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Country Paper: Philippines

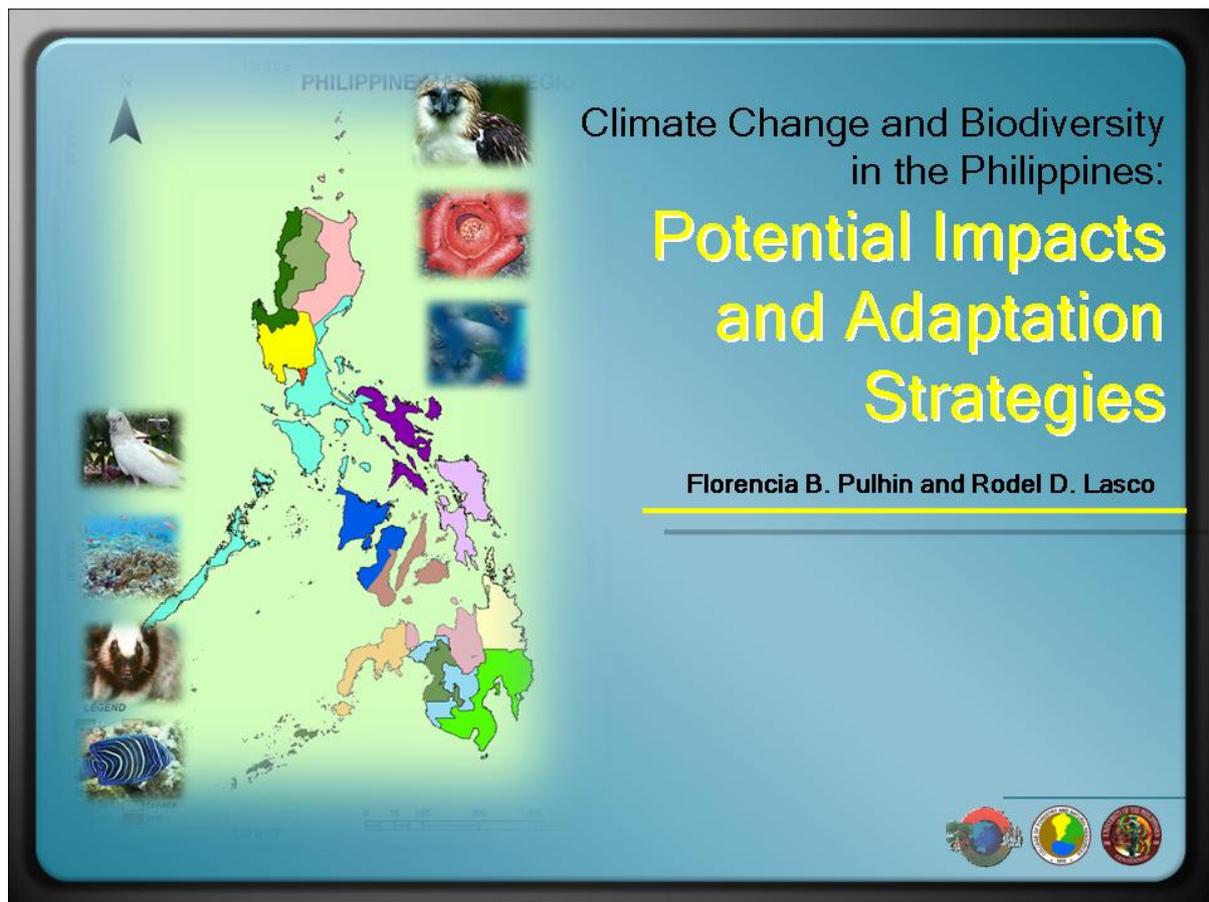
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

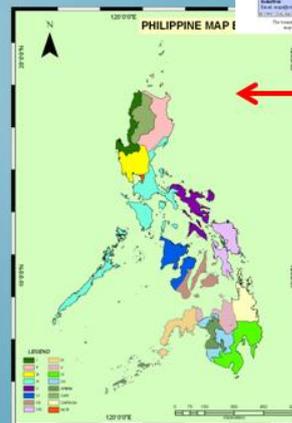
- The Philippines and Climate Change
- Impacts and Vulnerability of Ecosystems and Biodiversity to Climate Change
- Potential Adaptation Strategies
- Conclusion





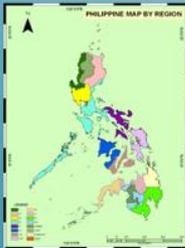
THE PHILIPPINES

- An archipelagic country composed of 7107 islands
- Bounded on the southwest by Borneo, on the north by Taiwan, on the south by Moluccas and Sulawesi and on the east by Palau
- Covers 30 M ha, almost equally divided between forest land and A & D





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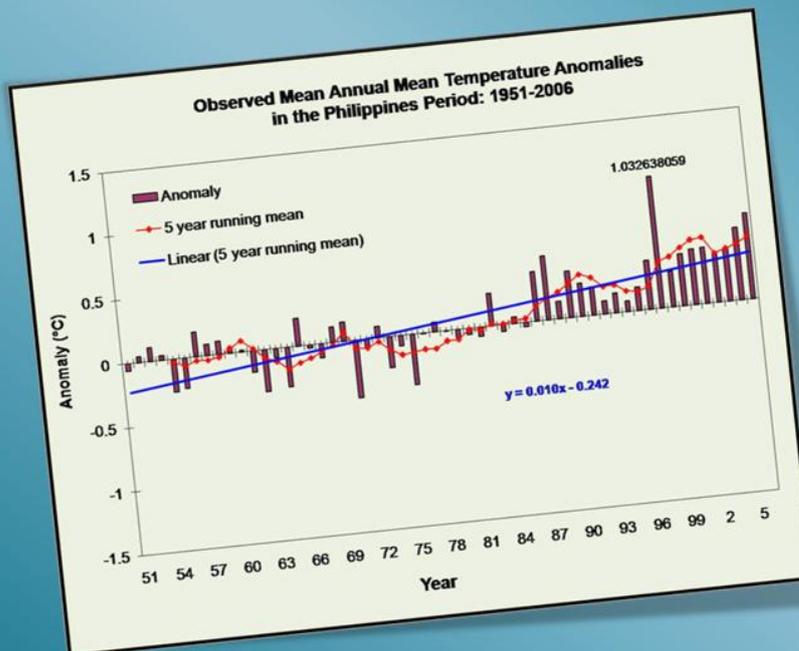


- Has four climatic types
- Average annual temperature 26.6 0C, mean max temperature 28 0C and mean min temperature 25.80C
- Mean annual rainfall range from 965 mm to 4064 mm
- Relative humidity as much as 85% during the month of September.
- As of 2000 census, total population 76.5 M
- Population density 255/km2





The Philippines and Climate Change



From 1951 to 2006, records show that warming has occurred in the country





The Philippines and Climate Change

YEAR	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND	YEAR	JFM	AMJ	JAS	OND
1950	C	C	C	C	1978	W-			
1951	C			W-	1979				
1952					1980	W-			
1953		W-	W-		1981				
1954			C-	C	1982		W-	C	W+
1955	C	C-	C-	C+	1983	W+	W		C-
1956	C	C	C	C-	1984	C-	C-		C-
1957		W-	W-	W	1985	C-	C-		
1958	W+	W	W-	W-	1986			W-	W
1959	W-				1987	W	W	W+	W
1960					1988	W-		C-	C+
1961					1989	C+	C-		
1962					1990			W-	W-
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1964			C-	C	1992	W+	W+	W-	W-
1965	C-		W	W+	1993	W-	W	W	W-
1966	W	W-	W-		1994			W	W
1967					1995	W			C-
1968				W-	1996	C-			
1969	W	W-	W-	W-	1997		W	W+	W+
1970	W-				1998	W+	W	C-	C
1971	C	C-	C-	C-	1999	C+	C	C-	C+
1972		W-	W	W+	2000	C	C	C	C-
1973	W		C-	C+	2001	C			
1974	C+	C	C-	C-	2002		W-	W	W
1975	C-	C-	C	C+	2003	W-		W-	W-
1976	C			W-	2004			W	W
1977				W-	2005	W-			

Occurrence of ENSO events observed to become more frequent since 1980

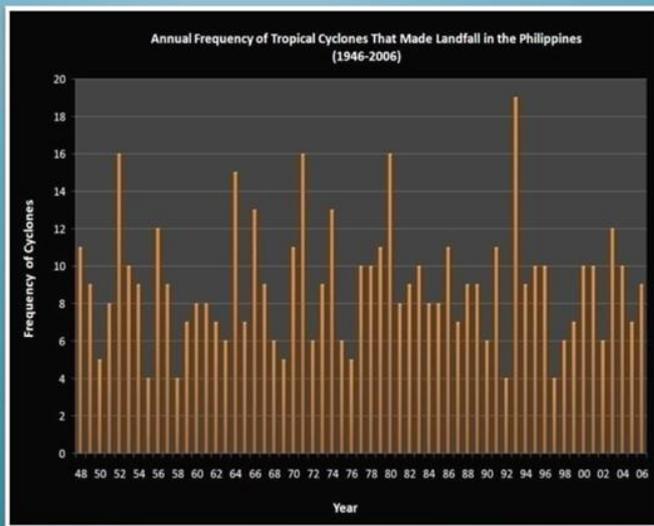
Legend

C- weak La Nina C moderate La Nina
 C+ strong La Nina W- weak El Nin
 W moderate El Nino W+ Strong El Nino





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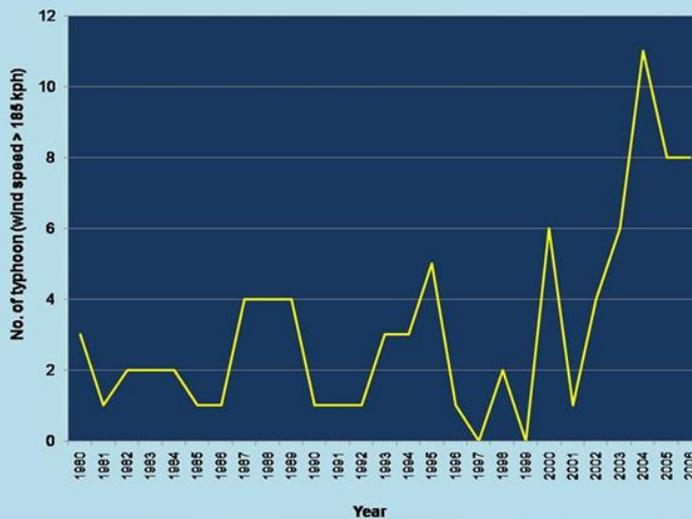


- Annual average number of typhoons occurring within PAR around 19 to 20





The Philippines and Climate Change



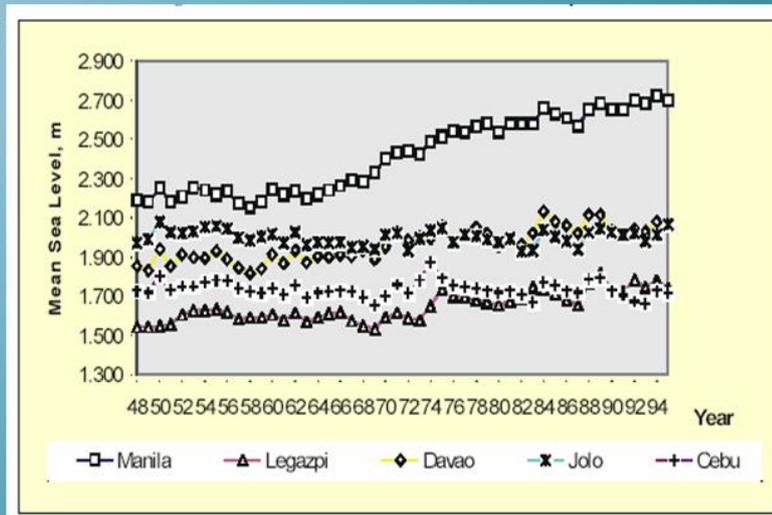
Increasing trend on the number of strong typhoons (> 185 kph wind speed) hitting the Philippines





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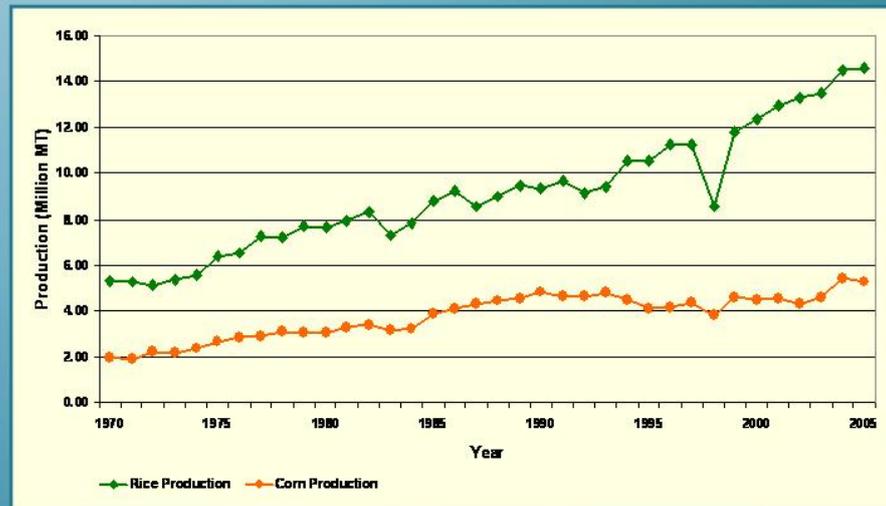
- Annual mean sea level observed to increase in Manila since 1960s while for Legazpi, Davao, Jolo and Cebu, SLR occurred in 1970s





Impacts of observed changes in climate trends, variability and extremes

Extreme drought associated with El Nino puts the agricultural sector at risk



Source of Data: BAS, 2006





Climate projections



Typhoons caused damage to properties and lives of people

- Typhoon “Uring” (Thelma) - 5101-8000 (death); P1.045 B (damage to properties)
- Typhoons ‘Ruping” (Mike) and “Rosing” (Angela) - P11B (damage to properties)
- Typhoon “Milenyo” (Xangsane) - P6.6 B (damage to properties)





Impacts of observed changes in climate trends, variability and extremes

Table 3.1 Temperature Change and Rainfall Ratio by Water Resource Region Based on the Canadian Climate Center Model (2 x CO₂ Scenario)

Name of Water Resource Regions		Temperature Change (°C)	Rainfall Ratio
I	Ilocos	<2	1.0-1.5
II	Cagayan Valley	<2	1.0-1.5
III	Central Luzon	2-3	1.0-2.0
IV	Southern Tagalog	2-3	1.6-2.0
V	Bicol	2-3	1.0-1.5
VI	Western Visayas	2-3	1.6-2.0
VII	Central Visayas	2-3	1.6-2.0
VIII	Eastern Visayas	2-3	1.0-2.0
IX	Western Mindanao	2-3	1.0-1.5
X	Northern Mindanao	2-3	<1.0-1.5
XI	Eastern Mindanao	>3	<1.0
XII	Southern Mindanao	2-3	1.0-1.5





Status of Philippine Biodiversity

World Rank of ASEAN Member Countries in Total Diversity and Endemism		
Country	Rank (Biodiversity)	Rank (Endemism)
Indonesia	3	2
Malaysia	14	8
Philippines	17	15

*Source: ASEAN Report to
WSSD, 2002*

*The Conservation International (CI) designated Philippines as one
of the world's 17 megadiversity countries*





Status of Terrestrial Biodiversity



- 8000 species flowering plants, 33 species gymnosperms, 1100 species ferns and allies, 6091 species endemic
- 167 terrestrial mammals, 102 endemic
- 235 species reptiles, 160 species and six genera endemic
- 99 species of amphibians, 74 species endemic
- 20942 species insects, 6185 genera and 499 families endemic
- 535 species of birds, 35% endemic
- about 60% endemic flora now extinct
- 86 species birds, 33 species mammals and 3 species reptiles threatened/ endangered





Causes of biodiversity loss in the Philippines

- Overpopulation
 - Large percentage of population are poor
 - Have limited access to livelihood opportunities
 - Forced to migrate to forested areas to eke out a living
 - Expansion of areas devoted to settlement, economic activities and transportation infrastructure





Causes of biodiversity loss in the Philippines

- Various forestry and non-forestry policies promoted conversion of forestlands into other land uses
 - e.g. Land for the landless, TLA, Pasture Lease Agreement





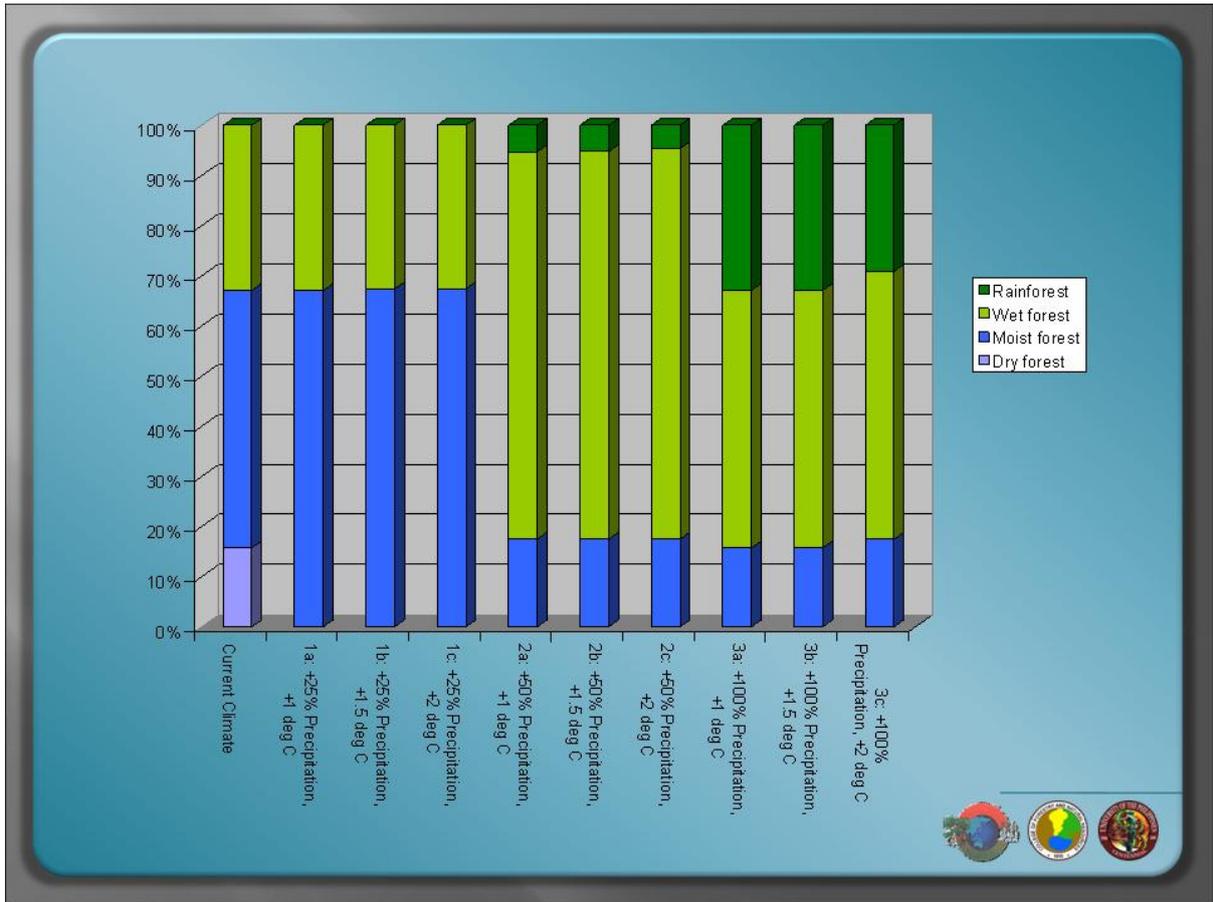
Potential impacts of climate change on ecosystems and biodiversity

CC likely to result to expansion and migration of forests and extinction of many species and reduction in diversity of ecosystems (IPCC, 2007)

Lasco *et al.*(2007) used the Holdridge Life Zone system and GIS

Holdridge Life Zone - an ecological classification system based on precipitation, heat (biotemperature) and humidity (potential evapotranspiration ratio)







Potential impacts of climate change on ecosystems and biodiversity

- Increases in temperature have very little drying effect on the life zones in the Philippines
- Dry forests the most vulnerable to climate change as it disappear even at 25% increase of rainfall
- Rainforests favored once amount of rainfall increase





Potential impacts of climate change on ecosystems and biodiversity

- CC likely to reduce forested areas because of upward movement of lowland farmers
- Occurrence of pests and diseases may alter the species composition, structure and functions of forest ecosystems





Potential Adaptation Strategies

1. Risk and Vulnerability Assessment
Identification of ecosystems and species at risk and location of vulnerable ecosystems and species
2. Enhancing Biodiversity Management to Reduce Risk and Vulnerability
 - i. Protection of the remaining forests
 - ii. Rehabilitation of degraded forestlands
 - iii. Improve harvesting technology





Potential Adaptation Strategies

Adaptation options to climate variability and extremes for forest lands PCW

Land Use	Adaptation Options
Tree plantation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust silvicultural treatment schedules Plant species that can adjust to variable climate situations Proper timing of tree planting projects or activities Implement proper silvicultural practices Construction of fire lines Controlled burning Supplemental watering
Natural forest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety net measures for farmers by local and national government Cancellation of logging permits (total logging ban)
Grasslands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reforestation- adaptation of contour farming in combination to organic farming Promote community based forest management Increase fund for forest protection, regeneration from national government Increase linkage building of LGU-GO-NGO Introduction of drainage measures Controlled burning Introduction of drought resistant species Intensive information dissemination campaign among stakeholders

Source: Lasco et al 2007)





Potential Adaptation Strategies

3. Mainstreaming Climate Change in Biodiversity Management

i. Policies and Programs

- Current policies need to be re-assessed and updated to focus more on how forest resources management be improved
- Current and proposed programs must already integrate climate change strategies





Potential Adaptation Strategies

3. Mainstreaming Climate Change in Biodiversity Management

ii. Planning

CC incorporated in the management plans for biodiversity to enhance adaptation

iii. Monitoring

Establishment of long-term monitoring plots in different biodiversity-rich areas which are vulnerable to climate change





Potential Adaptation Strategies

4. Securing Sustainable Financing Mechanism

- Biodiversity management can be effective and sustainable if long-term financial support is assured
- One of the possible sources to finance biodiversity management is PES





KEY MESSAGES

1. Current state of Philippine biodiversity is alarming
2. Many stressors (i.e. overpopulation, deforestation, unsustainable livelihood, development) greatly contribute to the erosion of biodiversity
3. With climate change, biodiversity expected to be further threatened
4. Aside from climate change, biodiversity will also be affected by the response of the vulnerable sectors to the impacts of climate change





KEY MESSAGES

5. Local communities will exert more pressure on forest resources as income from current livelihood activities will be adversely affected by climate change
6. Adaptation strategies need to be undertaken
 - Assessment of risk and vulnerability
 - Enhance biodiversity management to reduce risk and vulnerability
 - Mainstream climate change to biodiversity management
 - Sustainable financing mechanism





THANK YOU!

