



ZAMBOANGA CITY, PHILIPPINES

The local governance of advancing resiliency of Sta. Cruz islands' protected ecosystems

Legend

- Capital
- Major cities

Philippines

- Southeast Asia
- 7,641 islands
- 3 main geographic divisions: Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao

Quezon City

Manila

Cebu City

Cagayan de Oro

Davao City

Zamboanga City

***Out of 138 cities, Zamboanga is the 6th biggest city
in the Philippines in terms of population***

National annual growth rate (2000-2010) 1.90%

AGE DISTRIBUTION

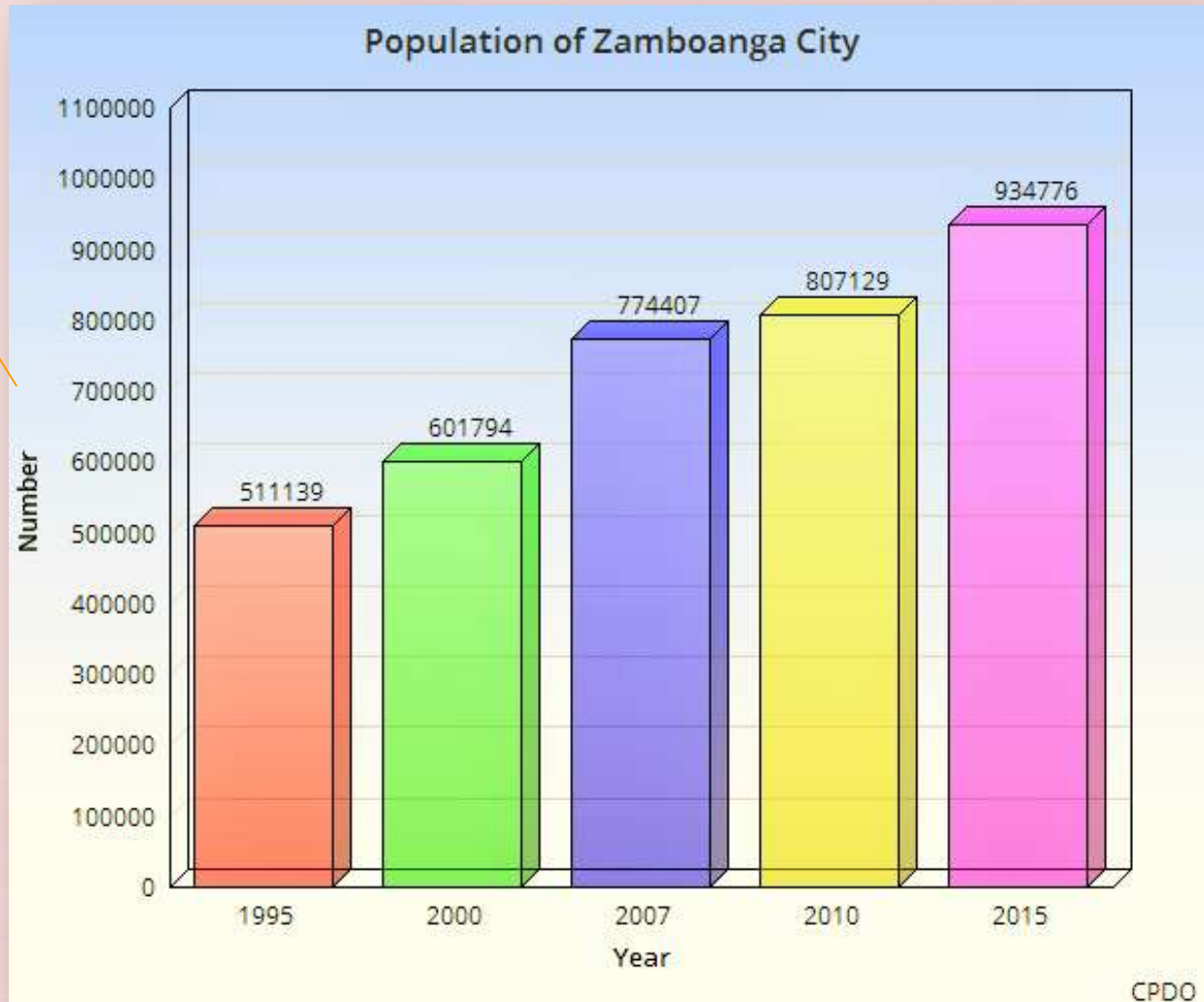
0 - 14 = 34.5% (young dependents)

15 - 64 = 62.2% (working-age)

65 & over = 3.3% (old dependents)

**Growth Rate
2.98%**

Demography





Proclamation No. 271 - Declared as G/L Sta. Cruz Islands Protected Landscape and Seascape (3,318 hectares)



*National Geographic's
21 best beaches in the
world.*



Sandbars





Settlement: 1.12 h
Actual use : 0.44 h

Population : 342 persons; 79 households
Main occupation : 80% engaged in fishing; others in boat-building, mat weaving and pearl diving, etc.



On-site management

National
government-
led

Deficient of
local
government
and
community
involvement

Community support

Absence of
civil society
support and
engagement

Extractive-
resource
dependent
community

Social and economic access

Low access to
health and
education
services

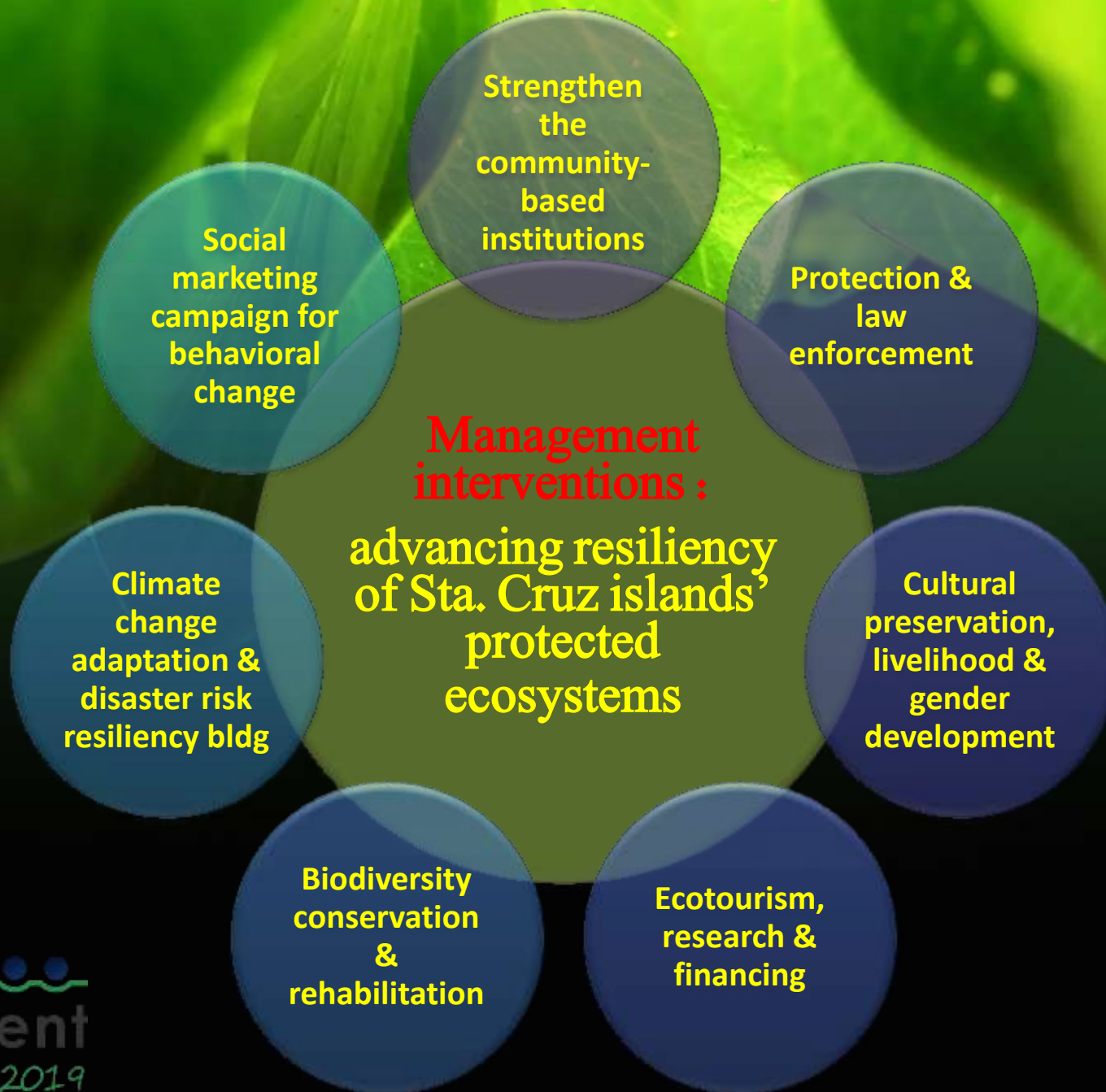
Impact on
physical well-
being, welfare
and
environmental
awareness

Settlement and land tenure

Deprived
living
conditions

Upsets the
ecosystems'
resiliency

ISSUES AND CONCERNS



What do we want to achieve ?



Every hectare
protected,
conserved,
restored and
managed

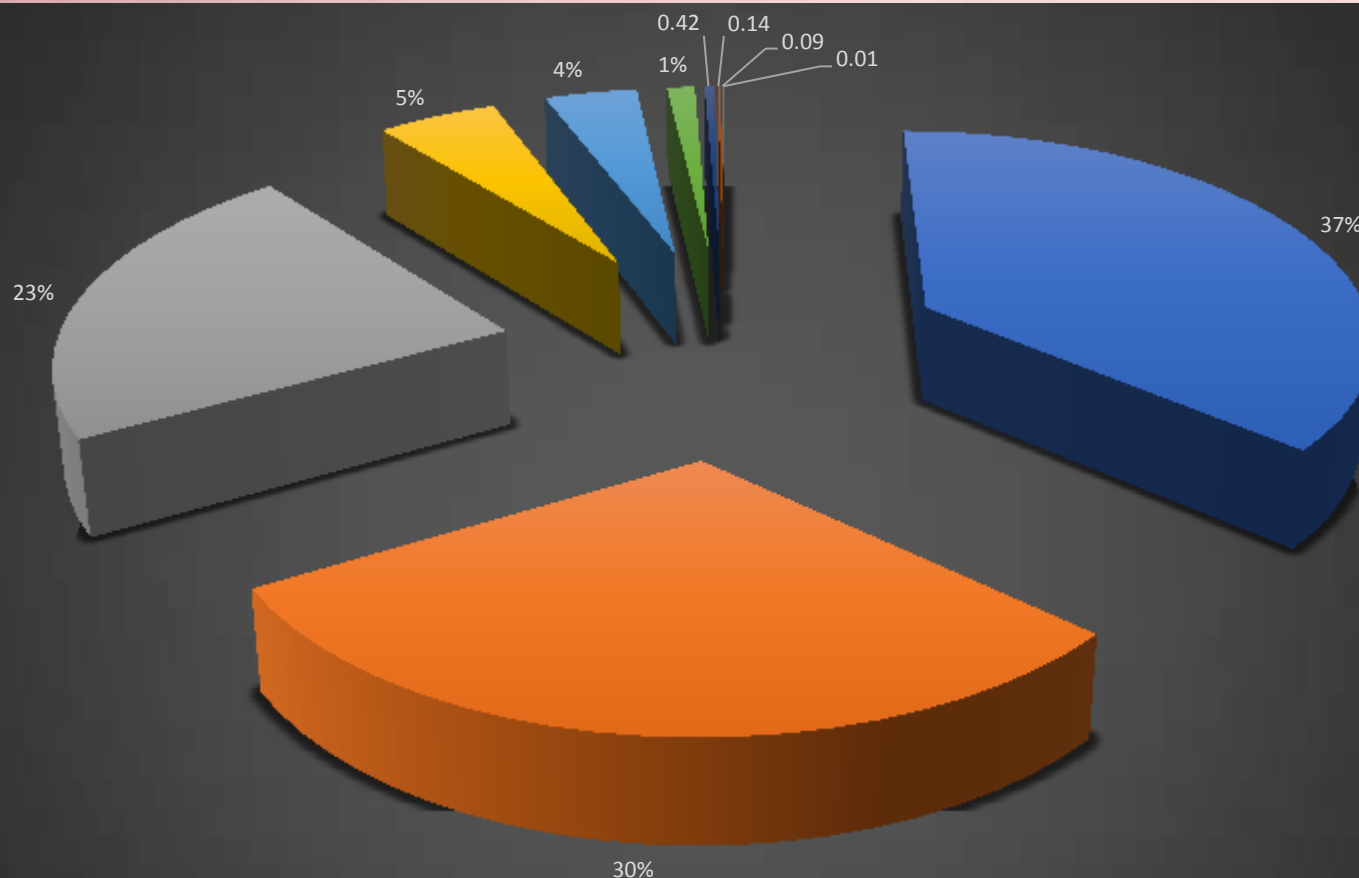


Community as
management
unit had stable
tenure and
productive



LGU,
community
and
stakeholders
engagement
effective and
responsive





■ Internally-Generated ■ Private Sector ■ LGU ■ DENR ■ Protect Wildlife ■ DOT ■ NGO ■ HEIs ■ BFAR ■ CDA

City Local Government established visitors' management program services



Boat safety and licensing



Wharf and rest stations

City Local Government coordinates on water quality monitoring and waste management program services



Prevents water pollution from solid and liquid waste



Civil society community assistance:
- Yellow Boat for Hope Foundation, Inc.



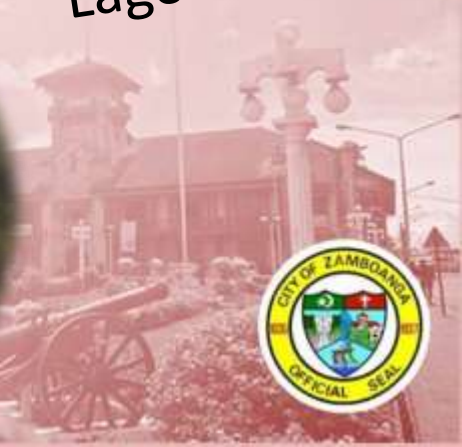
Lagoon tour



Guests:

2017 – 11,002

2018 – 15,427



Worship Center



Day Care Center



School

Civil society (People's Organization and NGO) established social services with national government recognition

Tour guiding



Jewelry & souvenir stand



Convenience store



Economic enterprise
- investment and
financing scheme



Community settlement legitimacy and transformation



Organized settlement with improved housing materials on appropriate management zone and grant of tenurial instrument (PACBRMA)



MODEL COMMUNITY FOR LAUNCHING UNDER “QUEST FOR LOVE” FOUNDATION



AERIAL VIEW OF SETTLEMENT

WITH ASSISTANCE FROM VARIOUS NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
BUILD THE TRANSFORMED SETTLEMENT



Thank you




**Resilient
Cities** 2019
10th Anniversary

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