

# FINANCING WATERSHED PROTECTION

A Small City Takes on the Big Challenge of Conservation Financing



## BAGO CITY INTRODUCES THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FEE ON WATER

Proceeds from the Environmental Protection Fee (EPF) fund conservation measures in the uplands following the Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) model to ensure a sustained flow of water in the lowlands.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?



### COLLECTION

<b>COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS</b> 2% of business tax	<b>RICE PRODUCERS</b> P75/hectare/year	<b>SUGAR PRODUCERS</b> P1/50-kg bag	<b>HOUSEHOLDS</b> P0.50/m <sup>3</sup>
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### DISBURSEMENT

<b>WATERSHED CONSERVATION &amp; REHABILITATION</b>	<b>LAWIN SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION</b>	<b>LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS</b>	<b>FUND MANAGEMENT &amp; OPERATIONS</b>
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