The Talaandig communities of Mt. Kalatungan

Working Towards Community-Led and Self-Determined Development: Story of the Talaandig in Portulin, Bukidnon
Portulin, Pangantucan, Bukidnon
Portulin is a Talaandig Community in South Central Bukidnon
Similar to many IP Communities in the Country:

- Little or no social services;
- Low incomes;
- Environmental degradation;
- Encroachment
- Multiple Land Classification (Protected Area & Mineral Reservation) and;
- Threat of mining

Mining tunnel established by prospectors
Defining and Declaring their Territory
PRESENT LAND USE MAP OF PORTULIN TRIBAL ASSOCIATION, INC. (P.T.A.)

LEGEND:
- Community Conservation Area (3,470 ha)
- PTA-LINDI Billboard
- Guard House
- Nursery
- Nursery house
- Hunting Ground
- Sacred Place
- GPS Coordinates
- PTA Claim (6,503.42 ha)

Rivers
Roads

Land Use:
- Forest (4,067.50 ha)
- Secondary Forest (4,532.16 ha)
- Grassland (11.16 ha)
- Arable (5.85 ha)
- Mix Raffa & Rattan (6.46 ha)
- Residential Area (20.80 ha)

Agricultural Area 950.3 ha:
- Mature/Capital Area (1,016.45 ha)
- Sugarcane / Tuba (11.15 ha)
- Onion / Bagoy (2.37 ha)
- Carrot / Kani (44.28 ha)
- Cassava (5.41 ha)

LOCATION MAP

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Note: The map represents the land use and agricultural areas of the Portulin Tribal Association, Inc. (P.T.A.). It includes details on forest, secondary forest, grassland, arable land, residential areas, and agricultural lands with specific crop types. The map also indicates the presence of rivers, roads, and GPS coordinates.
A Talaandig “Plano Ha Ime’le’leng” (Plan for the Sacred Forest) was formulated. It shall provide the over-all framework and guidelines for the Governance, Protection and Development of the Talaandig domain in Portulin.
Strengthening the Community

Community Meetings and Dialogues were regularly conducted to ensure transparency and awareness of all initiatives and gather collective support.
The community partnered with support groups and more importantly with the Ifugao & Ibaloi communities of Kasibu, Nueva Vizcaya to gain knowledge and support.
The Community has now established a central nursery for endemic species, and a mixed use & agro-forestry area with a Citrus, other fruit trees & short-term vegetable farms.
Some Results of the Initiatives

There are many challenges and problems but there have been some modest gains.

The 4th harvest of the community orchards is now ongoing, very modest financial benefits are now being felt;

Funds for the family vegetable plots are now in the 5th rotation;

The community is now the main supplier of endemic seedlings for the National Greening Program in South-Central Bukidnon;
Sustaining the work

Establishment of the Mt. Kalatungan Council of Elders

The Mt. Kalatungan PAMB and has officially adopted the “Plano Ha Ima’le’leng” as the Governance and Management Framework for area covered by the Portulin AD.
Sustaining the work

Providing support in strengthening other Indigenous Communities in South Central Bukidnon
Enabling factors

Direct People-to-People engagements and Partnerships:
  ◦ Ifugao & Ibaloi Community who are also affected by mining operations but have subsisted through Agro-Forestry.

Strategic Partnerships with a wide array of groups, persons and institutions;

Very strong role of the women (they manage all of the community funds)

Very Modest funding support (a small UNDP-SGP grant in 1999), since then most of the funds have been internally generated.

Very strong and credible community leadership able to engage other sectors of the society.