



Sustainable Management of Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve: The Local Community Vision

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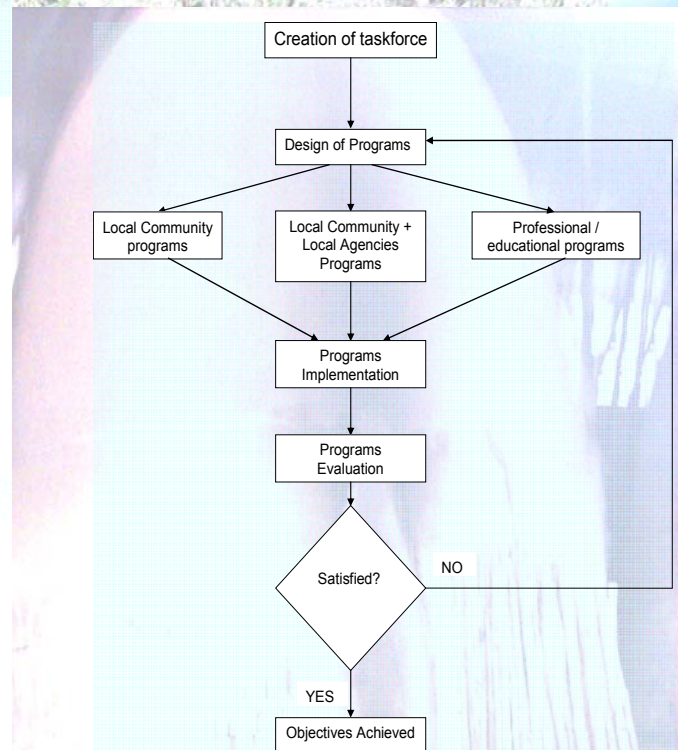


Abstract

Sustainable management is at the core of Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve management. This only involves government agencies but it also local communities' participation. Awareness of local communities is important because they live within the Matang Mangrove forest and they are the impact receiver of any action. This study aimed to identify issues and problems on Matang Mangrove Forest Reserve. It is also aimed to have some collective views on how to manage the problems. To proceed with this study, a Focus Group Meeting (FGM) with local communities was conducted. From the FGM, it was found that the main problem from local communities' perspective is pollution, including water, air and land pollution. In handling these issues, several ideas were discussed including changing of attitudes, urgent action from local agencies and a taskforce with representatives from various agencies. It can be concluded that the local communities are aware of the problems and they want the problems to be solved and they are willing to participate in environmental programs.

Project Potential

- Creation of Local Taskforce to handle pollution
- Collective views on management of pollutions
- Development of environmental programs



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