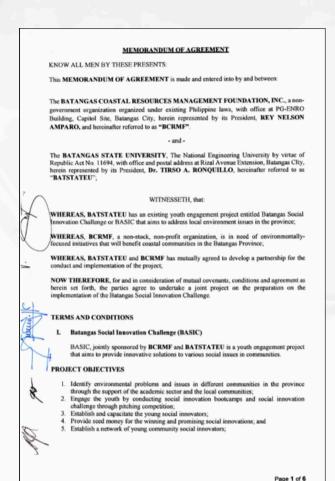
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BATSTATEU SEALED A PARTNERSHIP WITH BCRMF (BATANGAS COASTAL MANAGEMENT RESOURCES FOUNDATION INC.)



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Batangas Coastal Management Resources Foundation Inc. as an environmental group was committed to exerting conscious efforts towards the protection and conservation of coastal resources. In this light, BCRMF Inc. and Batangas State University sealed a partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement where one of their objectives is to identify environmental problems (marine pollution and climate change) and issues in different communities in the province through the support of the academic sector and the local communities.

A key initiative emerging from this partnership is the Batangas Social Innovation Challenge (BASIC), spearheaded by Batangas State University's SOCIAL INNOVATION RESEARCH CENTER (SIRC) in collaboration with the EXTENSION SERVICE OFFICE - CENTRAL (ESO-Central) and the Center for Sustainable Development (CSD).

The first leg of BASIC is dedicated to tackling local environmental challenges in Batangas province, with a particular focus on the Verde Island Passage, often referred to as the "Center of the Center of Marine Biodiversity." By addressing these issues, BASIC aims to create healthier, more environmentally friendly communities and contribute to the achievement of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Substantially, a healthy ocean is essential for water security. By safeguarding marine ecosystems, we can ensure a stable water cycle, abundant fisheries, and resilient coastal communities. As oceans face unprecedented threats from pollution, overfishing, and climate change, the water security of humankind is at risk. This partnership is committed to mitigating these threats and securing a sustainable future for both marine ecosystems and human communities.

Source: Social Innovation Research Center