

Citizen's Scorecard



Citizen Scorecard on Reclamation

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About the Citizen Scorecard

Oceana developed this scorecard for citizens to inform and empower communities to ensure that environmental safeguards are in place for proposed dump-and-fill (reclamation) projects in coastal zones. The scorecard is a tool designed to guide citizens and stakeholder communities on the processes and requirements to be followed when there are proposed projects that impact our right to health, and a healthy, safe and sustainable environment. Ultimately, it is intended to promote public participation, accountability and transparency and the Rule of Law.

To use the scorecard, there are essential indicators that require a simple “yes” or “no” answer along with their means of verification that support such answer. The indicators are based on key provisions that are found in relevant environmental laws, rules and regulations in the Philippines. The scorecard contains an easily fillable table of all the indicators required by these statutes which allows citizens to understand the necessary legal requirements before allowing dump-and-fill (reclamation) projects.

This self-assessment tool was developed to check compliance or non-compliance of each indicator and recommend remedies in case of non-compliance. This tool underscores and reinforces the responsibilities of all reclamation project proponents (whether private or government or both) under the Constitution, Local Government Code, Philippine Fisheries Code, Philippine Environmental Impact Statement System, Department of Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular 2022-018, and other relevant issuances.

General Information

Name of City/Municipality: _____

Province: _____

Name of Reclamation Project: _____

Name of Project Proponent: _____

Instructions

1. This form is intended to assess the Local Government Unit's and the project proponent's compliance with the legal and environmental safeguards with respect to reclamation projects (also known as dump-and-fill).
2. Determine compliance of each indicator by putting a check (✓) mark on the appropriate box. **"Yes"** in case of compliance, **"No"** if not complied, and **"N/A"** if not applicable. Note that gray shaded boxes are not to be marked.
3. Once you answered all questions, add the total points at the end of the questionnaire.

Indicators	Yes	No	N/A	Means of Verification	Remarks
Location					
1. Is the proposed reclamation situated outside a protected area [e.g. mangrove reserve, fish sanctuary] and its designated protected area buffer zone?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ordinance, statute or regulation • Project Description • Protected Area Management Plan 	
2. Did the proponent secure the free and prior informed consent of indigenous peoples (IPs) who will be affected by the proposed reclamation, if any?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signed Prior Informed Consent Certificate • Photos of meetings held with IPs explaining the scope and impact of the proposed reclamation • Attendance Sheet and/or Minutes of the Meeting bearing names of attendees and matters discussed 	

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3. Is the area to be reclaimed free and clear from any claims or tenurial arrangements (e.g. foreshore lease agreements [FLA], Special Agreement for Protected Areas [SAPA], notice of lis pendens)?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land title, Fishpond Lease Agreements, Foreshore Lease Agreements, Special Agreement for Protected Areas 	
Pre- Project Consultations					
<p>4. Did the LGU conduct separate consultations with all affected fisherfolks who have preferential access to municipal waters?</p> <p>a. If yes, was there an opportunity/period to comment?</p> <p>b. Were all concerns of the municipal fisherfolks properly addressed?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the meetings Photo documentation Attendance Responses to letter requests 	
<p>5. Did the LGU conduct prior consultations with Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), People's Organizations (POs) and other concerned sectors and stakeholders?</p> <p>a. Was there an opportunity/ period to comment?</p> <p>b. Were the concerns raised, if any, properly addressed?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of the meetings Photo documentation Attendance Responses to letter requests 	
6. Did the LGU present an ecological profile of the area to be reclaimed?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological Profile Report 	
7. Did the LGU present a cost-benefit analysis of the proposed project?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost-benefit analysis report 	
8. If the proposed reclamation is 5 hectares or more, did the proponent present a feasibility study that is also publicly accessible?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feasibility study Website link Public repository 	

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9. Did the proponent present hydrodynamic models showing the impact of the proposed project to the environment on nearby body/bodies of water?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydrodynamic model reports • Website link • Public repository 	
10. Did the proponent or LGU explain if the project is consistent with its Social Development Plan?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Development Plan 	
11. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent with its Local Climate Change Action Plan?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Climate Change Action Plan 	
12. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent with its Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan 	
13. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent with its Coastal Resource Management Plan?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal Resource Management Plan 	
14. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent and properly integrated in the updated and approved Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP)?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of the updated CLUP approved by PLUC/RLUC/MMDA and DHSUD whichever is applicable • Zoning ordinance 	
15. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent with its updated comprehensive development plan (CDP)?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City/municipal development plan 	
16. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent with the Water Quality Framework and Management Area Action Plan?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Quality Framework and Management Area Action Plan 	
17. Did the LGU explain if the project is consistent with its drainage and flood control plan?				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage and flood control plan 	

Indicators	Yes	No	N/A	Means of Verification	Remarks
Public Participation in the Environmental Impact Assessment					
Information and Education Campaign					
<p>18. Is there an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) conducted to ensure that you are informed about the project?</p> <p>a. If yes, was the IEC timely done, i.e. before the public scoping?</p> <p>b. Were NGOs, POs, households, affected IPs, businesses and industries, vulnerable sectors, local institutions-schools, churches and hospitals properly represented?</p> <p>c. Were fact sheets in local dialect and disseminated to stakeholders?</p> <p>d. Did the LGU give input on the project's compatibility with its local development plan?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meetings • Photo • Attendance • Fact sheets • Materials Presented 	
Public Scoping					
<p>19. Is there a public scoping facilitated by the DENR-EMB?</p> <p>a. If yes, were you notified on the date and venue of the public scoping?</p> <p>b. Were you given a period to comment?</p> <p>c. Did EMB-RO present a summary of which of the stakeholders' concerns can be integrated in the EIA?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meetings • Attendance • Photos, recordings 	

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<p>Environmental Impact Assessment</p> <p>20. Does the proponent have an Environmental Impact Study (EIS)?</p> <p>a. Does it have an ecological baseline that included field site visits and active data collection?</p> <p>b. Does it contain a Social Development Plan (SDP) which details how to prevent or mitigate the impact of the project on the peoples livelihood, health and environment?</p> <p>c. Does it contain an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) which specifies how to prevent, mitigate, compensate and monitor the impacts and risks of the project to land, water, and air?</p> <p>d. Were the concerns and agreements raised during the public scoping properly documented and incorporated in the EIS report?</p> <p>e. Is the full EIS report publicly accessible in the LGU?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIS Report • LGU attestation on the social acceptability of the project • EIS report and EIA related documents posted in LGU social media accounts or websites 	
<p>Public Hearing</p> <p>21. Is there a public hearing organized for the presentation of the EIS report?</p> <p>a. If yes, were you properly and timely notified about the schedule of public hearing?</p> <p>b. Did the proponent fully explain the results of the EIA?</p> <p>c. Were you given an opportunity to comment?</p> <p>d. Did the proponent properly address the concerns raised by stakeholders?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes of the meetings • Attendance • Photos/Video recording • Resolutions to concerns raised proposed by project proponent/s 	

Indicators	Yes	No	N/A	Means of Verification	Remarks
Project Implementation and Monitoring					
<p>22. Has the proponent properly implemented their Social Development Plan?</p> <p>23. Has the proponent properly implemented their Environmental Management Plan (EMP)?</p> <p>24. Are you aware if there is a functional Multipartite Monitoring Team (MMT) tasked to ensure compliance with the terms of the Area Clearance and Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)?</p>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MMT Monitoring and Evaluation Plan • MMT reports • Minutes of the meetings • Memorandum of Agreement creating MMT • Websites, links • Public repositories • MMT annual inventory reports including sanctions imposed against the proponent 	
<p>a. Did the MMT arrange a stakeholder consultation for the presentation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Action Plan of proponent's compliance with the ECC, EMP and SDP?</p> <p>b. Are you aware if MMT conducts quarterly ocular visit to validate the proponent's compliance with the ECC, EMP and SDP?</p> <p>c. Are MMT regular reports on the proponent's compliance widely disseminated and publicly accessible?</p> <p>d. Does the MMT have an environmental emergency and complaints receiving mechanism?</p> <p>e. If the MMT identified violations of ECC terms and conditions, do you know if appropriate sanctions were imposed?</p>					
Total Score:					

Scoring Guide

YES = 1 NO = 0

Green (Fully Compliant)	Yellow (Partially Compliant)	Red (Critically Non-compliant)
If Total Points is 48 points	If Total Points is a minimum of 36 and maximum of 47 points.	If Total Points is 35 points and below.

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