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ABSTRACT

In 2014, the tourist arrival in Mahabang Buhangin, the long stretch of beach which is the main attraction in Calaguas, skyrocketed from an estimated 10,000 per year to more than 15,000 visitors. Despite the lack of facilities and accommodations, its clear blue waters and fine white sands continue to attract visitors and are becoming more and more popular. Because of this, the locals fear that the beach will suffer the same fate as Boracay. This Philippine gem needs to have a development plan that would meet the needs and demands of tourist and, at the same time, preserve its rich ecosystem. The development will not only promote the destination itself but also the Municipality of Vinzons and its culture.

This proposal would show concepts of sustainable and green development aiming to preserve the surroundings. Included in the study are the related studies, projects, and articles that showcase environmental responsive design through observations, consultations, interviews, and research.

This proposal will have an outcome of a macro development plan that will ensure a low impact on the island's ecosystem.

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