

Support Programs Recommended

It is recommended that action programs that support the research initiatives in the following classifications be undertaken: Capability Building (Human Resource Development), Information, Education and Communication (IEC), Networking, Community Organizing, and Immediate Action Programs.

Among the HRD activities recommended are a basic course in ecology, methods of biological and ecological assessment, particularly for people involved in alternative livelihood, training of researchers on gender and development especially with regard to resource access and control, Philippine-Netherlands exchange of foreign students or researchers, and training of students, faculty and staff from local schools.

As to IEC, the coastal ecosystem group recommends campaign for flora and fauna protection, dissemination of information about existing ordinances that pertain to environmental conservation and regeneration; and the design of campaign materials for the same or compilation of materials thereon.

The often-repeated need for community organizing should be answered by coordinating with organized groups and engaging in organizational development/institutional strengthening thereof.

There are existing NGOs and institutions which may already have vital material which constitute the bulk of the database. Research publication may also form part of the concern of the program.

Certain integrated community livelihood projects should be implemented immediately to address the urgent need for alternative livelihood.