

WHAT SERVICES and INFORMATION are AVAILABLE at the SWAC OFFICE?

1. BSWM ATLAS, Maps and Services
2. TIPID ABONO Fertilization Program
3. Land Use and SAFDZ-CLUP Integration
4. Soil Fertility Management
5. Soil Conservation Technologies
6. Water Resources Management Technologies

WHO will BENEFIT from the SOILS ATLAS?

The actual and potential users include the

1. Policy and Research Agencies
2. Policy Making/Law Regulatory Agencies
3. Social Development Agencies
4. Agricultural Assistance Group and other public and private agencies involved in agro-industrial and purely agricultural concerns.



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What is SWAC?

The **Soil and Water Area Coordinators or SWAC** of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) acts as the extension service of the Central Office. It is composed of technical staff who are capable of translating technical data and information and disseminating the same in the region in the simplest (layman's) term possible.

WHAT is the ROLE of SWAC

The SWAT serves as the BSWM's frontliners assigned in all

the regions of the country. They closely coordinate with the Department of Agriculture's Regional Field Units (DA-RFU) and monitor the projects in their respective areas of assignment. They assist the clients by simplifying soil and water-generated technical information and farming technologies in the layman's language.

It is the group which is envisioned to help establish a good linkage between the BSWM and the Regional Offices by facilitating the delivery of the needed information and services in the region. The SWAC set up shortens the services delivery process, hastens feedbacks and lessens the over dependence on the Central Office for

similar information and services.

WHO COMPRISES the SWAC?

The SWAC is composed of a Regional Coordinator and a technical support staff. Most of the Coordinators are technical and field staff of the Agricultural Land Management and Evaluation Division (ALMED), primarily, because of their expertise, exposure and knowledge of the regions gained from their years of stay in these areas.

WHERE can you FIND SWAC?

The SWAT Offices are based at the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Units (DA-RFUs) in order to closely coordinate with the DA Staff and to maximize their accessibility to its clients.

HOW WILL the SWAC COMPLEMENT with the DA Regional Field Units?

The SWAT shall form part of the informal structure of the DA. It shall primarily seek to extend technical assistance and advice to the Regional Director, promote technologies and information available to the Bureau known and be utilized by the Regional Offices.. promote technologies and information available at the Bureau to be utilized by the Regional Offices. The SWAC will not duplicate the functions of the Regional Offices but will actually support, assist and act in consultation with them. Along this line,

a clear definition of the scope of work and responsibilities of each sectoral discipline shall be clearly identified beforehand. All members of the SWAT shall observe policies and house rules of the Regional Office where they are based.

HOW WILL the INFORMATION be COMMUNICATED/DISEMINATED?

A smooth flow of communication is imperative in order to establish the function and value of the SWAC in their respective regions.

The Central Office shall direct all communications through the SWAC Coordinators who shall coordinate and confer with the Regional Director or the assigned person involve in the same concern. The SWA Coordinators have the authority to decide on a wide range of technical matters within their capability and concern.

