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- T O: All Unit/Center/Department Heads Concerned and
Office of the Land Use and Agribusiness Project
- R E: Implementation of the VISCA Land Use Program

Effective immediately all Unit/Center/Department Heads concerned are advised to implement and observe the approved land use assignment as shown in the attached sketch. The land zoning and area assignment was approved by the PAC last February 15, 1994.

The Land Use and Agribusiness Project Office is hereby instructed to see to it that the plan is carried out systematically.

For compliance.


SAMUEL S. GO
President

PROPOSE LAND ZONING AND AREA ASSIGNMENT IN VISCA

A. RATIONALE

As the premier agricultural institution in the Visayas, ViSCA has an important role in setting high standard of agricultural endeavors including proper land zoning, utilization and management. At present, ViSCA's lands, both in- and off-campus, are utilized by academic departments/research centers for instruction, research, extension and/or production purposes. Areas not occupied by any academic department/research center are managed by LUPDU (formerly ESDMU).

The present land area assignment in ViSCA is very fragmented and lacks coherence or contiguosity (Figure 1). This is due mainly to the absence of a land use plan to adhere to in assigning experimental areas to various units out of the lowlands which were mostly ricefields, which dominated the campus in the late 70's to early 80's. Whatever lands were available before, were requested by any interested unit, cultivated, and from then on, formed part of the unit's land resource. In addition, swapping of lands was done at the unit level without regards to proper land zoning.

parts, each with a different managing unit (Figure 1). This situation renders uniform area development and maintenance very difficult. In addition, the small area in a block occupied by a unit may limit its use for experimental purposes particularly for researches requiring large areas.

Furthermore, the use of strategic lands such as those situated along the mall do not reflect ViSCA's bagful of crop production technologies. They are used for instruction or experimental purposes resulting in divergent landscape, i.e. land preparation and crop stands/health not reasonably uniform. In certain periods of the year these areas become idle and/or weedy and consequently, an eye-sore.

B. NEW LAND AREA ASSIGNMENT

Figure 2 illustrates the proposed land area assignment. Its formulation was guided by the following standards/criteria:

1. relevance/fitness
2. contiguosity
3. strategic location and aesthetic consideration
4. nature of existing crops
5. presence of infrastructures
6. legality (e.g. PD. 1107 as legal basis)

There will be eight (8) zones, each with a corresponding number of blocks. the seashore to the mountain. It has 8 blocks.

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Block ZONE 1 is located at the left side of the mall up to the Calbiga-a river and from the highway towards the sea. It has 6 blocks. Blocks 1, 2 and 3 will be assigned to DPBAB; Block 4 to DOH; Block 5 (lagoon) to DAEAM; and Block 6 to CSR.

ZONE 2 is located at the right side of the mall up to the Lagu-lago river and from the highway towards the sea. It has also 6 blocks. Block 1 will be assigned to DPP/ITE; Blocks 2, 3, 4 and 6 to DAEE/ERHS; and Block 5 to RCRC.

ZONE 3 is located at the right side of the mall up to the Lagu-lago river and from the highway towards the mountain. It has 13 blocks. Blocks 1, 2, and 3 will be assigned to DASS; Block 4 to DPBAB; Blocks 5, 6, and 7 to DPP; Blocks 8 and 9 to DAEE/ATEP; Block 10 to RCRC; Block 11 to DOF; Block 12 to DOH; and Block 13 to DASVM.

ZONE 4 is located at the left side of the mall up to the Calbiga-a river and from the highway towards the mountain. It has 11 blocks. Blocks 1 and 4 will be assigned to DASS; Blocks 2, 6, 9 and 10 to DOH; Block 3 to PRCRTC; Block 5 to RCRC; Block 7 to DAEAM; Block 8 to DAC-FS; and Block 11 to NARC.

ZONE 5 is located in between the Calbiga-a and Pangasugan rivers and from the seashore to the mountain. It has 8 blocks. Block 1 will be assigned to PRCRTC; Blocks 2, 5 and 6 to RCRC; Block 3 to FARMI; Block 4 to DASS; Block 7 to DOH; and Block 8 to NARC. (48)

ZONE 6 is located after the Lagu-lago river up to the Cagnonoc river and from the highway towards the mountain. It has 9 blocks. Blocks 1 and 2 will be assigned to DAEE/ATEP; Blocks 3 and 4 to DASS; Blocks 5, 6 and 7 to DASVM; and Blocks 8 and 9 to RCRC.

ZONE 7 is located after the Pangasugan river towards Barangay Marcos. All the 10 blocks in this zone will be assigned to PRCRTC.

ZONE 8 is the upland coconut areas located at Barangay Marcos from the highway towards the mountain. All the 3 blocks in this zone will be assigned to RCRC.

Moreover, considering that there is no unit responsible for the management of the Lagu-lago, Calbiga-a and Pangasugan rivers, it is recommended that riverbank stabilization measures shall be handled by units with assigned lands adjacent to these rivers. Hence, the following proposed assignment:

PANGASUGAN RIVER

From the seashore to the bridge - PRCRTC/RCRC

From bridge to the mountain (before forestry area) -

RCRC

Forestry area - DOF

retained From the seashore to the bridge -
land use and CSR/PRCRTC/RCRC/DAEAM/DPBAB. 49

From the bridge to PRCRTC shed - PRCRTC/DASS

From PRCRTC shed to Trenuela's cottage - DASS/RCRC

From Trenuela's cottage to spillway - RCRC/DASS

From spillway to the mountain - DOF/RCRC/DOH/NARC

LAGU-LAGO RIVER

From the seashore to spillway - DPP/ITE

From highway bridge to DASVM areas - DASVM

After DASVM areas to the mountain - DOF

C. IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES

1. For areas without standing crops, the new designated unit shall immediately occupy the area.
2. For areas with standing crops, the new designated unit shall immediately occupy the area as long as the crops are part of its assignment; however, in situations where the standing crops are not part of its assignment, the new designated unit shall occupy the area after the standing crop (s) is harvested.

retained their areas, must formulate an annual and 5-year land use and development plan to be submitted to LUAPU as required. ✓10

4. Private entities shall not be allowed to cultivate and/or occupy ViSCA's lands. Staff/students are allowed to maintain and develop only the surroundings of their residences/dormitories. Similarly, the academic departments/research centers shall be responsible for the maintenance of its buildings' immediate vicinities.
5. Planting of perennial crops other than the unit's crop coverage must have prior concurrence from LUAPU.
6. Problems related to the implementation of the new land area assignment shall be settled at unit level and if necessary, with the assistance of LUAPU.
7. Swapping of lands between units shall not be allowed unless approved by LUAPU.
8. Any legal matters arising from the implementation of the new land area assignment must be referred to LUAPU which shall initiate its immediate action through the legal office.
9. The cleaning and maintenance of all landscaped areas, as well as shoulders of concreted road in-campus is the direct responsibility of the Grounds and Drainage Division of PPO.

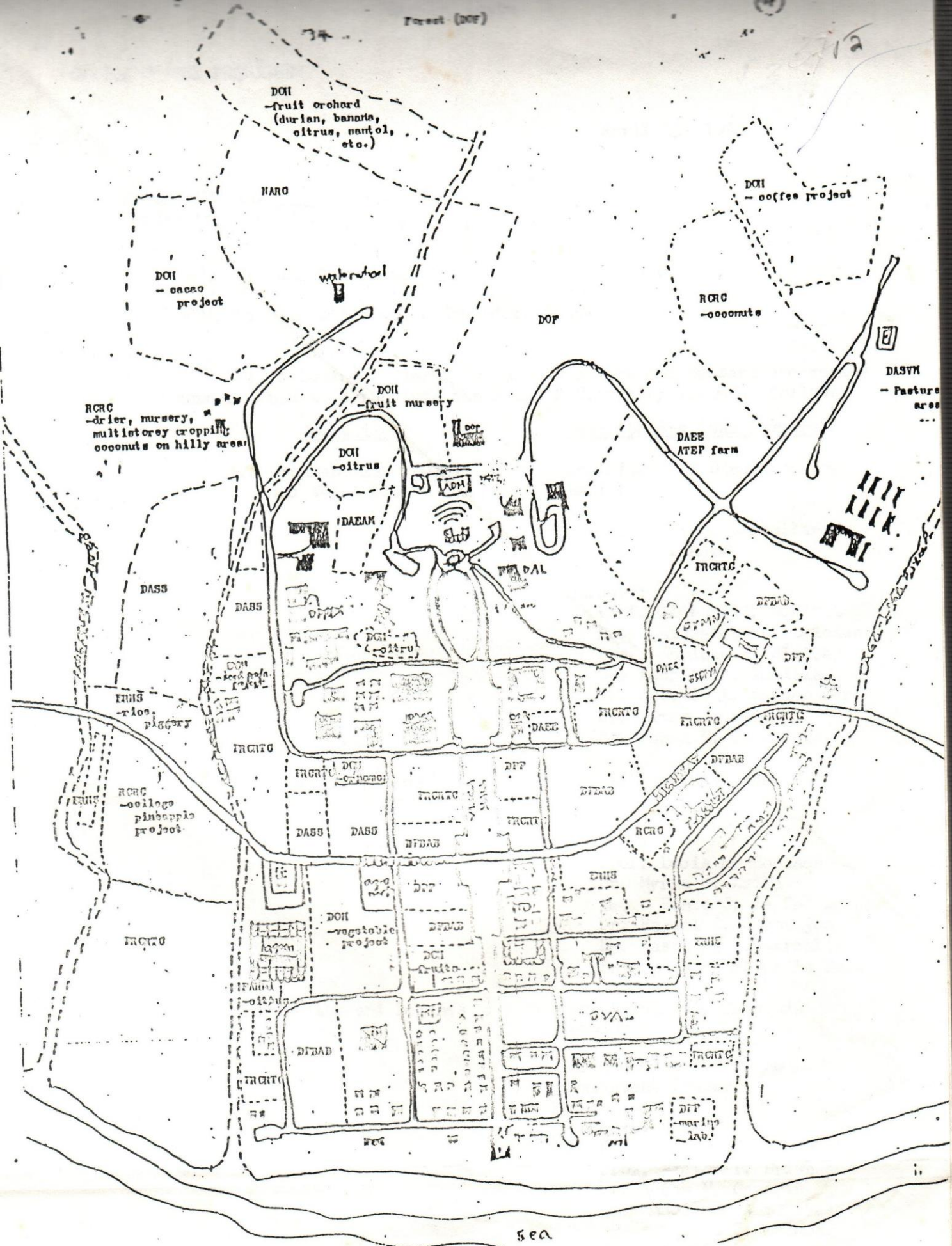


Figure 1. Present area assignment in VISCA.