2ND THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON WATER RIGHTS AND ALLOCATIONS



Session 2: Issues, Causes and Effects - LLDA as River Basin Organization

Issues on Policy and Plans

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Lack of a common policy for the management and development of the lake and its resources

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Most plans and programs of different stakeholders are not anchored on the Laguna de Bay Master Plan

Agencies Institutions Organizations Separately formulated and separately implemented policies, plans, programs and mandates

Conflicts /overlaps with LLDA plans, programs and projects

AREAS OF CONFLICTS

RESOURCE USERS

Use of the lake for fisheries, Irrigation,drinking water navigation,recreation, industrial cooling,power generation, recreation and waste recipient

REGULATORS

Coordination, development, monitoring, enforcement of land Use plans, issuance of permits clearances, standard setting policy development on resource pricing and allocation, market based instruments

RESEARCH AND DEV. INSTITUTIONS

POLICY MAKERS

Inconsistency in policy

Setting & planning,lack of coordination,sectoral policy development

approaches results in inconsistencies/

contradictions/overlapping;

lack of clear responsibilities for formulating and

implementing commonly

acted policy

LLDA

Lack of proper coordination with LLDA, dissemination of research Outputs is limited

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS

Sometime conflict the LLDA Responsibilities in the management And maintenance of Ecological balance Within their territorial jurisdiction

INFRA DEVELOPMENT

Uncoordinated planning by national/ Regional agencies/LGUs in relation To LLDA; inconsistencies on infra Project with policy direction; limited public investment for environmental infrastructure

EFFECTS:

Inefficiency

in creating a widely accepted common objective of managing the lake resources and its watershed

Balancing the different political, economic and social interests

Focusing government, private sector and citizen resources on managing the system

Issues on Legal Framework

Debate on the wisdom, size, location and benefits of the ZOMAP among LLDA, BFAR, FP/FC Operators and fishermen

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LGU mandate on the issuance of environmental permits conflicts with Regulatory functions of LLDA

Inconsistency in the implementation of ZOMAP due to the frequent changes in LLDA Administration (GMA Belt, FVR Belt, ERAP belt)

EFFECTS:

adverse impact on lake's ecological integrity, decline in fishproduction; less opportunity for small fishermen, reduced area for other lake uses



Coverage of water rights is limited to fishery aquaculture. No policy for other uses.





The previous demand for water did not trigger imposition of surface water price structure .

Prioritize ZOMAP due to the adverse impacts of FP/Cage operation to the Lake's integrity

EFFECTS:

The absence of a policy on the utilization of water Resources creates wasteful usage of water, Inter-sectoral mis-allocation of raw water in favor of less valuable uses and increase levels of water pollution

Issues on Organization

LLDA could not maintain continuous control over all programs and projects

Shifting policy and program directions due to the frequent shift in the top management of LLDA

LLDA has a wide jurisdictional mandate but it has limited staff to effectively carry-out its mandates, functions, plans and programs

EFFECTS

Each agency/institution/organization formulates its own policies, plans and programs without due consideration to the environment.

Lack of continuity in the implementation of programs and [plans

Delayed and sometimes ineffective in implementation of policies, plans and programs

