

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Bohol
Municipality of Garcia-Hernandez

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PROFILE

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Project Title	:	Development of Municipal Eco-Tourism Project
Project Type	:	Capital forming
Estimated project cost	:	P3,000,000.00
Project Location	:	Newly reclaimed Manaba river channel fronting Mindanao Sea East Poblacion, Garcia-Hernandez, Bohol

II. PROJECT STATUS

Proposed project	:	Development of the newly reclaimed Manaba river Channel into a Municipal Freedom Park and Resort
Status of project preparation:	:	Project Idea
Investment programming	:	For external funding

III. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Project Background:

It is a long clamor of the residents living nearby and the land owners whose land located along the Manaba river course at the lower portion of the national highway whenever heavy rain fall occurs, the possibility of flooding is prevalent that may caused danger of their lives and properties. And to address with this perennial problem, the Municipal Government of Garcia-Hernandez in cooperation with the Philippine Mining Service Corporation (PMSC) Management agreed to undertake a joint project by restoring the old Manaba river channel through re-channeling in order to straighten the river course just to prevent over-flowing that may caused flooding. However, the old river channel has been owned and claimed by private individuals as reflected in the cadastral survey, so the municipal government acquired first the land thru purchased considering that it losses nothing in buying since the existing river channel once reclaimed will automatically become the property of the municipal government

Before the old river channel was restored, residents of East Poblacion must dip into the water where the fresh & salt water meet if they want to take a bath or just to relax with the freshness of the summer breeze in the beach because the mouth of the river is so wide especially during high tide. If they do dare not to dip the water, they must take a detour route which is time consuming. Presently, the newly reclaimed river channel has an area of 1-has. or 10,000 sq.m. more or less excluding foreshore area stretching two hundred fifty meters (250) more or less is potential for beach resort development.

Project Linkages:

The primary purpose of the project is to promote our tourist potential and tourism products which is to date has an average of four hundred (400) tourists coming-in to take a bath in our 2-swimming pools, retreats/seminars and camping activities at President Manuel A. Roxas campsite. A Tourism Development program has also launched to pave the way to transform the eco-tourism program which includes the development of the newly reclaimed river channel into a Municipal Freedom Park, Beach resort and Landscaping by planting ornamental plants and mangroves that will support its eco-system of the area.

The overall objective of this project is to uplift the living condition of the town's people particularly the marginal folks living in the area and specially the project aims to:

- * Alleviate poverty
- * Generate Employment opportunities, and:
- * Increase income of its residents and the Municipality in general.

Sectoral Objectives:

The proposed project once materialized, it will greatly help improve the living condition of the families living below income thresholds as identified in the local Poverty Reduction Survey.

IV. PROJECT FINANCING

Funds Needed:

The total estimated cost of the project are broken down as follows:

* Filling-up/Embankment to elevate the area	P 1,500,000.00
* Construction of Freedom Park stage	500,000.00
* Construction of Beach resort facilities	1,000,000.00
* Landscaping	<u>500,000.00</u>
Total	P 3,000,000.00

Project Source:

The project will be funded by counter parting scheme between the local government of Garcia-Hernandez and prospective Funding Institutions.

Counterpart Funding:

The local government of Garcia-Hernandez will put-up an amount of Three hundred thousand pesos (P300,000.00) representing 10% of the total estimated project cost in cash excluding in kinds like equipments (Dump trucks and backhoe)

Financial Viability:

The proposed project is economically viable & socially acceptable. Tourists will surely increase and thereby also increasing the income of the people living nearby and the municipality in general.

V. PROJECT BENEFITS AND COSTS

Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of the project are the 149 below income threshold families constituting 59.8 % of the barangays and not less than 2,000 indirect beneficiaries constituting 8.8 % of the town populace.

Social benefits:

Once the project will be realized it provides a decent venue of the people of all walks to converge in the Freedom park and beach resort.

Economic benefits:

It helps provide job opportunities thus, improving the economy of the town and the people in general.

Social costs:

No unwanted social effects of the project

Economic costs:

The project has no harmful economic effects but instead it help rehabilitate the eco-system thru planting of ornamental trees and mangroves as planned.

VI. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Responsible Agencies:

The local government of Garcia-Hernandez represented by the Municipal Mayor, Hon. Myrna N. Schreurs. Department of Environment & Natural Resources as to the ECC, Bohol Tourism office & other government line agencies with regards to technical and expertise, and NGO/External Funding Institution.

Implementation schedule: Depends upon the availability of funds.

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