized by agroforests with the dominance of pineapple in the upstream and midstream areas
- More inorganic fertilizer use over pesticides for pineapple
- Ammonium sulfate, urea and yara are commonly used inorganic fertilizers
- Observed negative impacts are soil acidity, soil erosion and floods
- Nitrate and OCP levels of ground water and streams are below the USEPA standard limits

Floral and Soil Arthropod Biodiversity of Agroforestry and Agricultural Systems in the Upland Areas of Silang, Cavite, Philippines

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# Objective

 To assess plant and soil arthropod diversity under various agroforestry and agricultural systems in Silang, Cavite



# Methodology

## Flora

#### **Farm Selection**

- Reconnaissance survey of agroforestry and agricultural systems in the upstream and midstream areas
- Selected 8 agricultural and 15 agroforestry systems from 7 barangays/villages

#### Data collection and sampling:

- Eight 10m x 10m quadrats were established within each agricultural and agroforestry systems
  - Tree species (Diameter at breast height (DBH), merchantable height, total height, diameter of crown)
  - Weeds, grasses, seedlings, shrubs

#### Data analysis:

- Shannon and Simpson's diversity indices
- Shannon evenness index
  - Margaleff's richness index





# Methodology

Soil arthropod

#### Soil sampling:

 Collected composite soil and litter samples from same sampling plots as the flora analysis



#### Sample processing:

- Soil and leaf litter samples were placed in Berlese funnels for 3-5 days
- Insects were preserved in containers with 95% ethanol

# Identification and data analysis:

 Insects were identified to the family level RESULTS

# **Agricultural systems**



a) banana, b) pineapple, c) coffee; and agroforestry systems: d) papaya-pineapple, e) coffee-pineapple

# Species Richness based on Plant Growth Habit

**Table 1**. The number of species representing the various growth habits recorded in agroforestry and agricultural systems in Silang, Cavite.

	Agroforestry	Agricultural	
Growth Habit	Systems	Systems	Total
Tree	29	21	34
Herb	44	53	66
Grass	13	11	16
Shrub	13	10	15
Vine	3	2	3
Sedge	2	1	2
Fern	5	4	8
Total	109	102	144

# Species Richness of Various Agricultural Systems



- Vegetable agricultural system has highest number of species and highest richness of herbaceous species
- Pineapple has highest number of grass species
- Coffee has more shrub species

# Species Richness of Various Agroforestry Systems



- Total number of trees and shrubs in agroforestry were higher than
   agricultural systems
- Coffee-banana agroforestry system has the highest species richness
- Papaya-coffee-pineapple system has the highest number of herbaceous species

## **Biodiversity Indices of Emergent Species**



- Shannon diversity index agroforestry systems have higher biodiversity of emergent species
- Higher Simpson's Dominance Index of agricultural systems certain emergent species are dominant in agricultural systems
  - i.e. banana, guyabano and coffee agricultural systems
- Evenness index is equal for both uniform relative abundance of different species in both systems

# Soil Arthropod Diversity







# Soil arthropods



Fig. 6. The number of insect individuals belonging to various insect orders recorded in agroforestry and agricultural farms in Silang, Cavite



Fig. 7. The number of arthropod species and their ecological functions in the agroforestry and agricultural systems in the Silang, Cavite.

# Conclusion

 Agroforestry systems have higher floral and soil arthropod species richness and diversity than agricultural systems



# Geophysical Characteristics and Erodibility Assessment of the Silang-Santa Rosa River System

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# Objective

To develop an ecological profile for the Silang-Santa Rosa River and its riparian vicinity to meet the needs of development planning, and design an environmental program for the sustainable development of the resource





3D map of the Silang-Santa. Rosa Sub-watershed



#### Morphology and Land Use of the Selected Portions of Silang-Santa Rosa River



#### **General Land Use on Easment Sides (Left Side)**



#### **General Land Use on Easment Sides (Right Side)**



#### **Riverbank Erosion Status Left Side**



#### **Riverbank Erosion Status Right Side**



#### **Rock Formations Left Side**



# **Rock Formations Right Side**



## **RIVER DEPTH MAP**



# NATURE OF RIVERBED MATERIAL MAP



## **PRESENCE OF SPRING MAP**



# **MITIGATING MEASURES MAP**



# Legend riverbed\_utm1 MITIGATING CEMENTED CEMENTED/RIPRAP CEMENTED/RIPRAP RIPRAP(COLLAPSED) SANDBAGS TO STABILIZE NONE Silang-Sta. Rosa River Silang-Sta. Rosa River

Projection: WGS84 / UTM Zone 51 N Created on: 02-08-12 Created by: Institute of Biological Sciences, UPLB





STATUS AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REHABILITATION OR ENRICHMENT OF SELECTED PORTIONS OF THE STA. ROSA – SILANG RIVER SYSTEM and SUBWATERSHED



## **Informal Settlers**







#### Inchican, Pulo

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	Observed Condition/s		Implication/s		Strategies/ Policy Options
•	Observed Condition/s Informal Settlers encroaching along the easement and riverbank Direct waste water discharges to the river Unmanaged solid waste disposal	•	Residents are vulnerable to flooding and may result to loss of lives and properties Source of water pollution due to waste	•	Strategies/ Policy Options Relocation of informal settlers Observing the use of buffer zones as part of the protected areas Rehabilitation of
•	Residents usually take a bath and wash clothes at the area		unmanaged solid waste disposal		easements and riverbanks

# Concerns for land use and land use conversion



#### Ulat

Observed Condition/s			Implication/s	Sti	rategies/ Policy Options
•	Agricultural and other forest	•	Unplanned land use and land	•	Creation of a
	lands are being converted to		conversion could lead to a		comprehensive land
	subdivisions		disorderly form of development		use plan and zoning
•	Agricultural lands are being	•	Conversion of Agricultural and other		ordinance
	abandoned and sold to land		forest lands into subdivisions could	•	Strict implementation
	developers		lead to the increase rate of soil		and monitoring of
			erosion; contributor to watershed		policies related to land
			degradation which could affect the		use and zoning
			freshwater resources		ordinance
A		•	Agricultural lands that are being	•	Giving incentives and
			abandoned and sold affects food		assistance to farmers
	Mart Trans		security		and agricultural land
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# Disposal of solid wastes Into the river





Pulo, Inchican, Ulat, Liip, Macabling dam, Balibago, Dila Salang Bago, City Hall Area

	Observed		Implication/s		Strategies/ Policy Options
	Condition/s				
•	Nearby	•	Possible source of	•	Implementation of a proper
	residents are		water pollution		solid and liquid waste
	throwing their	•	Clog canals and		management
	garbage into		tributaries that	•	Enforcement of the existing
	the river		contributes to flooding		environmental policies
				•	Protection through the
					creation of "Bantay llog"

# Waste water discharges

#### Techno Park, Pulo, Liip, Salang Bago, Balibago, Dila, City Hall area

Observed		Implication/s		Strategies/ Policy Options				
	Condition/s							
•	Discharges of water coming from households, subdivisions, industrial area	•	Source of water pollution	•	Construction of a centralized sewerage system facility for the whole Silang-Santa Rosa River Subwatershed Implementation of a proper solid and liquid waste management Enforcement of the existing environmental policies Protection through the creation of "Bantay Ilog"			

# **Severe Erosion**



#### Sto. Domingo



	Observed		Implication/s		Strategies/ Policy Options
	Condition/s				
•	Severe erosion	•	Erosion leads to	•	Easement and riverbank
	at the sides of		water siltation that		rehabilitation; construction of
	the river		affects water		riprap and planting of native
			quality and lessens		species of plants
			the river's water	•	Information, Education,
			holding capacity		Communication Campaign
		•	People present at		about hazards present at the
			the area are at risk		area
			from landslides	•	Dredging of river beds

# **Ecotourism**



#### Pasong Nangka

Observed Condition/s		Implication/s			Strategies/ Policy
					Options
•	Observed to have	•	Potential source of	•	Creation of local
	ecotourism		income through		ecotourism plan that
	potentials		ecotourism		would enhance and
•	Minimal presence of	•	Possible source of		limit the existing
	solid wastes from		solid and liquid		tourism activities
	the local tourists		waste		(incorporated to
•	Degraded stairways				Disaster Risk
	going down to the				Reduction
	river				Management Plan,
					DRRMP)

# **Enrichment Zone**



#### **Techno Park**

Observed Condition/s		Implication/s			Strategies/ Policy		
					Options		
•	Presence of dense	•	Lessens the rate of soil	•	Enhancement		
	vegetation on both		erosion		through planting of		
	easement sides	•	Helps maintain good		native species of		
			water air and quality		plants		
			Provides habitat for	•	Protection through		
			fauna		the creation of		
					"Bantay Ilog"		

#### **CONCLUSION**





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