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INTRODUCTION

The Participatory Research, Organization of Communities and Education towards Struggle for Self-reliance (PROCESS) is a non-stock, non-profit, non-government organization established on March 2, 1982 in Manila with the aim of creatively animating the formation of strong and autonomous people's organizations and building up their capabilities for participatory and self-reliant development. Since its establishment, PROCESS has been involved in the organization and empowerment of fishing and farming communities in the upland and coastal areas of Northern Luzon, Western Visayas and Bohol.

PROCESS started its operation in Bohol in March 1985 in the coastal Municipality of Tubigon. In partnership with various stakeholders, it is continuously facilitating the formation and strengthening of people's organizations from the fisherfolk, women, urban poor and farming sectors province-wide.

On March 2, 1998, PROCES-Bohol, Inc. has declared itself officially autonomous from its Head Office in Makati City on the strength of its separate registration with the *Securities and Exchange Commission* (SEC). Currently, it is duly certified by the *Philippine Council for NGO Certification* (PCNC) for being excellent in housekeeping with a maximum term of 5 years. It is also accredited by the *Department of Social Welfare and Development* (DSWD) for having served the country's poor communities, especially women and children. The Ayala Foundation-USA also gave accreditation to PROCESS-Bohol as their partner in *diaspora* fund-sourcing in USA and Canada.

PRINCIPLES OF DEVELOPMENT

PROCESS believes that grassroots organization should play a key role in transforming society and should effectively participate in local and national decision-making.

By empowering the grassroots through their own collective reflection and action, PROCESS aims to make itself progressively immaterial as communities increasingly take control of their own destiny.

VISION

Improved quality of life of poor communities, particularly those of farmers and fishers who are God-loving, gender-sensitive and empowered, living in a healthy, just and equitable environment.

MISSION

To continuously empower the poor farmers and fishers towards effective and sustainable management of resources and promotion of just and gender-sensitive environment.

GOAL

Empowered POs that can claim and protect sectors' rights, advance their interests and enhance their participation in society and governance.



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CORE PROGRAMS

- 1) **Integrated Coastal Resource Management (ICRM) Program** – It aims to strengthen gender-sensitive fisherfolk organizations for the protection, conservation, development and wise utilization of marine and coastal resources. Its projects and activities are geared towards fisherfolk's active participation in local governance to pursue their legitimate and collective interests and aspirations.
- 2) **Gender and Development (GAD) Program** – Cutting across the two core programs, the GAD envisions the empowerment of women in society through initiatives aimed at raising awareness and critical attitude towards women as a distinct sector in equal partnership with the men. It includes mainstreaming gender in community development and governance and strongly advocates for the promotion of gender equality and reduction of domestic violence.
- 3) **Watershed Resource Management (WARM) Program** – It adopts effective and efficient integrated approaches in watershed management and implements water and sanitation and environment-friendly livelihood projects. It facilitates intensive awareness campaign on environmental issues and concerns with the key resource stakeholders of development and provides continuous education.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Collorary to the core programs, PROCESS- Bohol established support programs to its structure such as:

- 1) **Research and Development Program (RDP)** – It serves as the databank of both PROCESS-Bohol and the partner people's organizations aimed at optimizing usage and mutual sharing of data and information with stakeholders for an evidence-based decision-making and planning. It also develops the capacity of the community people to deepen their awareness of their situation, analyze and adopts strategies to counteract perceived problems and threats.
- 2) **Training and Consultancy Program (TCP)** – It provides training and consultancy to partner people's organizations, agencies and other clients. Together with the people, it undertakes participatory and task-oriented educational and skills development programs based on their identified needs to resolve concrete issues and problems.
- 3) **Enterprise Development Program (EDP)** – It supports the economic activities of the major programs that are environment-friendly geared towards self-sufficiency and sustainability of the partner people's organizations. It also seeks to enhance the entrepreneurial and bargaining skills of the partner communities through livelihood, self-management, community cooperation and the wise use and control of local resources. It implements the *Community Based Sustainable Tourism* (CBST) Project that aims to provide alternative livelihood through ecotourism to fishers, women and farmers while protecting and conserving the environment.



Its core staff have wealth of experience and expertise in the following areas: community organizing; participatory researches (such as PAR, PRA, etc.); capability building for POs & other stakeholders (e.g., leadership development, financial system installation, project management, conflict management, gender sensitivity, reproductive health, etc.); enterprise & livelihood development, potable water and irrigation system; natural resource management (upland & coastal); advocacy and networking; and monitoring & evaluation.

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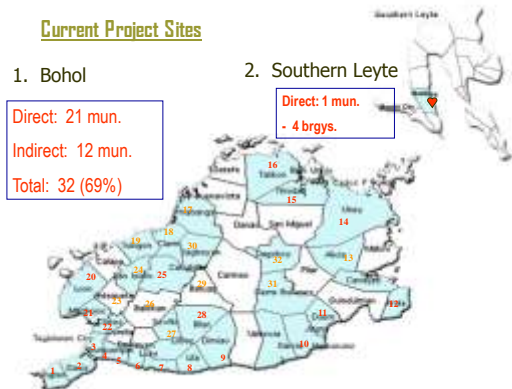


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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The year 2012-2013 is another productive year of PROCESS-Bohol inspite of the fact that funding assistance in the province of Bohol continued to decline. For this year, 3 projects successfully ended its terms, i.e. HealthPRO, AWARE and SCOW/S4W.

To date, PROCESS-Bohol, Inc. continued to sustain its operation in the 22 coastal and 9 upland municipalities in the province of Bohol and 1 municipality in Southern Leyte. It has facilitated the strengthening of people's organizations (POs) comprising women, fisherfolks and farmers sectors. Currently, PROCESS-Bohol maintained a total of 45 POs and 2 provincial federations of marginalized fishers and rural women with a total membership of 2,352 members comprising of 2,625 households through monitoring and in direct intervention in some selected POs particularly the SAVIMA, CROWN and DJMO as well as consultancy services to the two federations, namely: PAGKAINA and MAKAMASA-Bohol. Also direct assistance is given to Abatan POs, namely: HUKAKASA, ALIMANGO, SRWA, BAWOD and DAFANAS.



Under the integrated coastal resource management program, PROCESS-Bohol continuously supports the initiatives of MAKAMASA-Bohol members particularly the Maribojoc fisherfolk organizations in partnership with the Maribojoc Bay Executive Management Office (MBEMO). The Pride Campaign Program for Mabaw Reef Marine Sanctuary in Maribojoc Bay is now in full swing. They have developed Mabi as the mascot representing nemo fish.

Likewise, the San Vicente Mangrove Growers Association (SAVIMA) is recipient of a Php1,325,348.00 for the total repair of their 800 meters boardwalk. The funding assistance is from SEACOLOGY.

Meanwhile, under the GAD Program, the Health Promotion and Communications (HealthPRO) project funded by USAID has already completed last May, 2012. The project successfully assisted the Local Government Units (LGUs) in ten (10) priority areas namely the municipalities of Loay, Lila, Valencia, Jagna, Anda, Mabini, Danao, Inabanga, Tubigon and Loon improved, expanded and strengthened the quality and sustainability of health promotion and communication efforts in their respective localities.



For the Watershed Resource Management, the Abatan Watershed Characterization (AWARE) has also completed. Terminal Report was already submitted to DENR. To recall, the Abatan Watershed is the third largest of the 11 major watershed networks that support water needs and other requirements of the island province of Bohol. It covers some 38,628 hectares or close to 9% of the province's total land area. It has three distinct land divisions, coastal, lowland and upland. It covers 13 municipalities mostly belongs to District 1.

The findings of the study revealed that the biodiversity of Bohol is highly significant as regards to the existing and potential development of tourism in the province. A total of 273 plant species consisting of ferns, grasses, herbs, palms, shrubs, trees and vines were identified. Likewise, a total of 67 animal species were identified. The upland and forest areas with dense vegetation and thickets that offer protection are home of the endangered endemic **Philippine tarsier** (*Tarsius syrichta*), known locally as **Maumag** in Visayan dialect and **Golden-capped Fruitbat** (*Acerodon jubatus*). The tarsier is now regarded as a major tourism product in the area, particularly in the municipality of Corella where a tarsier sanctuary has been established.

In Southern Leyte, after 5 years of continuous project monitoring of the two projects, Sharing & Caring Others in Watershed (SCOW) and Strengthening Social Capital for Sustainability & Self-reliance in Watershed (S4W) in the municipality of Malitbog, it was officially closed. The sustainability mechanisms have already been turned over to the LGU's MAO.

In the aspect of Enterprise Development, the Daus Jewelry Makers' Organization (DJMO) is now operational. With funding assistance from Fundacion Santiago (FS), five (5) working tables were installed at the common production area with the basic jewelry tools provided. As such, a total amount of P70,000.00 loan from PROCESS-Bohol was released to the PO for their initial working capital.

Likewise, PROCESS-Bohol continuously assisted the Cabilao Romblon Weavers Network (CROWN) in their quest for a better quality of life. Thus, with the assistance of PACAP-AusAid, sewing machines and other weaving equipment were purchased and turn-over to the PO. Now, the PO continuously received orders both from local and national buyers. Some of the constant buyers at the local level at the Bohol Bee Farm, Linaw Beach Resort, the local government units, among others.

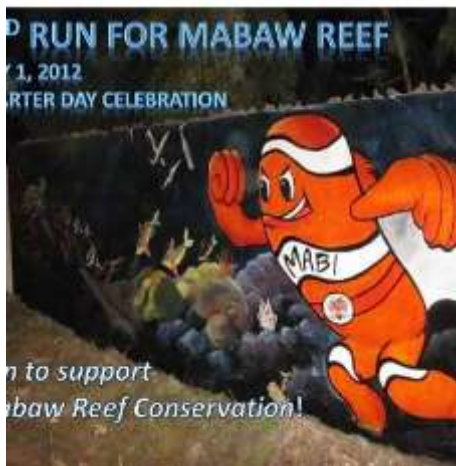
In terms of project management, PROCESS-Bohol was able to maintain a lean and mean staffing of 10 persons inspite of the so many projects implemented. This is due to the fact that some of the projects don't have staff support. So as a result, some staff are handling more than one project without necessary sacrificing the project outputs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. INTEGRATED COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (ICRM) PROGRAM

PROCESS-Bohol continuously supports the initiatives of MAKAMASA-Bohol members particularly the Maribojoc fisherfolk organizations in partnership with the Maribojoc Bay Executive Management Office (MBEMO). The Executive Director of MBEMO, Mr. Jovenal Edquilag has just completed his two-year scholarship with RARE-PRIDE as Campaign Manager.

Mabaw Marine Sanctuary Pride Campaign Program



The Pride Campaign Program for Maribojoc Bay area was focused in Mabaw Reef Marine Sanctuary. The Pride Campaign Program for Mabaw Marine Sanctuary was a great success which ended last October 1, 2012.

The Campaign was in partnership with the Sam Donaldson Center for Communication at the University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP). The scholarship grant of Mr. Edquilag provided him with an M.A. in Communication after the completion of the 2-year Pride campaign. The Tagbilaranons were very grateful about the assistance provided by RARE.

San Vicente Mangrove Grower's Association (SAVIMA) Mangrove Adventure

The San Vicente Mangrove Growers Association (SAVIMA) of barangay San Vicente, Maribojoc, Bohol is one of PROCESS-Bohol assisted fishers organizations who is a recipient of a Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) from the DENR last August 30, 1999. Thru the agreement, the DENR awarded to SAVIMA as CBFMA Holder a total area of **56.25 hectares of mangrove forest land** pursuant to the provision of DENR Administrative Order No. 96-29. The PO is tasked to manage the said mangrove areas for 25 years and renewable for another 25 years.

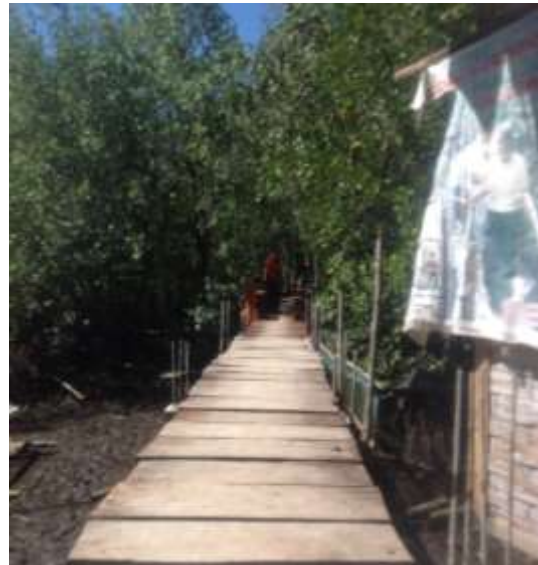
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BEFORE



AFTER

The SAVIMA PO, in collaboration with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), planted 10,000 mangrove propagules within the 3 hectare area of their CBFMA areas as part of their continuous commitment to properly manage and maintain their 56 hectares mangrove areas. The plantation was fenced by the POs with bamboos to ensure high survival of the mangroves planted. While planting mangroves, the PO members earned a total of Sixty Thousand (Php60,000) Pesos as an their income as they were paid by the BFAR for the mangroves planting. Of the Php60T, Php49T went directly to the members who participated in the mangrove planting while the P11T was the share of the organization. However, the Php10T shall only be released when all the mangroves survived and grown up.

After the mangrove planting once successful, another livelihood project will be provided by the BFAR, the mudcrab culture.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), on the other hand, discussed with the PO regarding the planned mangrove plantation in the 25 hectares or almost 50% of their total CBFMA area. The said plan is part of the National Greening Program of the DENR.

II. GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD) PROGRAM

Under the GAD Program, the Foundation implemented the third phase of the Health Promotion and Communications (HealthPRO) Wave 3 project funded by USAID. The objective of HealthPRO is to assist Local Government Units (LGUs) improve, expand and strengthen quality and sustainability of health promotion and communication efforts. HealthPRO defines BCC as a research-based consultative process of addressing knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of individuals or communities by providing them with relevant information and motivation through well-defined strategies to elicit and sustain desired changes in behavior.

The HealthPRO Wave 3 was implemented by PROCESS-Bohol as a local replicating agency (LRA) of HealthPro for period of eight months, i.e. October 2011 to May 2012.



The ten expansion areas covered were the municipalities of Catigbian, Pilar, San Miguel, Trinidad, Alicia, Bien Unido, Getafe, Sierra Bullones, Candijay and Buenavista.

In collaboration with the Provincial Health Office (PHO), 10 new expansion municipalities in the province of Bohol were chosen based on the criteria set forth with concurrence from HealthPro-Visayas Area Manager.

The areas covered for the expansion sites are the municipalities of Catigbian of 1st District; Buenavista, Getafe, Bien Unido, Trinidad and San Miguel of 2nd District; and, Alicia, Candijay, Pilar and Sierra Bullones of the 3rd District. Nine (9) out of ten (10) municipalities are 4th class with the municipality of Trinidad as the only 1st class. The ten priority areas cover 290 barangays with a total population of 305,199, which is 22% of the total population of the province of Bohol which is about 1,397,042 (2011 Data, PHO).

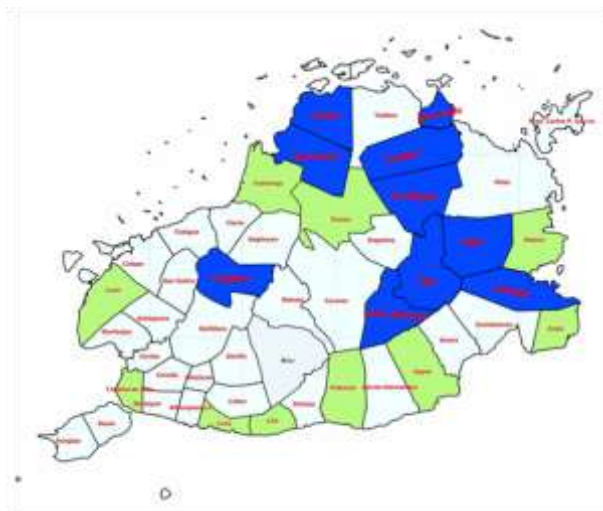


Figure 1. Shows the sites of both Wave 2 (Green) & Wave 3 (Blue)

After the final selection of 10 expansion sites, series of courtesy calls were conducted in all the ten (10) identified expansions LGUs to orient the LGUs about the WAVE 3 project and get their support and commitments for their counterparts. These were facilitated by the PHO Technical Staff assigned in the particular municipalities.



Fortunately, all the LGUs expressed their support of the project and committed to provide at least Php50,000 counterpart for the project implementation either in cash or cash equivalents of the health programs and services conducted during the period in relation to HealthPRO targets. In fact, total fund leveraged from the 10 LGUs amounted to Php 1,162,950.

Out of the 50 target participants, only 90% or a total of 45 participants attended. However, out of the 5 remaining HSPs who missed to attend the IPCC training, 1 has already attended the CHD funded training while the remaining 4 will be the first priority in the list of participants for the PHO-DOH funded training. The participants were selected based on the criteria set forth by HealthPRO.

During the period, a total of 45 health service providers (HSPs) were trained as trainers. Subsequently, 49 batches of IPC training for BHWs were conducted in 10 municipalities with a total of 1,353 BHWs trained out of the targeted 1,200 BHWs in the 10 municipalities exceeding the target by 13%. Of the 10 municipalities, three (3) have

replicated the training out of their own funds, namely: the municipalities of Catigbian, Sierra Bullones and Candijay.

In coordination with the RHUs in collaboration the DSWD and other government agencies implementing health-related programs, health classes were conducted in the respective municipalities. The topics discussed during the health classes include FP, MCH and TB. A total of 20,428 individuals were reached during the health classes organized during the period which exceeded by 1035% of the targeted 1800 participants. Of these total number reached, a total 2576 were directly supported by the LRA which still exceeds the target by 43%.



The factors that facilitated the significant excess in the target are the following: a) Conduct of Family Development Sessions by the RHU staff in collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)'s the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program¹ (4Ps); b) Conduct of Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning facilitated by RHU staff with funding support from the Population Commission (PopCom); and, c) Conduct of *Pabasa sa Nutrisyon* in all the covered municipalities facilitated by RHU staff.

Corollary to this initiative as well as due to the supportive partnership and collaboration with LGUs and PHO in the project implementation, the fund leveraged during the period reached to PhP1,162,950.00 which is higher by 133% than the targeted PhP500,000 for the 6-months period. The very high turn-out of fund leveraged were due to the series of health classes and locally-funded IPCC and health events as well as the costed counterparts of IMAP, PHO, DOH and PAMET.

III. WATERSHED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (WaRM) PROGRAM

Under this program, three (3) projects were implemented as follows:



Passing of the Gifts (POG)

a) The Sharing & Caring Others in Watershed (SCOW) and Strengthening Social Capital for Sustainability & Self-reliance in Watershed (S4W)

Some of the significant change for the better of the SCOW project is the manner on **Passing of the Gifts (POG)**. Before they just pass the animal in their own. Now they already do it in public with a short ceremony.

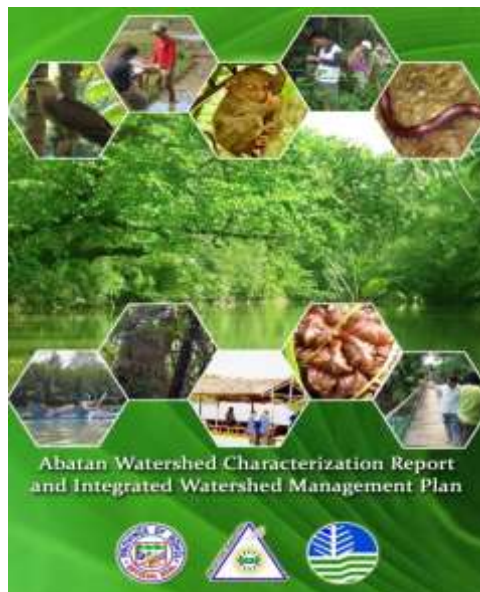


During the continuous monitoring visit, the Director of Operation, Mario Limocon, always emphasized the importance of following strictly the requirements in passing the animal to the other member of the organization, especially the animal house.

About 90% of original families of the 4 POs, namely: NAGMAMA, LUFA, SIFA & AARM, were still very active and able to pass on their animals to the next batch of families in need.

The Level 2 water system of the San Isidro Farmers' Association (SIFA) is still functional serving 100% of residents of Barangay San Isidro, Malitbog.

b) The Abatan Watershed Characterization (AWARE) Project



The copy of the completion report of the AWARE project was finally submitted to the DENR last March 2012. Copies of the said report both electronic and hard copies were provided to the 13 LGUs covered by the Abatan Watershed.



SUPPORT PROGRAMS

1. Enterprise Development Program

a) Bridging Enterprise for Sustainable Tourism (BEST) of Daus

The Daus Jewelry Makers' Organization (DJMO) assisted by PROCESS-Bohol is already officially registered last January 27, 2011 with Registration number 4523 with 24 total members, 25% of which are women.



As part of PO strengthening, PROCESS-Bohol facilitated series of capacity-building workshops for the PO. These are Internal Policy Building Workshop, Simple Bookkeeping and Accounting, among others. The workshop also includes the Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) Analysis focusing on jewelry making industry, inputs on the elements of jewelry production, steps of jewelry making, and policy formulation proper.

DJMO participated in the local exhibit at the Tarsier Botanika Resort in Tawala, Panglao last December, 2011 during their Grand opening, and in the Sandugo Trade Fair and Exhibit last July 25 – 29, 2012 at Island City Mall in Tagbilaran City. This was done to promote the products and as one way of marketing strategy.



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b) Bridging Enterprise for Sustainable Tourism (BEST)-Loon

PROCESS-Bohol continuously assisted the Cabilao Romblon Weavers Network (CROWN) in their quest for better quality of life. Product orders were always facilitated to ensure the continuous production of various romblon products. Last December 20, 2012, the common production area was turned-over by the LGU of Loon through Dr. Lloyd Peter M. Lopez, the Municipal mayor of Loon. Some of the products produced by CROWN are shown in the pictures below.

Now, the POs continuously received orders both from local and national buyers. Some of the constant buyers at the local level at the Bohol Bee Farm, Linaw Beach Resort, the local government units, among others.



Bayong Bags

Aside from weaving of bags, the CROWN also offer snacks for the tourists as well as livelihood demo in support to the ecotourism program of the municipality of Loon.



Wine Cases



The bayong is the one town one product of the municipality of Loon. Just recently, the PO received a financial assistance from the province of Bohol through the Governor, Atty. Edgar M. Chatto in the amount of P50,000 as an additional capital of the micro-enterprise.



c) The Abatan River Community Life Tour

The Abatan River Visitor Centre is the gateway to the Abatan River Community Life Tour that encompasses a diverse range of tourism products along the Abatan and incorporates the municipalities of Cortes, Maribojoc, Antequera, Balilihan and Catigbian. The project was developed as an eco-cultural tourism experience with support from the Bohol Provincial Government, DOT and DTI and the five municipalities mentioned above. To date in excess of seven million pesos have been invested into the infrastructure of the project and the project has continuing support from all levels of government.

In 2008, the Abatan River Development Management Council (ARDMC), a multi stakeholder organisation, formulated and adopted the Abatan River Master Plan, an ecotourism development strategy to sustainably manage the Abatan River. This strategy aims to encourage community participation in the conservation and management of the area while generating income for the locals.

The project, now managed by PROCESS Bohol is being rolled out in stages. While the development of river tours is being established, the current focus is on developing a tourism venue on the Abatan River at the Abatan River Main Village Centre in Cortes.

New ecotourism products were continuously developed to entice tourists such as Kayaking, Stand-up Paddling and Firefly watching.



Attached is the brief description of the Abatan River Community Life Tour.

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