

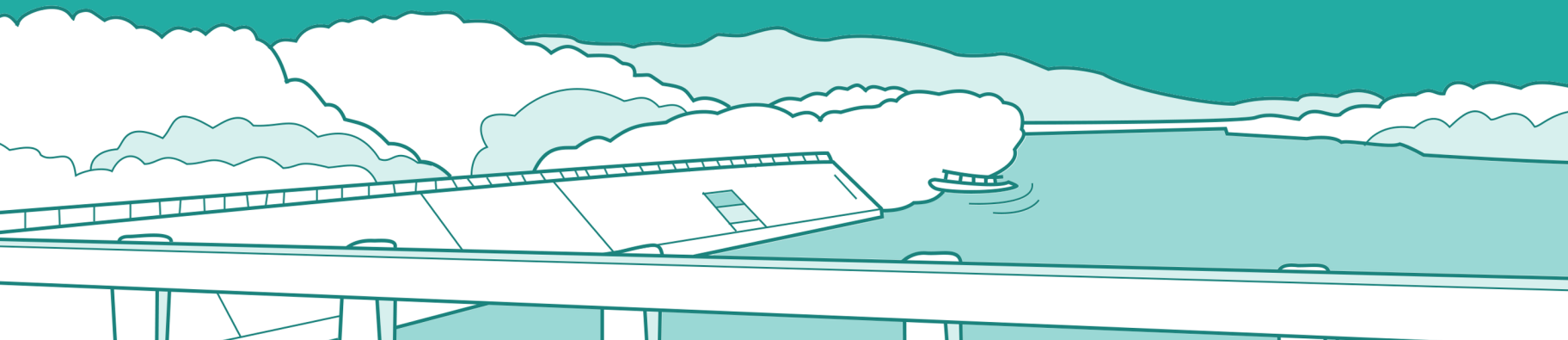
# CALUMPang- Ugnayan

Strengthening the Advocacy Groups – Women And  
other Networks (SAGWAN) on Watershed  
Rehabilitation and Conservation



# About Calumpang Watershed


Batangas Bay Watershed which is also known as **Calumpang River** is considered as the largest basin in the Province of Batangas. The watershed has the catchment area of 472 km<sup>2</sup> traversing through five towns and two cities which water drains into Batangas Bay. It is also considered as one of the most important tributaries of Verde Island Passage Marine Corridor, the world's "center of the center of the center of marine shore fish biodiversity". (Kent Carpenter and Victor Springer, 2005).



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In the State of the River Basin Report for Batangas Bay (2019) of Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG ENRO), the Calumpang Watershed can be classified in critical state in terms of pollution loads, ecosystem services, rate of urbanization and degradation.

The condition of the watershed is declining. Despite numerous projects, programs, and activities conducted, Calumpang river's water quality is still not improving with the mostly band-aid solutions. It still calls for action.



College of Arts and Sciences through **BS Development Communication (DEVCOM)** is one of the programs in Batangas State University-Pablo Borbon Campus that respond to the challenges of rehabilitating the Calumpang River. Since 2011, DEVCOM has conducted research, projects and activities which aimed to increase the knowledge and awareness of communities bordering Calumpang River.

To date, a total six researches were conducted, eight audio visual materials, five lectures and paper presentations, six printed materials which include posters, brochures and flyers were produced.

*About The Organizers*



**CALUMPang-ugnayan** is the first phase of the **WAVE Program**. WAVE stands for Watershed Advocacy towards Sustainable and Viable Environment: A Calumpang Watershed Rehabilitation Program, proposed by the Office of Vice Chancellor for Research, Development and Extension Services.

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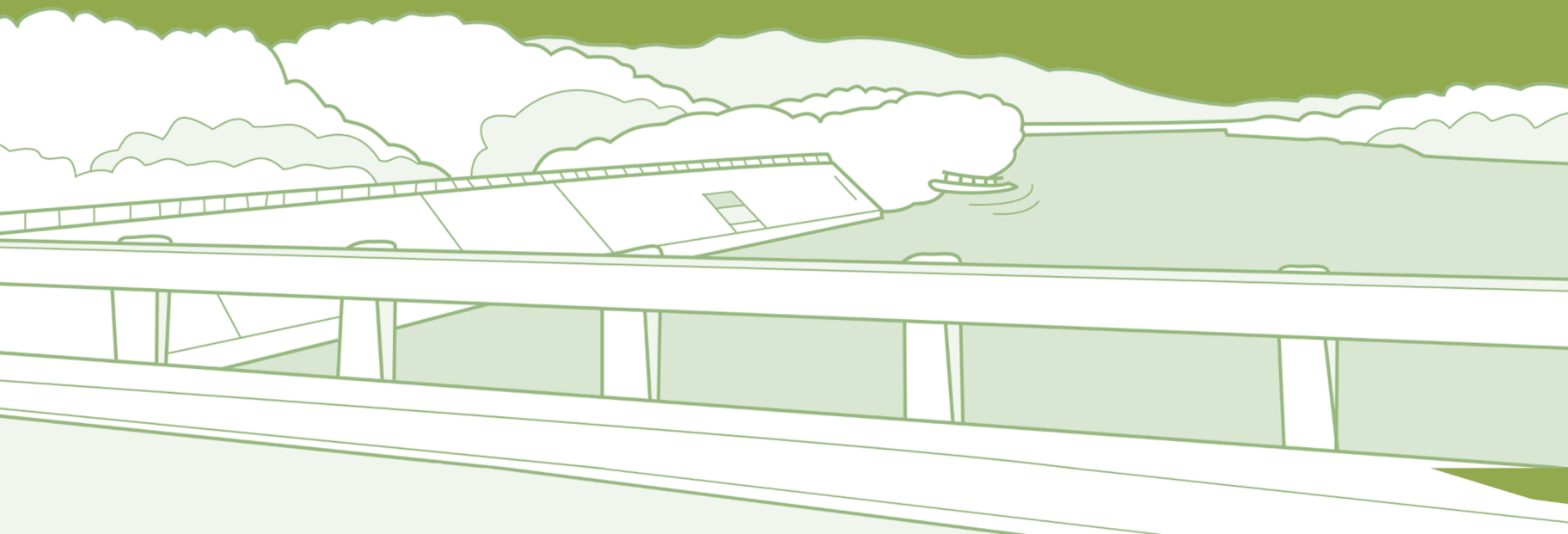
CALUMPang-ugnayan advocates for the creation of Calumpang Watershed Multi-Stakeholder Network, a watershed rehabilitation and management network from various organizations, groups and agencies that will manage the sustainable rehabilitation efforts and management of Calumpang Watershed.

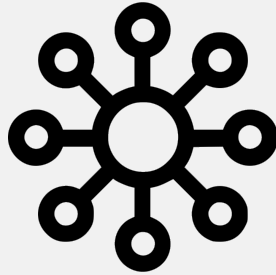
It calls for **volunteers, partners, and sponsors** that will play a big role on watershed rehabilitation. It will create space for a community advocating for one cause.



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# Main Events





# Calumpang Communities:

## Meet, Greet, and Share

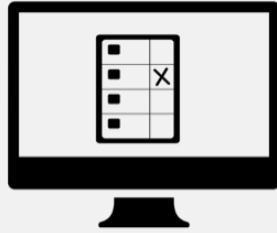
This is the first meeting of all participants via Google meet. Three professionals who worked on projects and programs to save Calumpang will be invited, and they will share their experiences with the participants.



# *KaTALK sa Calumpang;*

## **Webinar on Calumpang Watershed Rehabilitation and Conservation**

This is the main event of the project. Professionals who are knowledgeable about water rehabilitation and conservation will be invited as resource speakers. This will be conducted via zoom with registered participants and will be broadcasted live on Facebook.



# *Halalan para sa Calumpang:*

## **Election of Officers for a New Advocacy Group**

This is an online election for a new, strengthened advocacy group among the participants. The election will be done via Google forms.

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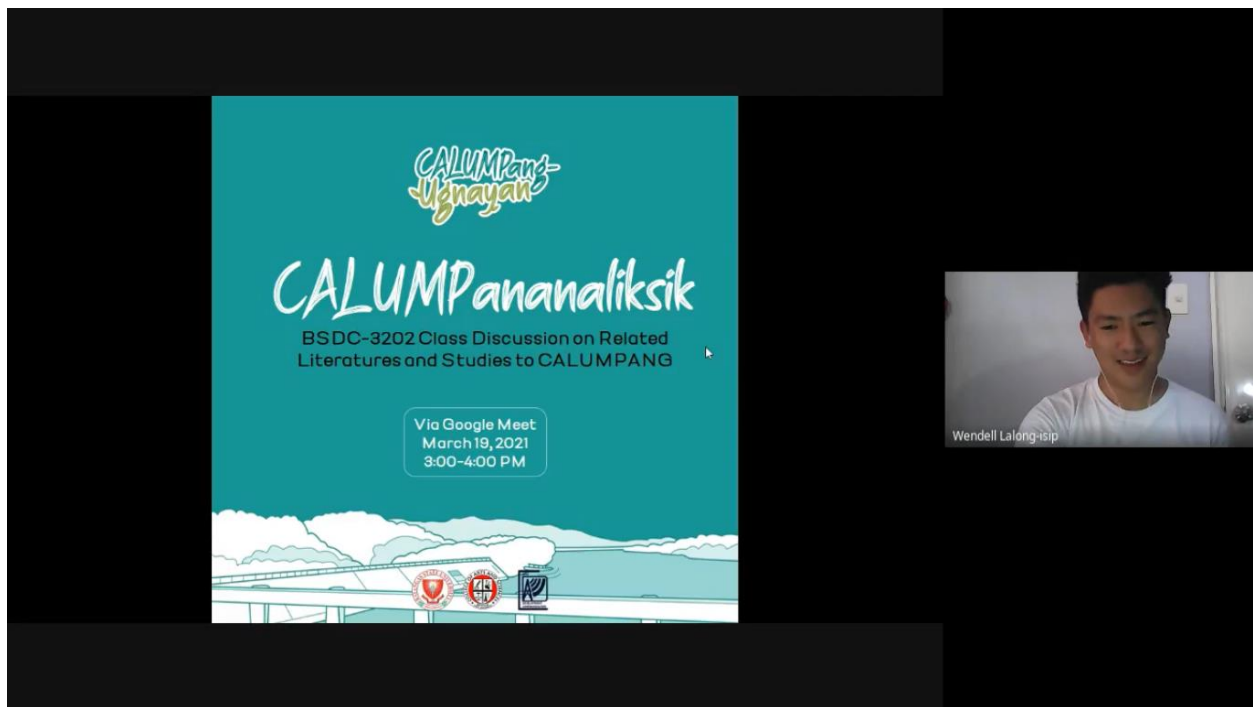
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*CALUMPang-Ugnayan Assisstant Class Project Leader, Wendell Lalong-isip facilitating the activity via Google Meet, March 19.*

### **CALUMPananaliksik signals the beginning of CALUMPang-ugnayan**

*Written by Wendell P. Lalong-isip and Franzis Jayke P. Batallantes*

CALUMPananaliksik: Reviewing Researches about Calumpang Watershed and Advocacy Groups signaled the start of CALUMPang-Ugnayan: Strengthening the Advocacy Groups - Women And other Networks (SAGWAN) on Watershed Rehabilitation and Conservation project, held on March 19.

Through the use of Google Meet, discussions and studies about the Calumpang Watershed and its current situation circulated among the student of BS Development Communication 3202 (BSDC 3202) of Batangas State University.

Discussions of researches related to watershed rehabilitation and conservation, and community mobilization were the focus of the activity. Moreover, different advocacy groups related to Calumpang River were introduced.

Communications Committee Head, Noriene Joyce Anareta, expressed her eagerness to make this project successful. "This is just the first phase of three years duration program, if we really want this to work out, we need to focus on our goal as the first phase", she said.

Anareta also gives her words of encouragement to BSDC 3202. "I just want you to realize na if you think this is not working out, or this will not be successful, I want to challenge you to take your part and make this successful", she stated.

With this activity, it ensures that the project is research-based, need-based, and its purpose is relevant. Also, the results and outcome of CALUMPananaliksik will be used for further activities under Project 1.



## **Calumpang Rehab project lists over 150 volunteers, 11 partners**

*Written by Julius Mojares and Rhinalyn Dimaculangan*

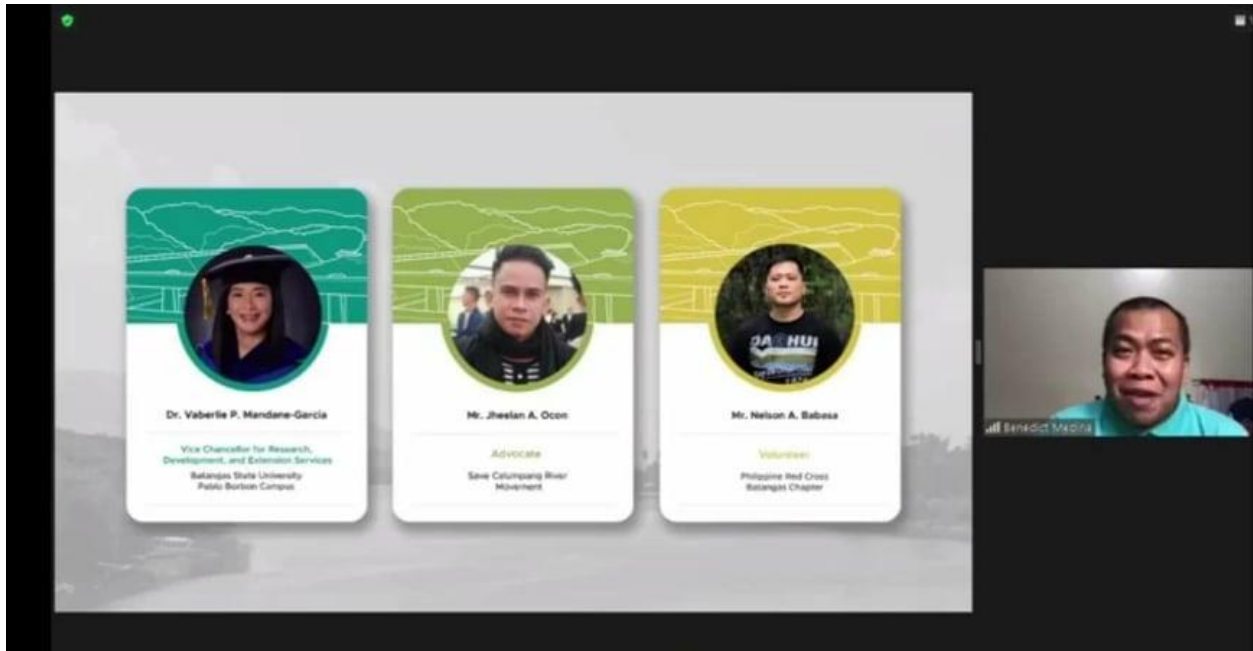
As of April 30th, CALUMPANG-Ugnayan counts 155 volunteers and 11 partners and sponsors from different sectors of community, data shows.

Through the use of Google registration forms, volunteers, organizations, and local government units within and outside Batangas State University enlisted to take part in the three-year WAVE program. CALUMPANG-Ugnayan, the first project, is coined to connote 'pakikipag ugnayan' to encourage community involvement.

In Facebook posts, the facilitating organization thanked volunteers for supporting the advocacy.

Among the partners and sponsors are the LGU of Taysan and Ibaan, SK Federation of Batangas, Sulambi VOSA, University Student Council, Triskellion-Solid Pallocan West Chapter, By Belle With Love, and Batangas Provincial Government-Environment and

Natural Resources Office. DevCom orgs KAMARA, Society of Development Communicators, and Student Broadcasters for Development Communication also registered.



*Dr. Benedict O. Medina introduction of the guest speaker for the Meet, Greet and Share activity.*

### **Calumpang-Ugnayan's Meet, Greet, and Share has successfully ended**

*Written by Ana Mae I. Garpia, John Lenard C. Gervacio, Joshua B. Godoy, Camille Fe D. Manguiat*

The Calumpang Communities: Meet, Greet, and Share activity of the Calumpang-Ugnayan Project under the WAVE program was successfully launched last April 5, 2021. The event was hosted by Julius Mojares of BS Development Communication - 3202 and was attended by all of the project's partners and sponsors. Prospect volunteers were also invited to attend the event to further discuss the project's aims and objectives for the rehabilitation of the Calumpang River.

Mr. Jheelan Ocon, Mr. Nelson Babasa, and Dr. Vaberlie Mandane- Garcia were there to talk about their knowledge and experiences in advocating for the river. Each of the guest speakers has given their insight on the different set of questions that came from the audience during the open forum, they also answered the questions prepared by the project staff of CALUMPang-Ugnayan. All of the participants from the Facebook live stream and those in the zoom meeting were actively engaging in the discussion.

Dr. Vaberlie Mandane-Garcia gave her closing remarks by showing her gratitude and acknowledgment for the presence of individuals who participated and made the activity possible. She mentioned that this was only the start of so many activities in continuation of saving the Calumpang River

## #SAVECalumpang advocates call for more volunteers

Written by: Jacob A. Esguerra, Erika Valencia, Hannah May Clavo, and Joanna Elaine Perez



### WEBINAR ON WATERSHED REHABILITATION AND CONSERVATION

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**TAKE PART.** Dr. Romel U. Briones, Assistant Director for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research, discussed the threats of watershed destruction to the community and encouraged the participants to actively participate in environmental efforts such as the WAVE Program.

With its webinar entitled *KaTALK sa Calumpang*, advocates of #SAVECalumpang movement encouraged more people to take part in the initiatives for the rehabilitation and conservation of the river, April 12.

To inspire the participants, Dr. Romel U. Briones, Assistant Director for Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research who also served as the first speaker, discussed the threats of watershed destruction to the community.

*"Mahalaga na ma-save natin ang Calumpang kasi marami pong maaapektuhan dahil kinukuhaan po natin siya ng pagkain, inumin, at kabuhayan,"* Dr. Briones said.

Meanwhile, Ma. Sherylyn P. Barot, Senior Environmental Management Specialist of Provincial Government - Environment and Natural Resources Office (PG ENRO) who

served as the second speaker, talked about the roles of community on watershed rehabilitation and conservation.

According to her, saving Calumpang should be a collaborative effort among the academe, government, NGOs, and the community.

*“Hindi po natin ito magagawa na gobyerno lamang, na academe lamang, at iyong community lamang, sama-sama po dapat tayo sa pagsalba ng Ilog Calumpang,”* she ended.

**HALALAN PARA SA CALUMPANG:**  
MATALAW: Election of Officers

### Election of MATALAW Officers

Good day, Malataw Volunteers!

As we revive this volunteering organization, it is very necessary to elect our new set of officers for A.Y. 2021-2022. Vote for the people who you think can lead to pursue our advocacies and realize our vision.

[For solo candidates, they must accumulate 50% plus 1 vote of the voters' population to be officially elected to their positions.]

**VOTE WISELY!**

*Caption: The election of Matalaw officers was conducted online via Google forms, May 10-11.*

## **CALUMPang-Ugnayan paves way for revival of Matalaw**

*written by Noriene Joyce D. Anareta*

As part of the CALUMPang-Ugnayan project, Halalan para sa Calumpang activity pull off the revival of Matalaw organization, election of officers, May 10-11.

Halalan para sa Calumpang is the fifth activity under the CALUMPang-Ugnayan project of BS DevCom students in Batangas State University-Pablo Borbon Campus. The project is committed to the rehabilitation and conservation of Calumpang, mainly through building connections among stakeholders and different networks.

Matalaw was founded in 2012 and was revived this year through the said activity. Aiming to establish an advocacy group that will continue the initiatives for Calumpang river and watershed, the organizers conducted the election of officers.

As of writing, the official members of Matalaw reach the count of 54. The said organization will be open to other students of Batangas State University in the A.Y. 2021-2022.



*Caption: The online evaluation was conducted online via Google forms, May 3-10.*

### **CALUMPagsusuri: Success of Calumpang-Ugnayan Project**

*Written by Richelle Bualoy, Maria Angelica Bagui and Catherine Joy Ardid*

As part of the Calumpang-Ugnayan project, the Calumpagsusuri: Online Evaluation was conducted on May 03, 2021 to May 10, 2021.

Online Evaluation and Monitoring is the sixth and final activity under the Calumpang-Ugnayan project of BS Development Communication students of Batangas State University Pablo Borbon Campus.

Eighty -seven respondents responded to the said evaluation of which a large number were volunteers and the rest were partners. The evaluation also showed that more women are interested in environmental activities than men. Respondents said that the organizers are great and commends all the speakers that they are well-educated and very informational. As a whole, it appears that the outcome of the said activity was good based on the responses of the respondents.