

Abatan Watershed Characterization Project

The project covers two major activities, (1) characterization of the Abatan Watershed and (2) preparation of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan.

Prior to the preparation of the Integrated Watershed Management Plan, characterization of the watershed is undertaken. DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2008-05 covers "the presentation of integrated watershed management plans of all watershed regardless of their classification, size, use, and administrative jurisdiction.



The Abatan Watershed is composed of 13 municipalities, namely: Cortes, Maribojoc, Antequera, San Isidro, Loon, Calape, Tubigon, Clarin, Sagbayan, Catigbian, Balilihan, Sika tuna and Corella. Approximately 2,892.50 hectares or 8% of the area are classified as timberland while the remaining 33,647.50

hectares or 92% are classified as alienable and disposal land.

Watershed characterization involves collection and gathering of primary and secondary data in relation to the watershed's socio-economic, biological and physical factors, determination of issues, vulnerability and opportunities for future development interventions.



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