

GALING POOK 2017 APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM

A. TITLE OF THE PROGRAM : **REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION OF BUHAY FOREST**

B. NAME OF THE LGU : **MAGALLANES, CAVITE**

C. POPULATION : **22,727**

D. INCOME CLASSIFICATION : **FOURTH CLASS**

E. PROFILE AND NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES

a. Land Area Covered by the Program : 25 hectares
b. Land Classification : Timberland/Forestland
c. Planted Trees : 15,000 (estimated)
d. Beneficiaries : 22,727

F. DATE OF THE START OF THE PROGRAM

In July 2012, under the administration of former Mayor Edwin V. Sisante, the area of Buhay Forest was reformed and secured for protection and rehabilitation and for government purposes. In the same year, LGU started planting of assorted trees and other seedlings as well as private companies and different NGOs work together in the restoration of Buhay Forest.

G. FINANCIAL PROFILE OF THE PROGRAM IN THE PREVIOUS YEAR/S

SOURCE OF FUNDS	YEAR	APPROPRIATION	EXPENSES
LGU 20% DF	2012	300,000.00	145,000.00
LGU 20% DF	2013	550,000.00	300,087.72
LGU 20% DF	2014	877,111.52	651,922.62
LGU 20% DF	2015	300,000.00	155,000.00
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET		2,027,111.52	1,252,010.34

II. PROGRAM BRIEF

BUHAY FOREST REHABILITATION PROGRAM

Buhay Forest is located at Barangay San Agustin, summit 1 & 2 and at Barangay Ramirez, summit 3. It's composed of 117.94 total hectares of Buhay Forest, 25 hectares of the area is under rehabilitation and development of the Local Government.

Buhay means the spring and the spring near the forest. Even summertime, the spring never runs out of water and later on the forest above the spring was called "Buhay Forest".

With the aim to revitalize Philippine ecosystem, municipal officials and employees, barangay constituents and other participants planted trees twice a year that regenerated Buhay Forest and became tourist attraction.

On 2014, Buhay Forest was declared as Protected Area of the municipality by virtue of Municipal Ordinance No. 2014-008.

Prior the declaration of Buhay Forest as protected area, from year 2012 – 2013, 8,000 assorted trees were planted at Summit 1.

As a result of the Provincial Government-Environment and Natural Resources Office adopt a forest project, an estimated 6,000 assorted seedlings was planted in 2014 at Buhay Forest summit 3.

In 2015, concreting of Buhay Forest stairs was constructed. Water was established and lights will soon also establish. The area is pilgrimage site for Christian religion.

The Local Government continuous to allocate funds for rehabilitation, maintenance and protection of Buhay Forest.

III. POSITIVE RESULTS AND IMPACTS

In 2011, glimpses of what has been lost, some part of Buhay Forest was shaded out, because of exploitation and woodland felled and some habitats degraded or lost.

All animals and life forms that dwell in the forest has crucial role in our ecosystem to become healthy and robust.

At present, an estimated 15,000 seedlings of different trees and kinds was planted in Buhay Forest aside from natural grown species in the same area.

In the last five years, the composition of 5,000 total volunteers participated in tree planting activities were individuals from Local Government, NGO's and PO's and from academe.

Buhay Forest is also great venue for relaxation.

IV. PROMOTION OF PEOPLES PARTICIPATION AND EMPOWERMENT

The total volunteers participated in the tree planting activities are about 5,000 individuals from different offices, NGOs, POs, corporations and academe for the period of 5 years.

V. INNOVATION

- Infrastructure - construction of stairs
- Eco-tourism - overlooking the whole municipality
- Pilgrimage site - construction of station of the cross, chapel and grotto.
- Camping site - venue for overnight camping.

VI. TRANSFERABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Until the succeeding administration of our Municipal Mayor **HON. JASMIN ANGELLI MALIGAYA-BAUTISTA**, Buhay Forest on top of the priority in terms of maintenance and development for local attraction but moreover for preservation.

We certify that to the best of our knowledge, all of the information contained in this application Form and annexes are true and accurate.

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PICTURES AT BUHAY FOREST
(taken on August 2012)



(Taken on July 2016)



**MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
PROGRAM**

1. Solid Waste Management
 - a. “Basura Palit Bigas” Program
 - b. Recycling and Reusing
2. Forest Restoration and Protection
 - a. Tree Planting Program
3. River, Streams and other water ways protection
 - a. River clean-up program
 - b. Tree Planting Program

PROGRAM BUDGET

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| 1. Rehabilitation/Preservation Program | P 500,000.00 |
| 2. Development on EcoTourism Program | P 200,000.00 |