

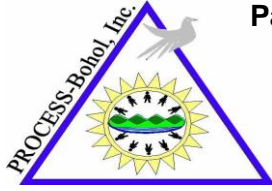
PROGRESS REPORT

CONSTRUCTION OF BANDONG BOAT FOR THE ABATAN RIVER COMMUNITY LIFE TOUR IN SUPPORT TO THE TOURISM PROGRAM OF THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL



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BACKGROUND

The 7.2 magnitude earthquake which hit the province of Bohol and nearby regions last October 15, 2013 created destruction in extent and scale that left many in awe and rendered most of the local government disaster response structure overwhelmed during the initial few days. Government buildings, houses and community service infrastructures were badly damaged and people were forced to live in makeshift structures and tents in fear because of the thousands of aftershocks which threatened to further damage what remained of their houses.

Severely affected is the tourism industry in the province of Bohol which is primarily dependent on environment. Among the areas that badly affected is the Abatan River where the community-based eco-tourism operates, the Abatan River Community Life Tour. This covers the municipalities of Cortes, Maribojoc, Antequera, Balilihan and Catigbian.

One of the support facilities in the operation of the Abatan River Community Life Tour are bandong boats. Some of these boats were also badly damaged.



PROCESS-Bohol, Inc. and the Abatan River Development Management Council (ARDMC) would like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the financial assistance extended by the Philippine Travel Agencies Association (PTAA) for the repair of the Bandong Boat in the amount of P250,000.00. It really means a lot to us because it means back to work to all the community members involved in the operation of the Abatan River Community Life Tour.

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Hence, we are more grateful that PTAA extended another FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO THOUSAND & 30/100 (PHP532,357.30) for the construction of a brand new 20-seater Bandong Boat.

The cheque was turned-over last January 9, 2015 during the opening program of **Visit Bohol 2015** at the Glorietta Mall in Makati City. The cheque in the amount of PhP532,357.30 was received by the Governor Edgar M. Chatto of the Province of Bohol with the undersigned and witnessed by Sec. Ramon Jimenez of the Department of Tourism (DOT), Congressmen Rene Lopez-Relampagos and Arthur Yap of Bohol as well as the City Mayor of Tagbilaran City and the Vice Governor of the province of Bohol.



After the receipt of the second donation, the Abatan River Development Management Council (ARDMC) and the province of Bohol through the Governor gave a Plaque of Appreciation to the PTAA for their undying support and financial assistance to the community-based ecotourism program in Bohol.

Ms. Punch F. Jose, PTAA Executive Vice President & Chairperson, Calamity Task Force with Mr. Marciano Ragaza III received the Plaque of Appreciation from Governor Edgar M. Chatto together with DOT Sec. Jimenez and the undersigned.

THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT

Prior to the construction of the 20-seater bandong boat, preparatory activities were done such as canvass/quotation and purchase of materials needed. Some of the materials needed were purchased in Cebu since there is no available supply in Bohol.

A Contract of Service was also prepared and signed by the boat contractor who is a MARINA-accredited boat contractor. The construction works started last May, 2015 after all the preliminary activities were done,.

Photos shown below are the on-going construction of the 20-seater bandong boat



Below are photos showing the carpenters while mixing and applying fiber materials to the on-going boat construction.



Hopefully, the target turn-over and blessing of the newly-built and the repaired bandong boats is set within the week of July 20-26, 2015 which is the weeklong Sandugo Festival in the province of Bohol.

We are hoping that PTAA officials are also coming.

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