

What We Do

How You Can Help

WE STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS

Our goal is to have broad environmental partnerships strengthened in advocating for watersheds protection and sustainable living. IDIS has led the formation and assisted in providing mechanisms for various networks to meet and access funds:



Sustainable Davao Movement: Individual advocates, as well as faith-based, education, and environmental organizations that advocate for the localization and adoption of the sustainable goals in Davao City.

Go Organic Davao City: Consist of organic farmers and advocates, members of the group pursue campaigns against genetically modified organisms (GMO) and encourage organic farmers to get certification from the Participatory Guarantee System.

Participatory Guarantee System Davao: Composed of PGS-certified farmers and advocates who lead initiatives to encourage more farmers to get certified, and secure supply of healthy and affordable organic products for Dabawenyos.

Mamamayang Ayaw sa Aerial Spray: Long-time, persistent advocates to ban aerial spray, they are members of communities affected by the toxic agricultural practice in Mindanao plantations.

Bantay Bukid / Bantayo Aweg: Frontline protectors of our watersheds in the uplands, they conduct regular patrolling and monitoring to ensure no illegal activities in the city's water source. They also conduct reforestation initiatives in denuded portions of the watershed.

Lunhaw Network: Consist of Lunhaw finalists and awardees, this loose network meets for continuous sharing sessions and learning visits on replicable green practices in Davao City.

You may contact our office for details/queries on any of the following actions you'd like to take:

- **Adopt a Riverbank** – Partner with the Watershed Management Council to ensure thriving forest ecosystems of our riverbanks, which act as boundaries and corridors to protect our watersheds' critical areas.
- **Support our Bantay Bukid (Forest Guards)** – Donations for tools and equipment, meals, or insurance support can go a long way to help our frontliners in watershed protection when they monitor and patrol our forest areas. You may also support our Bantay Bukid's livelihood by purchasing native seedlings available in their nurseries for your tree-growing activities in our watersheds.
- **Replicate green practices** – Choose among the many examples we promote of doable sustainable initiatives you can start today! Whether shifting towards a more environmentally-conscious lifestyle in water or energy conservation or starting small with a zero waste mindset, remember your action will mean a lot to make Davao a greener, livable city for all.
- **Join our campaigns** – While you may not have the time or opportunity to directly lobby with our policy makers, you may contact a network and help support a specific campaign that is close to your heart, whether through actual involvement or indirectly by simply sharing the campaign to the general public.
- **Volunteer with us** – Invest your time and talents on various policy advocacy, partnership building, knowledge management, research and direct community actions needed to protect our water sources.
- **Stay Connected** – Follow us in our social media accounts so you can have access to the latest updates, news and campaigns in the protection of Davao city watersheds. We hope that you become a responsible social media user by following and sharing accurate news about our watersheds.

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**CLEAN WATER
HEALTHY WATERSHEDS**



IDIS MILESTONES 2011-2017

2011: Watershed Management Council reconstituted; Organic Agriculture IRR signed; and Interfacing with DENR was initiated by IDIS, conducted yearly since then.

2013: Green Davao Coalition was formed and actively participated in the review of the Davao City Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Amended Zoning Ordinance that was eventually passed and approved by Mayor Sara Duterte.

2015: Ban Mining Ordinance passed and approved; start of lobbying for Environment Code of Davao city; IDIS served as secretariat and coordinated the advocacy campaigns of the Go Organic Mindanao; Congress held committee hearing on the proposed Ban Aerial Spray bills.

2017: Lunhaw Awards adopted by the City Government; IDIS recognized with City Government Pasidungog Award for excellence in the field of Environment and Solid Waste Management as well as received Bergoglio Award for Excellence in Environmental Stewardship from Ateneo de Davao University's UCEAC

2012: Start of implementation of community-based reforestation projects on the ground, including the formation of Bantay Bukid; Lunhaw Awards launched to promote green practices to make Davao city sustainable; ensured implementation of major provisions of ordinances passed such as Watershed Code, Organic Agriculture Ordinance, Rainwater Harvesting, and Ban on Aerial Spray.

2014: Riparian forest project funded by FPE implemented in Davao riverbanks; policy fora on strengthening the Environmental Impact Statement Systems were conducted at the national level and in partnership with national organizations and networks.

2016: Green Davao Coalition renamed into Sustainable Davao Movement and has been actively participating in consultations, planning and monitoring of the local development programs and projects

Who We Are



Since 1999, IDIS has established itself as the crucial link for "interface" to happen among watershed stakeholders --- connecting and bridging government agencies, local government units, NGOs, communities,

and the private sector to realize the vision and mission of clean water and healthy watersheds for Davao city.

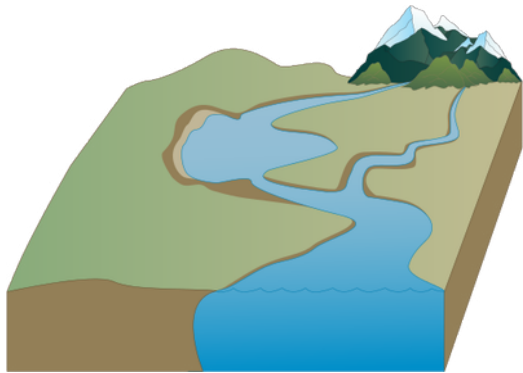
The founders of IDIS believed in the value of "interfacing" with various sectors --- whether PO, LGU or private sector, instead of pursuing a single player NGO-track to tackle human development problems.

Vision

All peoples are stakeholders who have the right and duty to care for healthy watersheds.

Mission

IDIS advocates for the protection and management of life-sustaining watersheds, from ridge-to-reef, in South-Central Mindanao.



What We Do

WE ADVOCATE POLICIES

Our goal is an expanded and conducive policy environment for the protection and management of watersheds. IDIS has been instrumental in advocating for the passage and strict implementation of the following laws:



Ban Aerial Spray Ordinance

IDIS pushed for the passage of the Davao City Ban Aerial Spray Ordinance in 2007 and helped affected communities in fighting for the case from the regional trial courts up to the Supreme Court when the Constitutionality of the Ordinance was questioned. IDIS continues to lobby at the national level to push for the passage of pending bills in the House of Representatives and the Senate, as well as the issuance of an Administrative Order from the Fertilizers and Pesticides Authority.



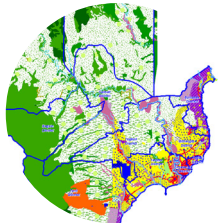
Organic Agriculture Ordinance

To ensure food security of Dabawenyos, IDIS lobbied for the City Council to pass the Ordinance in 2011. IDIS also continues to lobby for the declaration of Brgy. Sibulan as an Organic Agriculture zone, provides technical assistance to the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) Committee for the certification of organic farmers in Davao, and ensures that there are organic trading outlets all over the city.



Watershed Code

IDIS sits as one of the NGO representatives in the Watershed Management Council, mandated to implement the provisions of the Watershed Code to protect and sustainably manage the city's eight watersheds. IDIS initiated the ground delineation to identify and protect boundaries of critical conservation areas in the watershed. It continues to push for its completion along with the development of environmental tax utilization guidelines as the sustainable mechanism to support projects needed for watershed conservation.



Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Zoning Ordinance (CLUP)

Recognizing the critical role of land use in protecting the city's resources, IDIS, as a member of the City Development Council, has been working for the declaration of Shrine Hills as Urban Ecological Enhancement Subzone and the 10% green space requirement for land developers in the urban district. IDIS also works for the passage of the Davao Parks Ordinance and the implementation of the 10% Green Space provision in the CLUP.

WE PROMOTE REPLICABLE GREEN PRACTICES

Our goal is replication of practices of watershed protection and management, and sustainable living. IDIS is working towards promotion and replication of the following sustainable practices, primarily through the Lunhaw Awards:



Green Building/Urban Greening: Buildings or establishments with sustainable architecture designs, permeable pavements and sustainable rainwater catchment systems, waste management facilities, community green spaces or parks, landscapes or tree canopy-shed parking areas



Forest-based Initiatives: Involves reforestation projects, forest adoption, agro-forestry practices, riparian forest management and other sustainable practices



Organic Agriculture: Includes organic farming, urban container gardening and farming, organic products, organic trading centers and restaurants



Energy & Water Conservation: Establishments or households with renewable energy alternatives, rainwater harvesting, water/energy conservation innovations



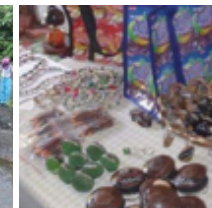
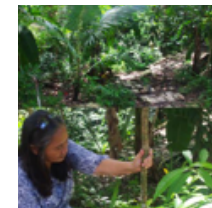
Marine Resource Management: Involves mangrove reforestation projects, coral reef and coastal management, organic aquaculture, marine wildlife preservation



Pollution Control: Establishments, communities, or households with solid and liquid waste management, waste-water treatment and utilization, Bokashi technology or clean air and water initiatives



Education & Advocacy: Sustainable schools or campuses, formal or informal environmental education programs, environmental information, education and campaigns (IEC)



IDIS MILESTONES 1996-2010

1996: Founders brought the concept of Integrated Area Development Plan to Davao, initially focusing in Baguio District

2000: Established critical importance of Panigan-Tamugan as Davao city's future source of surface water after successfully convincing DENR to visit the area and lobbying for Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) to conduct terrain analysis

2004: IDIS decided to zoom in on the big issue of plantations which threatened the natural landscape of Baguio district

2006: IDIS utilized multi-pronged strategies for the passage of Banning Aerial Spray Ordinance, filing of aerial spray case in the courts, and set up of No to Pesticide campaigns and linkages in Southeast Asia

2009: Rainwater Harvesting Ordinance and Organic Agriculture Ordinance were successfully lobbied and passed by the City Council

1999: IDIS was formally registered at SEC

2002: Released first publication, Banweg Baguio, covering IDIS' first big conference (Tanahan sa mga Bantogan: Life of Datu Maligato of Baguio district), which convened all plantations stakeholders and came up with a manifesto demanding explanation from agribusiness plantations in the upland areas

2005: Set up community-based water quality monitoring in Carmen, Tawan-tawan, and Dumalang, which is regularly conducted until today

2008: IDIS faced security threats on the congressional hearing of aerial spraying in Apo view and lacked resources for policy advocacy but mobilized support for the Watershed Code

2010: Mt. Tipolg CBFM organized; National Organic Agriculture Conference conducted; and No to GMO: BT Talong campaign launched