

Audience: DENR and other mandamus agencies

Headline: Experts assesses ecosystem services and biodiversity in Manila Bay

Key Messages:

- Pollution threatens the remaining biodiversity of Manila Bay
- Manila Bay coastal areas are sinking as fast as 9cm per year due to over abstraction of water
- Government Agencies need to act fast to avert further damage to the Bay through policies and immediate action

Definition of the Project

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) partners with the Resources, Environment and Economics and Studies (REECS) in implementing UNEP's The Economics of Ecosystem and Biodiversity (TEEB) to assess the current status of ecosystem services and biodiversity in Manila Bay early this year. A team of multidisciplinary experts from REECS undertakes various assessment on pollution, fisheries, mangroves, mudflats, migratory habitats, sedimentation and land subsidence. Key stakeholders and mandamus agencies in and around Manila Bay are consulted by the project to arrive at a more informed status of the Bay.