

INNOVATING ADAPTATION THROUGH AGROECOLOGY

MASIPAG

Philippines

MASIPAG is a Philippines-based, farmer-led network, that brings together people's organisations, NGOs, and scientists focusing on community empowerment, sustainable land management, food security, and food sovereignty. MASIPAG advocates for greater control of genetic and biological resources by farmers, and promotes organic agriculture and associated knowledge. To date, MASIPAG has reached more than 30,000 farmers in the Philippines, and works together with 510 people's organisations, 41 NGOs, 20 church-based development organisations, and 15 partner scientists. MASIPAG also promotes agroecological systems and people-led development at the regional level, through their Asian People's Exchange programme, implemented in partnership with the Asia Pacific branch of the Pesticide Action Network.



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AGROECOLOGICAL PRACTICES

- Selecting and breeding local rice, corn, and livestock, enabling farmers to cultivate traditional varieties that are adapted to local conditions, and more resilient to climate-induced agroclimatic conditions compared to exotic varieties.
- Developing sustainable agroecological systems by encouraging farmers to shift from monoculture to integrated farming systems, and to free themselves from the use of chemical inputs.
- Supporting local processing and marketing, for example by assisting farmers in the quality control of organic products.
- Training and enabling farmers to acquire knowledge and skills to make them better equipped to face the impacts of climate change.
- Strengthening and boosting the organisational capacities of partner organisations to enhance farmer-to-farmer exchanges, and networking.

IMPACTS

- Farmers have increased their income and strengthened their food security.
- Farmers are empowered through improved control of seeds, and access to technology, and resources, but also through shared leadership with partner organisations.
- There are improvements in natural resource management.