ACE

Actions for Communities and Environment

LMAX GROUP

COMMUNITIES for NATURE

PRRCFI

YEAR 2









Project ACE 2

A tripartite partnership between LMAX Group, Philippine Reef and Rainforest Conservation Foundation Inc, (PRRCFI) and Communities for Nature (CfN)

The first year of the Actions for Communities and Environment (ACE) Project of the LMAX-PRRCFI partnership made possible by Communities for Nature has been a success delivering great outcomes for Danjugan Island and its communities. Information on what has been achieved can be found in the ACE 1 End of Project Report.

Project ACE has helped sustain the critical work of PRRCFI in marine conservation and biodiversity, raised and trained more young conservationists and citizen scientists, and opened opportunities for communities to have a sustainable future through education, livelihood, and community development. We have also grown the skills and knowledge of both PRRCFI and LMAX staff through training and engagement.

With another year of funding, it is the intention to continue and expand the great work that was started in the first year of the project.





Year 2 will also support environmental conservation and regeneration, environmental education, sustainable livelihood and community development, and science and research. Below are the specific activities for 2023-2024.

Environmental Conservation and Regeneration

Community hackathon

Design and deliver a hackathon for young people and communities and partners to work collaboratively towards finding sustainable solutions to environmental and climate-related challenges. This will facilitate the exchange of ideas, expertise, and resources, and offer a space to identify and prototype innovative solutions that address community needs quickly.

This will also provide opportunities for skills-building and capacity development. Participants can also learn about emerging technologies and techniques from experts and stakeholders and explore new ways of addressing complex problems. The experts from different disciplines are empowered to work together, which can lead to the development of novel, multidisciplinary approaches to environmental and climate-related challenges.



Environmental Education

ACE sustainability scholars

This is a continuation of the first-year support provided to 5 sustainability scholars. The support received by the scholars in Year 1 has helped them focus their efforts more in their studies instead of how to meet their daily needs such as travel, food and accommodation. The dialogue with the scholars at the end of Year 1 also identified potential support support in terms of laptops and a printer to help them with their studies.

Mentoring programme through the hackathon sessions

LMAX employees will be mentoring communities and young people who will be participating in the community hackathon, providing support from developing the project ideas to prototyping. LMAX and partners will participate in the bootcamps as panel and as mentors.



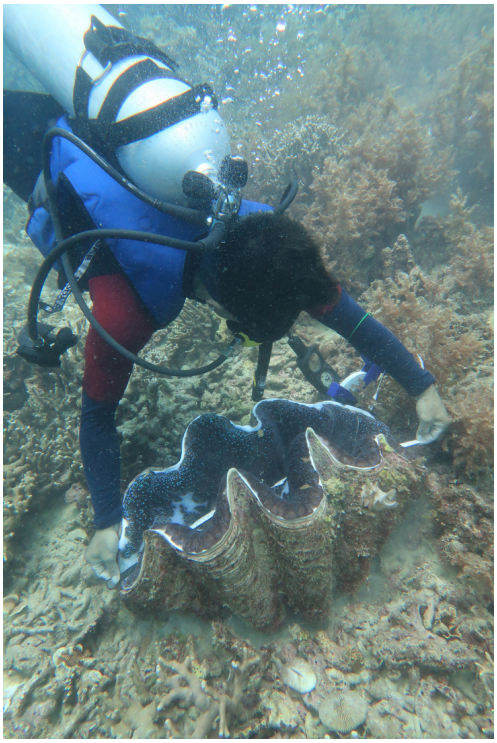
Sustainable Livelihood and Community Development

Support to strengthen community-based ecotourism initiatives. This will include continuing our support for the balsa (floating cottages) operators but also expand to cover other potential tourism activities emerging in the community.

Fund a series of community development sessions and activities to explore, test and deliver sustainable livelihood models with the community for the community.







Science and Research

Giant clam monitoring

This will continue the work delivered in year 1 on monitoring the giant clams in the water of Danjugan Island Marine Reserve and Sanctuary. We will train and use citizen scientists from our communities to help with the monitoring.



Deliverables and Timeline

	July 2023 - June 2024											
	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
ACE sustainability scholars		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Hackathon												
Hackathon design and preparation	x	x										
Call for applications			x	x								
Screening of entries					x							
Shortlisted teams entry preparation and workshops						x	x					
Hackathon bootcamp and announcement of winners								x				
Prototyping of winning entry/entries									x	x	x	
Launch/delivery of prototypes												x
Mentoring programme - LMAX employees and local communities/youth					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Giant clam monitoring										x	x	
Community development and sustainable livelihood											x	x
Community profiling	x	x										
Strengthening and organising of community or peoples organizations			x	x	x							
Workshops - exploration/identification of livelihood opportunities			x	x	x							
Testing/implementation and assessment of feasibility of livelihood activities identified					x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Continuation of support for balsa operators and other local tourism stakeholders	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x