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#### BatStateU takes part in Batangas City's Climate resilience efforts

Batangas State University (BatStateU) is significantly contributing to the climate resilience initiatives of Batangas City. Under the guidance of Engr. Erwin Cabral from the GIS Research Center, the university is actively involved in the Climate Core Team (CCT), focusing on evaluating nature-based solutions (NBS) designed to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

A critical aspect of this effort is the prioritization of NBS, led by Conservation International - Philippines, as part of the #ClimateResilientCities project. This initiative aims to strengthen climate resilience through the effective implementation of NBS. To identify the most appropriate solutions, the CCT, with support from the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), conducted a thorough evaluation process.

The criteria for prioritizing these solutions included:

- Effectiveness in promoting societal change
- Contribution to ecosystem integrity, particularly regarding climate change and disaster resilience
- Economic feasibility
- Social acceptance
- Urgency of implementation
- Alignment with the city's strategic priorities

These criteria seek to pinpoint NBS for the benefit of both Batangas City's environment and its community. The resulting prioritized list will lay the groundwork for future capacity-building programs related to climate finance and NBS implementation.



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USAID Philippines, CRS Philippines, & Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, in partnership with the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority and Batangas State University conducted the Advanced GIS Training to build the skills of the Batangas City in processing climate data and formulating maps. The training focused on the latest GIS developments such as geospatial analysis, QGIS plugins/ extensions, and the use of advanced GIS software and methods. Advanced GIS is essential in updating the city's climate and disaster risk assessment (CDRA) report and other local plans.

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