

Partnerships for Development in Mt. Guiting-guiting: Delineation of Ancestral Domains and Resource Management Planning by the Mangyan Tagabukid of Sibuyan

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The Article explores how the struggle of the *Tagabukid* for the recognition of their rights as Sibuyan's indigenous peoples is primarily enforced through the delineation of their ancestral domains. It credits the Biodiversity Conservation Project of the Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas (KKP) for paving the way to this delineation process. The project's success rested on the multi-sectoral collaboration among non-government organizations and local government units where the convergence of the parties involved depended on factors such as consultations, role definitions, joint agreements and social dialogue.

The Article also highlights the Ancestral Domains Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP) which led to a co-management plan for the development of the ancestral domains. It likewise cites the individual business interests and the lack of political will as some of the continuing challenges that the *Tagabukids* face.

Lastly, it concludes that the *Tagabukid* must be oriented on the available remedies that will lead to self-delineation in order for them to exercise rights over their own territories.