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Indicator 15.2.6 Sustainable management of land for tourism (educational outreach)



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Educational programme/outreach for local or national communities on sustainable management of land for tourism

Saint Louis University works with local communities on land-based tourism through the Benguet Coffee Project, a research initiative titled “The Potential for Coffee Tourism in Domolpos, Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet.” The project is located inside the Domolpos-Ansipsip Ancestral Domain of the Iwak Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs). It looks at how coffee-growing land can support tourism that benefits the community while respecting its land, culture, and traditional practices.

Before any research began, the University went through the Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) process under NCIP Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012, and Republic Act No. 8371 (the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act of 1997). On 12 July 2024, the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Cordillera Administrative Region issued Certification Precondition Control No. CPIKSP-CAR-2024-019, finding that the University had complied with all procedural and documentary requirements. The certification is subject to a Memorandum of Agreement among the researchers, the ICCs/IPs of Domolpos, and the NCIP.

The certification also binds the University to a community-centered process in which knowledge goes back to the community:

- Data gathered may be used solely for research purposes.
- The NCIP must be notified in writing before fieldwork starts.
- The research output must be presented to the concerned Indigenous Peoples for validation.
- The ICCs/IPs must issue a Certificate of Validation.
- A copy of the validated output must be submitted to both the community and the NCIP.

These conditions mean the community takes part in planning and validating how its land is used for tourism, rather than serving only as a research subject. The University thereby shares findings on sustainable, culturally appropriate land use for tourism with the local community and the national agency mandated to protect Indigenous rights.

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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Control No. CPIKSP- CAR - 2024 - 019

CERTIFICATION PRECONDITION

To Whom It May Concern:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the **Saint Louis University, Inc.,** has applied for the issuance of a Certification Precondition for the proposed research entitled **"The Potential for Coffee Tourism in Domolpos, Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet (Benguet Coffee Project)"** located inside the Domolpos-Ansipsip Ancestral Domain (AD) of the Iwak Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs).

THIS IS TO CERTIFY FURTHER, that after the conduct of the required Free and Prior Informed Consent Process in accordance with NCIP Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 2012, it is found that **Saint Louis University, Inc.,** has complied with the procedural and documentary requirements, thus the Certification Precondition for the aforementioned research is approved, subject to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) entered into by and among the respective researcher, the ICCs/IPs of Domolpos, Tinongdan, Itogon, Benguet and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples.

The grant of this Certification Precondition is subject to the following conditions:

1. Data gathered shall be used solely for research purposes;
2. Researcher must notify this office in writing before actual research starts;
3. Research output must be presented to the concerned Indigenous Peoples for validation;
4. A Certificate of Validation shall be issued by the ICCs/IPs; and
5. A copy of the validated research output shall be submitted to the community and the NCIP.

THIS CERTIFICATION is issued in compliance with Republic Act No. 8371, otherwise known as the Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA) of 1997 and NCIP Administrative Order No 01, Series of 2012, otherwise known as the Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSPs) and Customary Laws Research and Documentation Guidelines of 2012.

This Office, however, reserves whatever action needed to be undertaken to protect the rights and interest of the Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples concerned, including the cancellation/revocation of this certification, as the case maybe.

Issued this 12th day of **July** ***2024*** in Baguio City, Philippines.

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