

Project Update: February 2013

So far, we have managed to secure three permits out of 11 municipalities and we are still working with the rest of the permits this coming month (March 2013). We will commence a field trial on March 1st at Cabalanan watershed in Nabunturan Compostela Valley to test our methods and larval collections.

We have a little problem of securing the permit from the Local Indigenous People Community here thriving within the Mainit Hot Spring Protected Landscape. Another challenge after getting the approval from the IPs is I need again to present the project to the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) Philippines.

For now, I guess we are still on track on our schedule, and hope everything will be fine this year for us. I have attached photos of the equipment and our recent meeting with the IPs here in COMVAL. Next week I would upload photos from our first expedition.