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'Save Balili River' coalition eyes closure of piggeries near waterway

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BAGUIO CITY -- A multi-sectoral group formed to save the biggest river system in Baguio and Benguet is eyeing the closure of piggeries near the river, a local environment official said Friday.

Aside from the indiscriminate dumping of waste by a rapidly increasing city populace, the piggeries along the Balili River have been blamed for the filthy state of the once pristine waterway.

Cordelia Lacsamana, head of the City Environment and Parks Management Office (CEPMO), which is part of the coalition called Balili River System Coalition, said solutions are now being threshed out on the problem of discharge of manure and other wastes from piggeries along waterways that lead to Balili River.

Lacsamana said a meeting with some owners of about 100 piggeries in Baguio City is set on Aug. 2 for this purpose.



The Balili River, the biggest river system in Baguio and Benguet area. The river leads down to the province of La Union as the Naguilan River. (PNA Baguio File Photo)

EMB Regional Director Reynaldo Digamo had earlier written the city government about its observations on the condition of the Balili River.

The letter said one reason for the river's pollution was that "backyard piggeries are allowed in urban areas polluting the Balili/ Bued River".

The Balili River stretches from Kilometer 3 in La Trinidad, Benguet to Bued River in Baguio City, down to La Union province as the Naguilan River.

It has various waterway tributaries in the city, where the piggeries were discovered.

At the weekly "Talakayan sa city environment code" forum of Radyo Pilipinas-Baguio and the Baguio Regreening Movement (BRM) on Thursday, Lacsamana said the solutions forum on Aug. 2 is aimed at informing the piggery owners of the city's policy on piggeries and existing laws.

For years, the BRSC has been doing measures to revive the river, which, based on studies conducted by the University of the Philippines Baguio (UPB) (Saint Louis University (BSU), and Benguet State University (BSU), was described as "biologically dead".

In the 1990's, the city government was charged by the local government of La Trinidad for polluting the Balili River, which is within the town's jurisdiction.

Actions were initiated to address the problem leading to the creation of the "Salaknib ti Waag" (Saving the river) program by the government and non-government organizations in Baguio and Benguet.

Describing the problem on the Balili River as "very serious", Lacsamana said much has to be done to save the river, including placing plants along its banks.

In a late afternoon press conference on Wednesday, Baguio City Mayor Mauricio Domogan said "piggeries and poultry are prohibited in highly-urbanized cities", especially now that these have been polluting the river. (PNA)

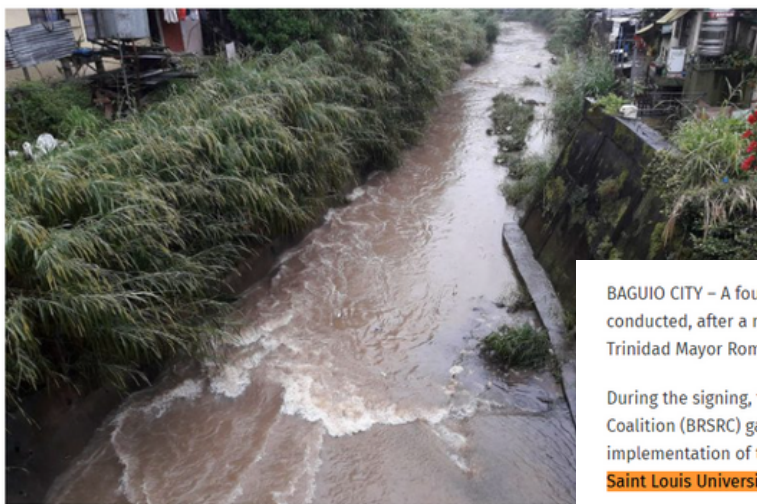
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"TILL THE RIVER RUNS DRY- 18 years ago, government, civic, church and NGO residents of Baguio City and La Trinidad. Recently, a summit was held again with the same advocacy to save the river, photo taken October 13, 2017. (Oct)

BAGUIO CITY – A four-semester, two-year project for the rehabilitation of the Balili river will be conducted, after a memorandum of agreement signing last Monday with Mayor Mauricio Domogan, La Trinidad Mayor Romeo Salda, the academe and partner agencies present.

During the signing, the Ripples for River Rehabilitation of the Balili River System Revitalization Coalition (BRSRC) gathered barangay officials and involved agencies for the agreement covering the implementation of the project. The mechanics was delivered in details by Dr. Gaudelia Reyes of the Saint Louis University.

The first part of the project covers a needs assessment through a walk-through in the barangays' portion of the Balili river; survey and association with barangay constituents; analysis and preparation of the report; and submission to the BRSRC. All activities up to the end of the project should be properly documented, Reyes said.

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The second part would be the preparation of the barangay action plan and identification of adoptors or partner agencies. At the involvement of the counterpart of the establishment memorandum of understanding or funding.

A barangay environment with trainings conducted project as the implementation activities which would report submitted to the BRSRC.

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Water and Land Resources

CAR serves as the watershed of North Luzon. The region cradles 12 major river basins which have been affirmed to have enormous water-bearing capacity. With an estimated drainage area of 18,293 square kilometers, these river basins make CAR a major contributor to the Luzon Power Grid and are also a source of irrigation for the region's agricultural

lands. It is also a source of water for domestic consumption and industrial needs of the region.

Table 3.11 shows the proclaimed forest and watershed reservations in CAR and their expanse, revealing that these cover most of the region.

Table 3.11 Forest and Watershed Reservations, CAR

Name of Reservation	Coverage
Central Cordillera Forest Reserve	Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Kalinga, Mountain Province
Mount Santo Tomas Forest Reserve	Tuba, Benguet
Upper Agno River Basin Resource Reserve	Bokod, Buguias, Kabayan and parts of Tublay, Benguet
Chico River Forest Reserve	Mountain Province, Kalinga and Apayao (Nabuanan)
Asin Forest Reserve	Tuba, Sablan
Busol Watershed Reservation	Baguio City, La Trinidad
Baguio Forbes Part Forest Reservation	Baguio City
Baguio Forest Reserve	Baguio City
Crystal Cave Forest Reserve	Baguio City
Lucnab Watershed and Forest Reserve	Baguio City
Camp 8 Military Watershed Reservation	Baguio City
Buyog Watershed Reservation	Baguio City
Camp John Hay Forest Reserve	Baguio City
Sto. Domingo Forest Reserve	Ifugao
Ifugao Forest Reserve	Lagawe and Mayoyao, Ifugao
Natonin Forest Reserve	Natonin, Mountain Province and Mayoyao, Ifugao
Central Mayoyao Forest Reservation	Mayoyao, Ifugao
Marcos Highway Forest Reserve	Agoo, La Union to Baguio City
Abulog Forest Reserve	Kabugao, Apayao
Central Conner Forest Reserve	Conner, Apayao
Natonin-Tahuk-Tanudan Forest Reserve	Tanudan, Kalinga
	Mankayan, Benguet
	Halsema Highway, Benguet and Mountain Province
	Western portion of Balbalan, Kalinga
	Portions of Nueva Vizcaya, Ifugao and Mountain Province
	Bangued, Abra
	Pidigan, Abra
	Pidigan, Abra
	Besao, Mountain Province
	Besao and Sagada, Mountain Province
	Banaue, Ifugao and Bontoc, Mountain Province
	Itogon, Benguet
	Ifugao, Isabela

SETUP	Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program
SGLG	Seal of Good Local Governance
SIADM	Sustainable Integrated Area Development and Management
SITREP	Situational Report
SLP	Sustainable Livelihood Program
SLT	School of Living Tradition
SLU	Saint Louis University
SPMS	Strategic Performance Management System
SSM	Small-Scale Mining
SSS	Social Security System
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection

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