



**FRIENDS OF THE
SEVEN LAKES
FOUNDATION**

(SAN PABLO CITY, PHILIPPINES)

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HEALTHY LAKES TOWARD SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



Aerial View: The Seven Lakes of San Pablo

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Kalibato Lake

Bunot Lake

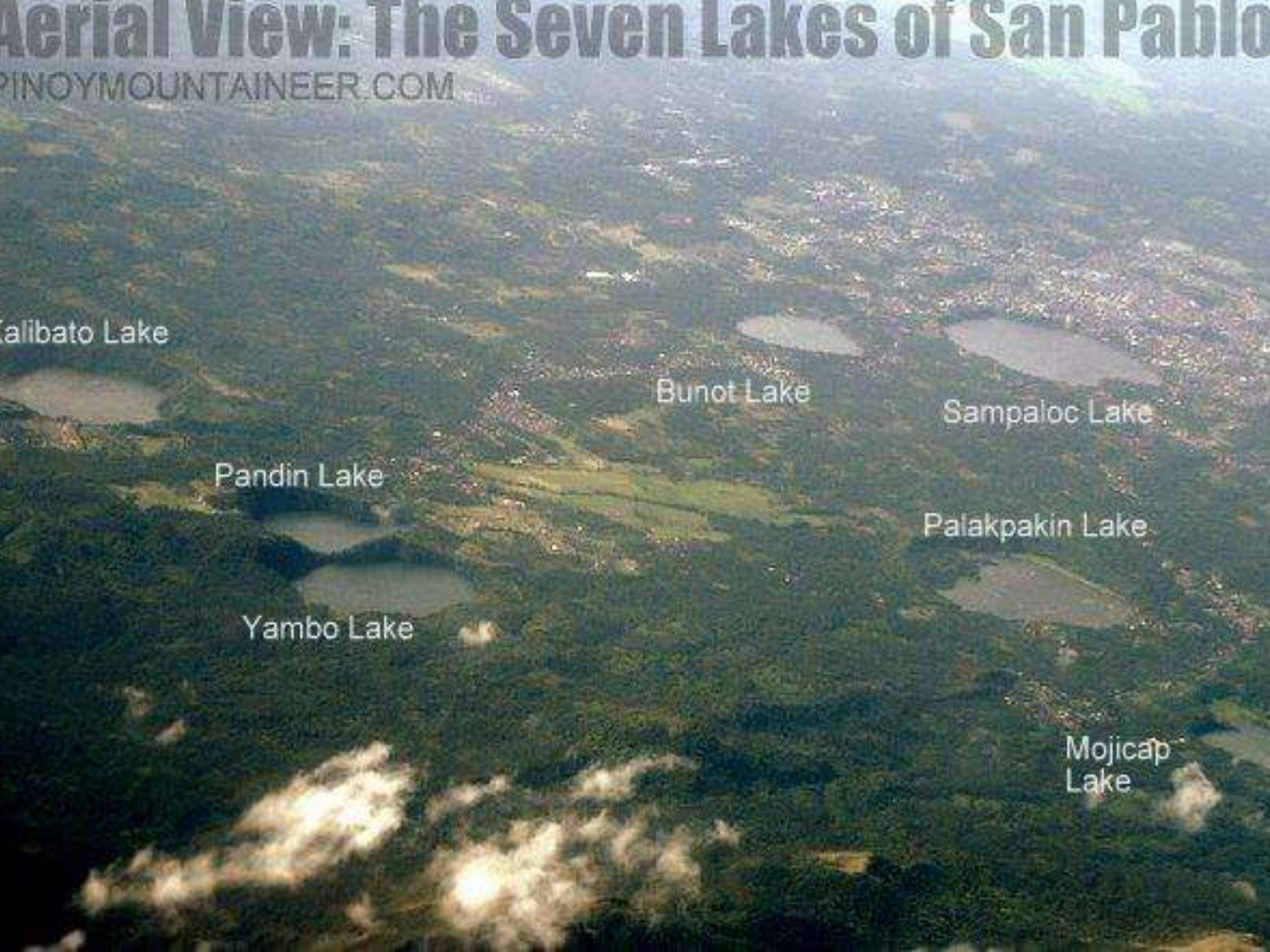
Sampaloc Lake

Pandin Lake

Palakpakin Lake

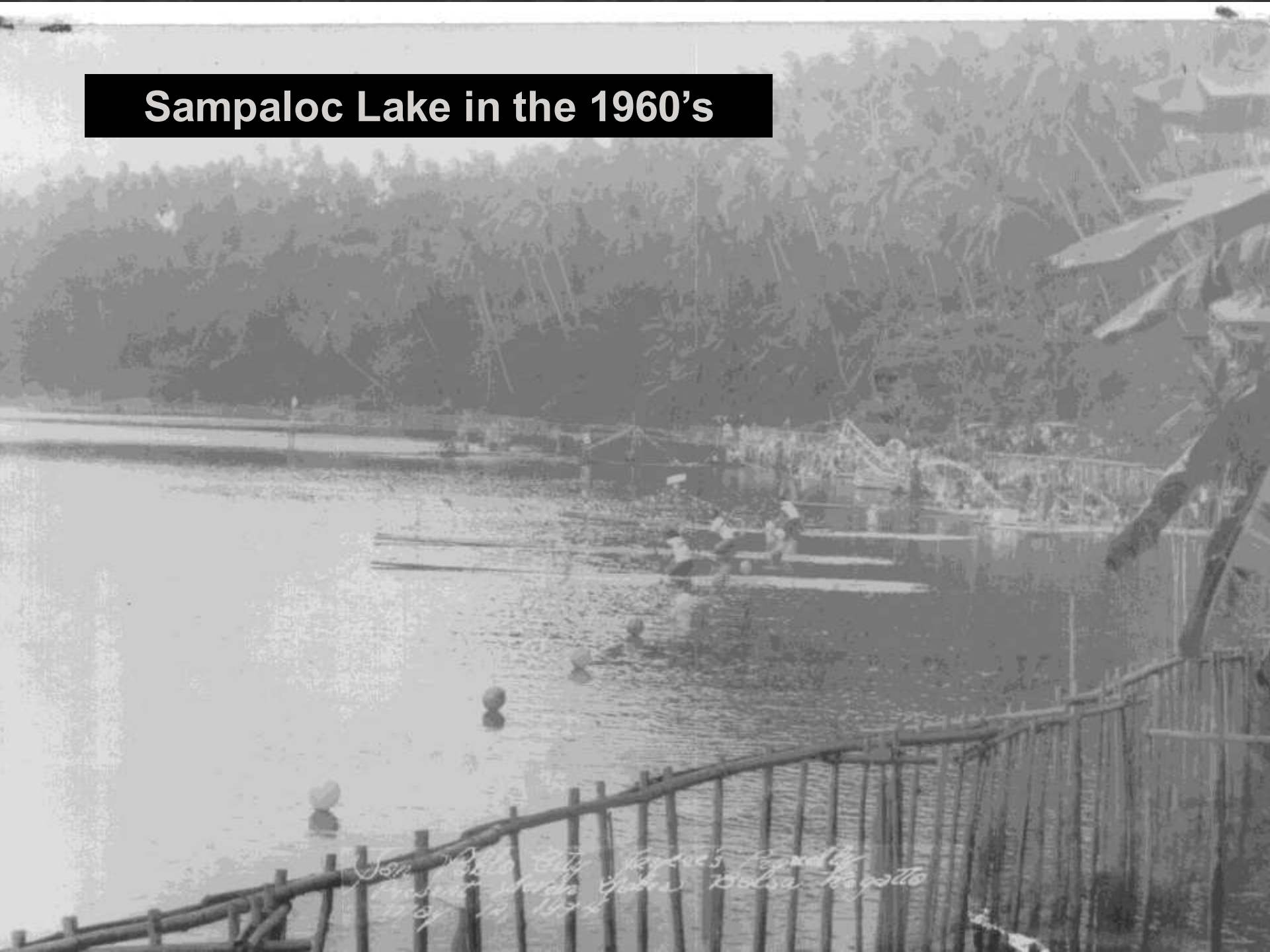
Yambo Lake

Mojicap Lake





Sampaloc Lake in the 1960's



Jan 1968
Sampaloc Lake
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A few years later, in the early 90's, shanties and floating fishcages had grown in numbers...





Bars and other illegal structures line the lakeshore

















**As the illegal structures - houses and businesses -
mushroomed along the lakeshore, problems
began to literally surface...**

**Fishkills... the stench of decaying organic
materials... trash in and around the lakes...
human and animal wastes...**

**all of which are signs of disregard, abuse and
disrespect for Mother Nature...**

This led to the formation of the group called Save The 7 Lakes Movement in 1997, which later became Friends of the Seven Lakes Foundation in the year 2000.

Problems of the Lakes were taken to the streets

Local and national media had no choice but to take notice!!!

WHY WE TOOK TO THE STREETS ...

**Lack of political
will and concrete
action on the part of
our leaders**



Prayer Rally, November 19, 1999





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February 29, 2000



**The “YAKAP SA LAWA” –
a symbolic embrace of Mother Nature...**

***Yakap
sa
Lawa
2000***



8,000 people held hands in prayer around the lake...

May permit o wala, tuloy ang “Yakap sa Lawa”

Ito ang nagkakaisang pahayag ng mga kasapi ng Save the Seven Lakes Movement (SLM) patungkol sa isyu kung sila ba ay pagkakalooban ng permit o pahintulot ng lokal na pamahalaan na ituloy ang “Yakap sa Lawa”; isang malakihang pagkilos na may

lawa” kahit na may posibilidad na hindi sila bigyan ng permit ng pamahalaan para idaos ito.

Ang isyu ukol sa pagbibigay ng permit ay kaugnay ng wala pa ring katiyakang hakbang ni Mayor Vicente Amante sa mga panawagan ng iba't ibang samahan partikular na ang

Amante kasama sina Judge Reyes, Atty. Arago at Dave Ramos ukol sa napipintong pagpapaalis sa mga istraktura sa paligid ng lawa ngunit hanggang sa kasalukuyan ay wala pa ring konkretong desisyon ang alkalde.

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friends
OF THE SEVEN LAKES
FOUNDATION

After the Yakap sa Lawa,
the Save the Lakes Movement evolved into the
Friends of the Seven Lakes Foundation,
receiving its SEC registration in August 2000.

Friends of the Seven Lakes Foundation

Primary Objective

To bring back the natural state of the lakes and to help in the efforts of conservation, protection, and rehabilitation (CPR) of the lakes of San Pablo City.

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Secondary Objectives

To assist government and other sectors involved to arrive at the following programs:

Additional housing for informal lake dwellers .

Closure of remaining business establishments and removal of abandoned structures

Lake beautification through appropriate landscaping

In the planning and implementation of an ecologically sound and sustainable Eco-Tourism Masterplan for the seven lakes.

To continue advocacy program with the children and youth.

Consultation with LLDA GM Ynares and Staff



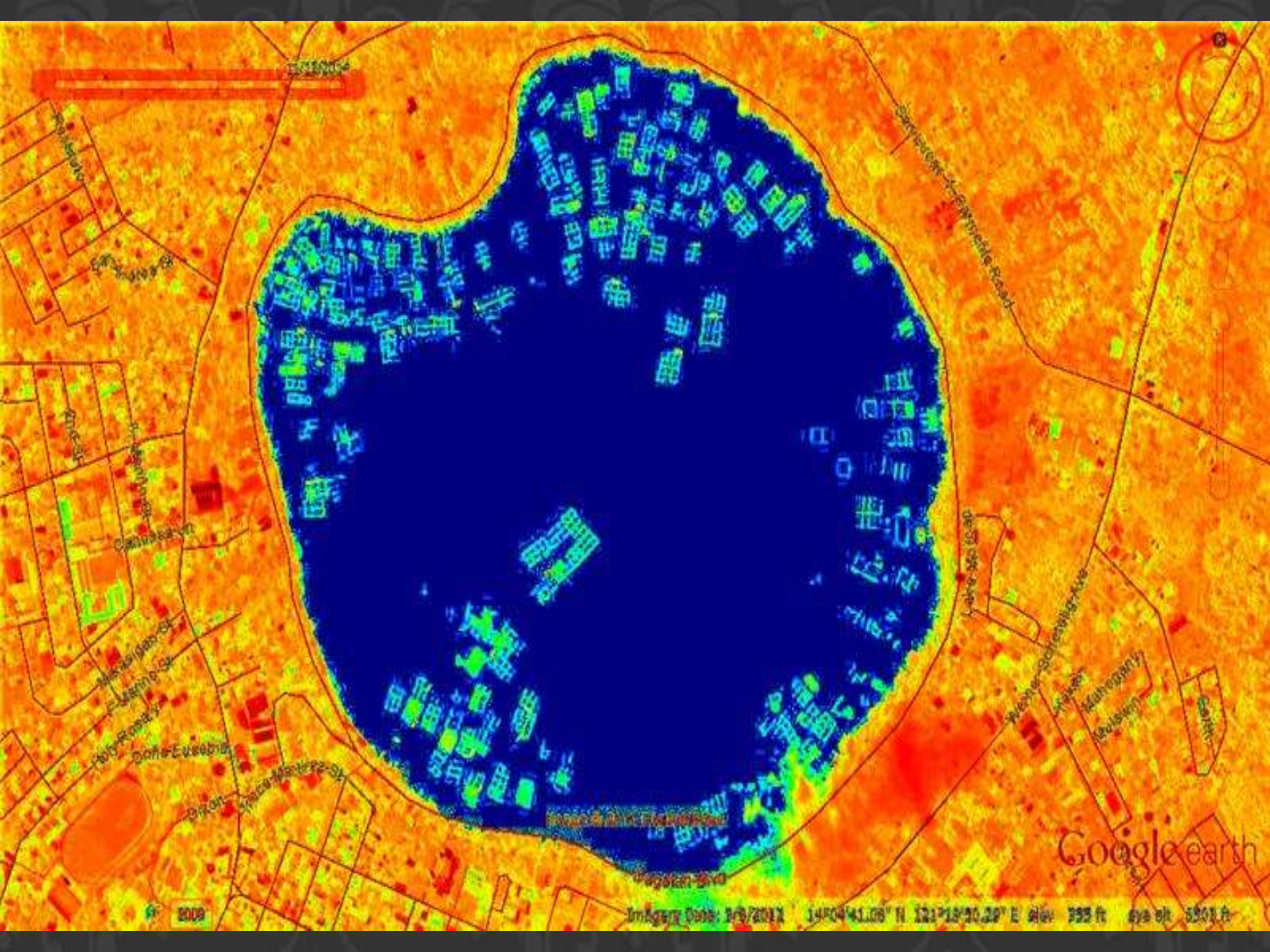
FSLF initiated and lobbied for the purchase of the relocation site







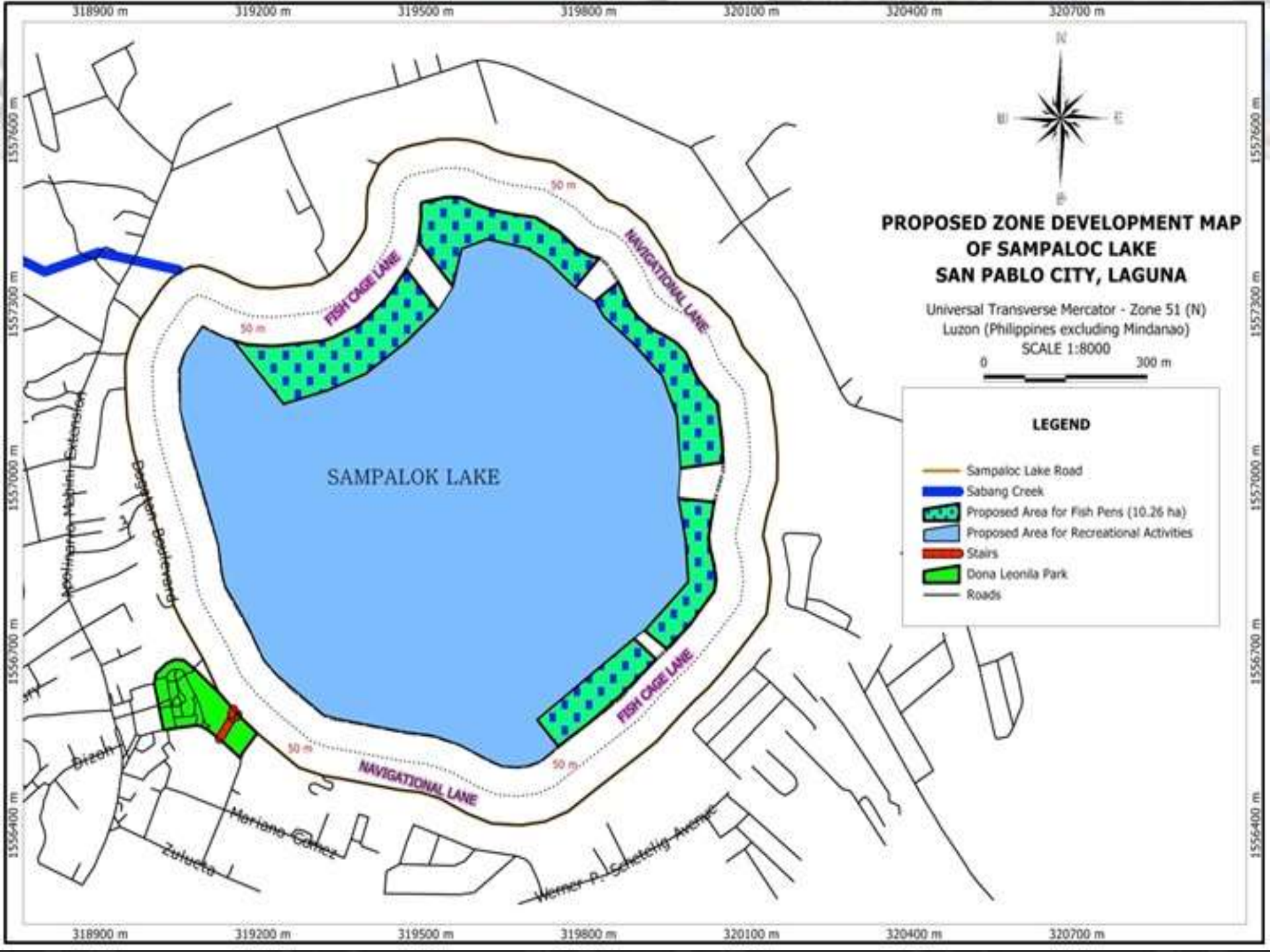




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Imagery Date: Feb/2011 14°04'41.08" N 121°18'20.28" E elev: 393 ft eye alt: 5501 ft



ACTION TAKEN BY OUR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT

1. To relocate the Informal Dweller still on the lakeshore..
2. To push for the approval and implementation of the Zonal Development Plan by LLDA to bring some control and organization to the fishcages in Sampaloc Lake.
3. To develop a Tourism Master Plan that is sustainable and instrumental to the development of the City

CURRENT ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS BY FSLF TO HELP REDUCE THE SOURCES OF POLLUTION IN SAMPALOC LAKE

- To develop a prototype Aquaponics system using high value vegetable and fresh water fish/crustaceans.
- To develop floating fish meal formula for local production by our local fisherfolk organization.
- To pilot the use of Green Filter or Constructed Wetlands technology in Sampaloc Lake.
- To produce a local cable TV show hosted and produced by the youth for the youth to discuss environmental issues. Its goal is not just to promote awareness, but to inspire the youth to play an active role as champions and stewards of the environment.

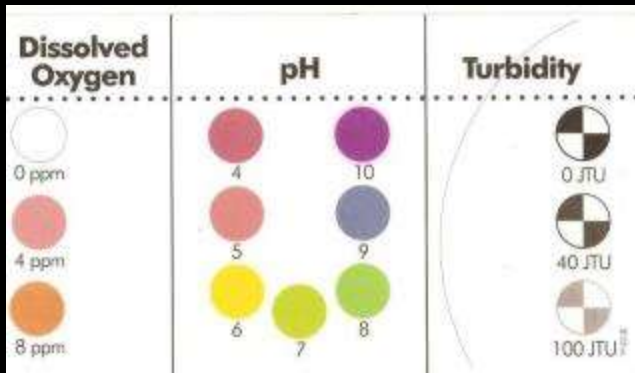
FSLF continues its campaign to provide environmental education and exposure among the youth in local, national, and international conferences...





Together with the Society for Conservation of Philippine Wetlands, Unilever and LLDA our Youth have a Sachet Recovery Project





FSLF Youth conduct Water Quality Monitoring tests of the lake water



Treeplanting is a regular activity in the watershed



FSLF leads in regular lake clean-up activities.

**Learning to care
for the
environment...
at the
annual FSLF
Kids/Youth
Summer Camps**





The FSLF Youth learn best practices in national and international Environmental Conferences



FSLF delegates to the 10th International Living Lakes Conference in Tagaytay City, May 17-18, 2005 were sponsored by Unilever



Learning about the environment with a global perspective

A scenic view of a coastal town with a large mountain in the background under a cloudy sky. The town features several buildings and a prominent tower. The foreground shows a body of water with some structures.

***“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask
what you can do for your country”***

John F. Kennedy

“If not us, who will?”

“If not now, when? “