



Learning Exchange with INSPIRE Cycle I Grantees

December 10-12, 2022

Sponsored by the INSPIRE Project
(Pre-registration required)

Indigenous people's led biodiversity monitoring and climate change mitigation: The "Securing Sacred Areas, Culture, Rivers, and Endangered Biodiversity within Ancestral Domains at the Northern Pantaron Bioregion (SACRED) Project in Mts. Kaluayan-Kinabalian KBA"

In support of BCSP's capacity development mandate, the Investing in Sustainability and Partnerships for Inclusive Growth and Regenerative Ecosystems (INSPIRE) project funded by the USAID, will be hosting a Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Landscapes Learning Exchange Visit in Mt. Kaluayan-Kinabalian Key Biodiversity Area from December 10 to 12, 2022.

The Mt Kaluayan-Mt Kinabalian KBA serves as a biocultural backbone of Northern Mindanao. It is home to several indigenous tribes of Northern Mindanao which include the (i) Higaonons, (ii) Manobo Tigwahanon, (iii) Ata-Manobo, and (iv) Banwaon. (v) Manobo Agusanon and (vi) Umayamnon. The KBA is a vital ecosystem for unique flora and fauna, including IUCN "critically endangered" Philippine eagle, the IUCN "vulnerable" Philippine brown deer, and several restricted range species, namely, the Philippine flying lemur, the Mindanao gymnure, and several unique plants such as the new species of pitcher plant *Nepenthes cabanae*. The learning exchange collectively aims to cultivate, peer-to-peer learning of best conservation practices from the host communities that will encompass interactions on natural climate solutions to conserve biodiversity and reduce or avoid ecosystem conversion emissions, community-led monitoring and patrolling, and the empowerment of indigenous communities through indigenous knowledge systems and practices, securing land rights through IP-led initiatives as well as private sector engagement. The learning visits are envisaged to become an additional platform for cross-learning of CSOs, biodiversity conservation practitioners, and communities in an actual and ongoing conservation project.

A maximum of 15 participants will be allowed to join the Learning Exchange Visit. The site visit will require a certain level of fitness as participants will be required to trek and ride a habal-habal. Anyone from the CSOs, media, and the academe are welcome to join the LEx Visit but priority will be given to the persons with knowledge and experience on the following:

- a. Eco-cultural tourism;
- b. Biodiversity-friendly enterprises; and
- c. Natural Climate Solutions and REDD+

Inclusions:

- Van transfer Butuan - Bukidnon vv.
- Accommodation at local tourism facility
- Meals during the learning exchange visit

Terms and conditions:

- Interested participants shall send their letter of intent and curriculum vitae to **inspire@gerryroxasfoundation.org** with the subject "INSPIRE Learning Exchange Visit_Your Surname/Organization" until **December 2, 2022.**



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