

# CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

## I. BASIC DATA

**Organization Legal Name:** Livelihood Enhancement in Agro-forestry Foundation, Inc.

**Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement):** *Conservation of the Del Carmen Watershed and the Formulation of the Watershed Management & Development Plan*

**Implementation Partners for This Project:** The communities within the Del Carmen Watershed

**Project Dates (as stated in the grant agreement):** February 1, 2006-September 30, 2007

**Date of Report (month/year):** April 2008

## II. OPENING REMARKS

**Provide any opening remarks that may assist in the review of this report.**

The project “*Conservation of the Del Carmen Watershed and the Formulation of the Watershed Management & Development Plan*” is a concerted effort of the many stakeholders in the Del Carmen Watershed in Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte, Philippines. This includes the communities within the Del Carmen Watershed in Siargao Island, the Del Carmen Water District, the barangay and municipal local governments, national line agencies and civil society organizations. Facilitated by LEAF Foundation, Inc., the project was supported by Conservation International from its Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund.

With the objective to protect the biodiversity and sustainably manage the Del Carmen Watershed, the project looked into the culture and socio-economic needs of the communities that live within the watershed—those who will be stewards of the area after the project has phased out. Both scientific and participatory methods and tools were used in assessing those mentioned above.

Likewise, biophysical analysis was conducted to come up with baseline information on the status of the environment in Del Carmen. This enabled the community and other stakeholders to come up with informed decisions when they formulated their watershed management and development plan. The plan has already been presented and reviewed, and additional inputs were given by the stakeholders for final enhancement after which it will be endorsed for institutionalization.

The Del Carmen Watershed Management and Development Plan will serve as blueprint for the communities and lawmakers in future planning and other endeavors.

## III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. What was the initial objective of this project?

The objective of the project was to protect the biodiversity within the Del Carmen Watershed and the sustainable management of the watershed.

2. Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.

The objectives of the project have remained throughout its implementation.

3. How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?

The project was successful in that the LEAF project team was able to conduct the socio-ecological and economic assessment of the watershed dwellers in Del Carmen--the first activity that was needed to be done as this would impact the conservation of the biodiversity in the area. A biodiversity inventory was also conducted, to substantiate the rationale for formulating a watershed management and development plan.

The participation of the communities and other stakeholders is also an indicator in the successful implementation of the project. Through adequate information and education campaign, the communities realized how the conservation of the watershed would improve and sustain their water supply, livelihood and overall quality of life.

Lastly, the Del Carmen Watershed Management and Development Plan was collectively developed among all stakeholders, reviewed, and is targeted for immediate adoption and institutionalization.

4. Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.

In the beginning the watershed communities were skeptic about the project. There was a suspicion that their land will be taken away from them, and that they would no longer have the rights to manager their resource, i.e., water, to cultivate their land and to plan for their area. However, through massive information and education campaigns, this was overcome. Local government officials also supported the endeavor, thus, were pro-active in assisting the LEAF project team in the promoting the project. A leveling of expectations was also conducted, including the roles of stakeholders, including the facilitative role of LEAF, the proponent organization.

5. Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.

A watershed management and development planning is easily facilitated when participated by all stakeholders of an area. It may take longer than usual, but ensures that all views and concerns have been considered, responded to, and conflicts managed or resolved.

6. Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.

After the participatory development of the Del Carmen Watershed Management and Development Plan, the draft was presented again to the plenary of stakeholders for review. During the presentation, additional inputs were given for further enhancement. This will have to be integrated into the watershed plan, after which it will be endorsed for institutionalization through a resolution.

The watershed plan will serve also serve as a framework for future plans that relate to the watershed area.

7. Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.

Please see attached report in format prepared by LEAF project team leader.

#### IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

*Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.*

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#### V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Please see attached report in format prepared by LEAF project team leader.

## VI. INFORMATION SHARING

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