



EXPERT'S PROFILE

Name of Grantee : **DR. CATALINO A. BLANCHE**

Area of Expertise : Forestry (Tree Physiology, Crop Ecology)

Inclusive Date of Contract as BSP Awardee : September 8-20, 2008
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Short-Term Program on a Discontinuous basis

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Ph.D. in Forestry (Major- Tree Physiology; Minor-Crop Ecology; Collateral Field-Computer Science), Mississippi State University
- M.S. Forest Resources (Major-Ecology; Minor-Statistics), University of Georgia
- M.S. Agriculture (Major-Plant Physiology; Minor-Biochemistry), University of the Philippines at Los Baños
- B.S. Forestry (Major- Forest Utilization Engineering), University of the Philippines at Los Baños (Class Valedictorian)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- July 1999 – present - **National Program Leader**
USDA CSREES Natural Resources and Environment
Washington, D.C., USA
- February 2002 - **World Bank Agroforestry Specialist**
Member of a Mission that Evaluated World Bank Funded projects in Indonesia
- 1995- 1999 - **Research Scientist and Program Leader**
Agroforestry Program, Dale Bumpers Small Farms Research Center
USDA Agricultural Research Service, Booneville, AR
- 1992-1995 - **Associate Director**
Urban Forestry Program, College of Agriculture and Home Economics
Southern University,, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 1994-1995 - **Consultant**
Reich Associate, Development of the Urban Forest Management Plan for East Baton Rouge Parish

To be accomplished as BSP Awardee:

1. Conduct a week-long Roundtable Discussion and Write shop on Natural Resources Management and Climate Change to come up with strategic direction for climate change and forest management research.
2. Develop a joint proposal and white paper with local experts.
3. Conduct lectures and identify possible R&D project/ collaborative program with Mariano Marcos State University.
4. Conduct technical visits to other government agencies such as DOE, DENR and other government institutions to find out programs/ activities related to climate change issues and other environmental problems.