

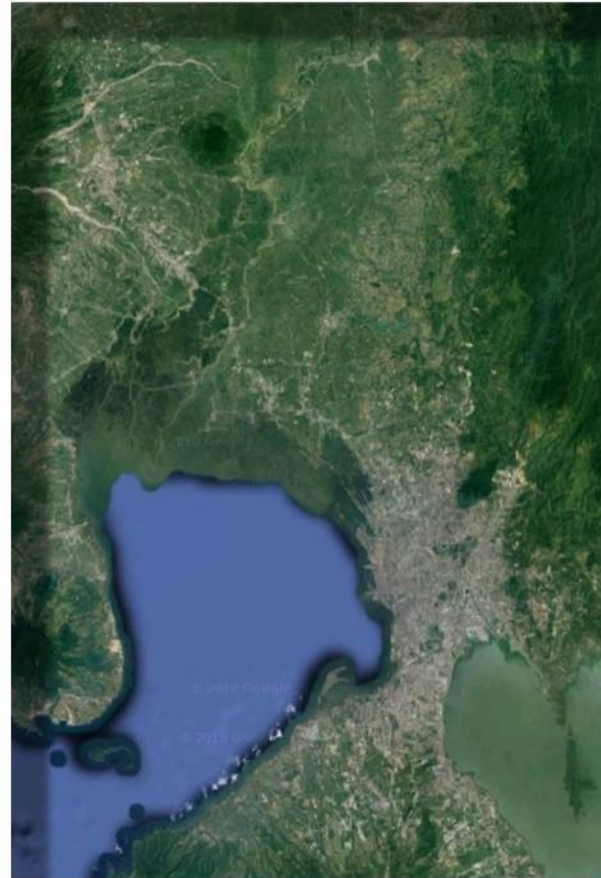


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1 Introduction

1.1 Background

The overarching objective of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 for the infrastructure sector in the medium-term is to accelerate infrastructure development and to ensure that operations of infrastructure systems and facilities are sustained. In support of the said objective, the government shall formulate master plans and roadmaps to ensure that the implementation of programs and projects are harmonized and well-coordinated. Toward this end, a National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)-administered Infrastructure Development Preparation (IDP) Fund was included in the 2017 General Appropriations Act (GAA), which will fund among others, the **Manila Bay Sustainable Development Master Plan (MBSDMP)**.

1.2 The Project

1.2.1 Project Objectives

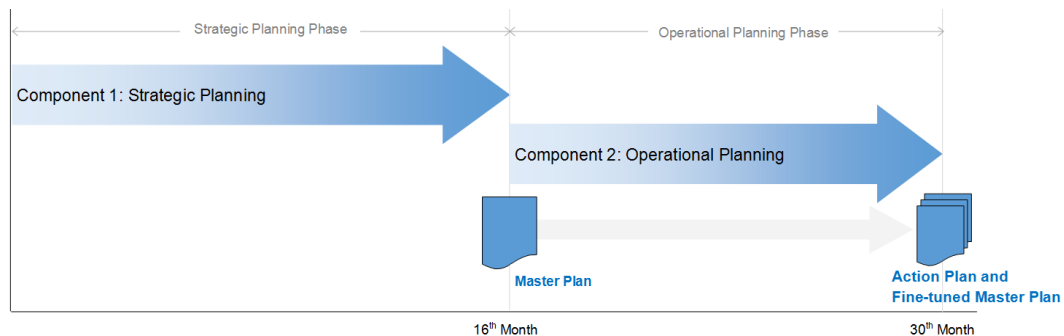
The Project aims to formulate a comprehensive and sustainable master plan for Manila Bay and the immediate coastal zone together with as necessary the larger catchment, as the influence sphere. The influence sphere is the area bounded by the Caraballo mountains to the north, the Zambales mountains to the northwest, the Bataan mountains to the west, and the Sierra Madre Mountain Range to the east; as well as river systems contributing to discharge in Manila Bay from Nueva Ecija, Bataan, Pampanga, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, National Capital Region and Laguna.

The Local Consulting Firm (LCF) is to provide inputs to the Dutch Expert Team (DET) for a comprehensive and sustainable master plan for Manila Bay and the immediate coastal zone together with the larger catchment, as the influence sphere.

1.2.2 Components and Timeline

The assignment is a 30-month undertaking divided into two phases/components (see Figure 1).

Figure 1: Components and component deliverables across the timeline.



1.3 This Report

This Progress Report No. 27 accounts the activities and accomplishments for 16-31 May 2020

2 Project Progress

2.1 Work Plan and Progress

The key activities and milestones during the month of May 16-31, 2020 were:

- Setting-Up Work protocol and Supporting system for new normal after lifting the Enhanced Community Quarantine to control COVID 19
- Fine tuning the Draft Action Plan and / Investment Plan report



Figure 2: Overall Work Schedule and Progress as of May 2020 (red bar indicating the Enhanced Community Quarantine period from 16 March to 16 May 2020, that limits the progress of the MBSDMP).

2.2 Action Planning / Fine-tuning of Master Plan

2.2.1 Fine tuning the Draft Action Plan/Investment Report

After the Enhanced Community Quarantine was lifted, the MBSDMP team commenced in finetuning and updating the draft Action Plan and Investment Plan which was initially submitted last 10 March 2020. The refined Draft action plan / Investment report plan includes nine (9) Chapters highlighting the four (4) pillars of MBSDMP: Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Planning Framework; Priority Measures; Enabling Environment, and Stakeholder Engagement, to achieve a Sustainable and Resilient Manila Bay.

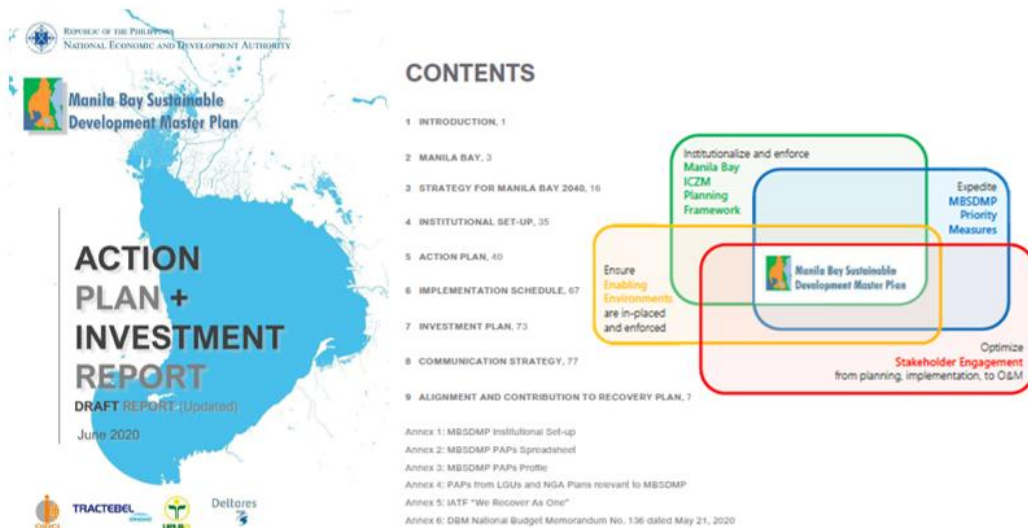


Image 1: Action Plan / Investment Plan report of the Manila Bay Sustainable Development Master Plan June 2020 Version

2.3 Supporting activity

2.3.1 Setting-Up Work protocol and Supporting system for New normal

On March 16, 2020, the Philippine government enforced an enhanced community quarantine (ECQ) in Luzon, limiting the movement of the population except for necessity, work, and health conditions, in response to the escalating pandemic of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the country. The ECQ was originally set to last until April 12 but was extended until May 15 in selected places which are considered high risks. On May 12, the government announced that Metro Manila and Laguna in Luzon would be placed under modified ECQ or MECQ from May 16 to 31, allowing work to resume under certain guidelines.

Following the Government announcement, the MBSDMP resumed working under a “Work from home arrangement” to continue its stalled progress from the start of the ECQ. The team uses Microsoft Team, a communication and collaboration software, for its workplace chat, video meetings, file storage, and other operational activities.

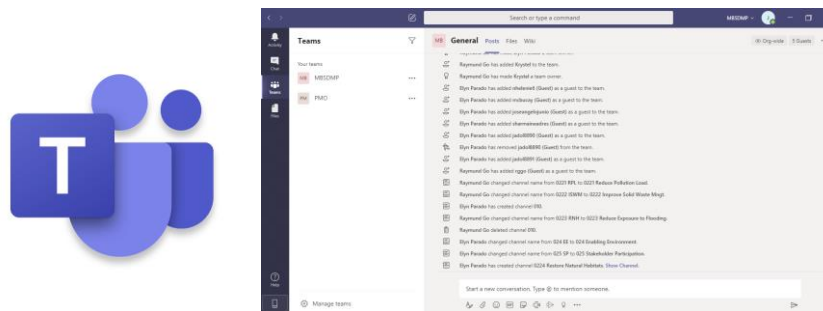


Image 1: Microsoft team logo and interface

3 Issues, Challenges, Actions Taken, and Lessons Learnt

Under the MECQ, the directives for a stringent social distancing should be maintained to control the spread of COVID 19. This includes measures to ban mass gathering, physical distancing at least one meter away, and reduced capacity for certain establishments and transportation. These restrictions make the conduct of the Technical Committee Meeting, Stakeholder engagements, and Group meetings challenging, if not impossible. To address these complexities, the MBSDMP team continually explores various online platforms that includes Zoom Application, Viber Software, and Microsoft team, to bridge the gap brought by the restrictions to control the pandemic.

4 Next Steps

Due to the imposition of the Enhanced Community Quarantine, the delivery dates of the remaining reports of the MBSDMP were amended as noted below, all on-going activities of the Master plan will likewise be adjusted accordingly following the new timeline.

Deliverable	New Schedule
Updated Master Plan	13 July 2020
Final Action Plan / Investment Plan	07 September 2020

