

Project ID	32
Focus / Field	Environment
Country / Region Implemented	Philippines
Name of Project / Activity	Clean Water
Project / Activity URL (if any)	https://www.greenpeace.org/philippines/story/1367/greenpeace-launches-project-clean-water/
Target Location	Philippines
Purpose of Project / Activity	Purpose: Aims to catalyze action to protect Philippine fresh water sources, country's existing legal and policy frameworks for water use, quality control, and management.
Target of Project / Activity	Target: Safeguard the country's precious fresh water resources from contamination
Project / Activity Contents	<p>Contents: Citing the urgent need to safeguard the country's precious fresh water resources from contamination, Greenpeace today launched 'Project: Clean Water,' an initiative that aims to catalyze action to protect Philippine fresh water sources. The launch coincided with the release of the report "The state of water in the Philippines," a comprehensive survey of available information regarding water resources in the Philippines, focusing on the issues of pollution, especially of drinking water and freshwater sources, and water scarcity. It also reviews the country's existing legal and policy frameworks for water use, quality control, and management. Based on the said research, Greenpeace cited that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the quality of fresh water sources is steadily declining while the costs of obtaining clean water is rising; 2. although many laws have been enacted to protect water, such as the Clean Water Act, these are among the most blatantly abused environmental laws because of poor enforcement; 3. although government agencies monitor water quality, the parameters are severely limited and do not include many toxic substances from new technologies, including some of the most harmful compounds known to humans, such as persistent organic pollutants or POPs; and 4. declining water quality is compounded by the problem of water scarcity which is now a very palpable threat, making access of clean water is more difficult. "Water is a renewable resource but it is not an inexhaustible resource. What our research presents is just a bird's eye view of bigger problems to come if we don't take serious steps to protect our fresh water sources," said project lead Greenpeace Southeast Asia Toxics campaigner Beau Bacongus. <p>The Philippines has an abundance of fresh water resources but ranks second lowest among Southeast Asian countries with fresh water availability. Experts have also predicted that by year 2025, water availability deficit would take place in several river basins such as in Pampanga and Agno, in Pasig-Laguna, in Cagayan Valley, all other regions in Luzon, in Jalaur and Ilog Hilabangan, and in the island of Cebu in Visayas(1). Water pollution, climate change, and inadequate management of water resources are expected to aggravate the problem of clean water availability and access.</p>
Name of Implementing Organization	Greenpeace Philippines
Organization URL	https://www.greenpeace.org/philippines/
Location of Head Office (City, Country)	Manila, Philippines
Category (Public / Private / NPO)	Private Company/Organization
Annual Budget	
Source of Funds	Donation/Grants
Base of Activity	Philippines and 26 independent national/regional organisations in over 55 countries across Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Pacific
Number of Staff (paid)	2000
Number of Volunteers	

The above information is current as of September 2022.