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PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 240th PCSD Regular Meeting
Governor's Conference Room, 2/F Provincial Capitol Building
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
January 18, 2018

Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor | Chair |
| 2. Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice-Chair |
| 3. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 4. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities | Member |
| 5. Atty. Jansen I. Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |
| 6. LTGEN Rozzano D Briguez, Commander, WESCOM | Member |
| 7. Mr. Bobby L. Castro, Representative, Business Sector | Member |

Represented:

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| 8. Usec. Miguel T. Cuna, Undersecretary, DENR
Represented by Engr. Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe | Member |
| 9. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA,
Represented by Dir. Louella Rowena J. Lorenzana | Member |
| 10. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro Deputy Director General, NEDA
Represented by OIC Assistant RD Susan A. Sumbeling | Member |
| 11. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor of Puerto Princesa City
Represented by Atty. Carlo S. Gomez | Member |

Absent:

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| 12. Hon. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
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PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 18-622

"AMENDING THE ECAN MAP OF TRIBAL ANCESTRAL ZONE LOCATED IN BARANGAYS CAMPONG-ULAY AND PUNTA BAJA, MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL, PALAWAN"

WHEREAS, Section 20 of Republic Act No. 7611 or the SEP for Palawan Act provides that the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) shall serve as the regular professional support staff of the Council and shall provide the machinery to coordinate the policy and functions, implement programs, and organize such services as may be required by the Council;

Vision: Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development
Mission: PCSDS as the driver of environmental conservation and inclusive development in Palawan, a biosphere reserve and science-for-sustainability site, guided by the Strategic Environmental Plan

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WHEREAS, Section 7 to 11 of the same law provides for the establishment of an Environmentally critical Areas Network (ECAN), the main strategy of the SEP Law, which is a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, including its tribal lands, forests, mines, agricultural areas, settlement areas, small islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and the surrounding sea;

WHEREAS, the areas covered by the ECAN shall be classified into three (3) main components namely: (1) Terrestrial: which consists of the mountainous as well as ecologically low hills and lowlands areas of the whole province. It may be further subdivided into smaller management components; (2) Coastal/marine area: this area includes the whole coastline up to the sea. This is characterized by active fisheries and tourism activities; (3) Tribal Ancestral lands: these lands are the areas traditionally occupied by the cultural communities;

WHEREAS, Section 11 of the same law provides for the Tribal Ancestral Lands. These areas, traditionally occupied by cultural minorities, comprise both land and sea areas. These shall be treated in the same graded system of control and prohibition as in the others abovementioned except for strong emphasis in cultural considerations. The SEP, therefore, shall define a special kind of zonation to fulfil the material and cultural needs of the tribes using consultative processes and cultural mapping of the ancestral lands;

WHEREAS, Section 22 of PCSD Resolution No. 05-250 or the "Resolution Adopting the Revised Guidelines in Implementing the Environmentally Critical Areas Network, the Main Strategy of the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, amending PCSD Resolution Nos. 94-44 & 99-144" which provides for the Map Revision/Modification provides that subsequent revisions and updating of the ECAN Zoning Map may be undertaken by the Council staff upon acquisition of new and relevant information, in consultation with the local government units and concerned sectors in the province;

WHEREAS, Section 23 of the same law provides for the Declaration of the ECAN Zones Map which states:

"Upon recommendation by the PCSD Staff, the LGU through its Sangguniang Bayan shall submit to the PCSD its ECAN Zones Map (with the technical descriptions and the allowable activities for each zone) for approval. Such map shall be guided by the provisions of these guidelines. The same map shall be subject to progressive review and update by the PCSD Staff and the LGU through its ECAN Board upon acquisition of more information on the environment condition of the terrestrial and coastal/marine areas for review and final approval of PCSD. After PCSD approval of the ECAN Zones Map, the LGU shall support the PCSD action through adoption of the ECAN Zones Map by local resolutions and ordinances."

WHEREAS, on 9th day of October 2000, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) through Proclamation No. 16 declared the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim No. 100 located at Bgys. Campong Ulay and Punta Baja, Rizal Palawan as Tribal Ancestral Zone, however, the same was not reflected on the approved ECAN Map of Rizal;

WHEREAS, the proposal for an amendment in the ECAN Map of the Tribal Ancestral Zone specifically in Barangays Campong-Ulay and Punta Baja, Municipality of Rizal, Palawan; to wit:

ZONE	ADOPTED ECAN ZONE (Has)	PROPOSED NEW ECAN ZONE (Has)	REASON/JUSTIFICATION
Core	13, 816.63	8,639.53	The area has poor, stunted and sparse stands of semi-deciduous forest which has a low generation capacity, open forest and brush/shrubs areas are also present, as well as there were areas that had already been stabilized or suitable to stable upland farming and traditional land use of the area had been stabilized. Thus, it is proposed to be re-zoned as Restricted Use Zone, Controlled Use Zone and Traditional Use Zone. Presence of Indigenous Community Conserved Areas.
Restricted Use	221	463.4	The area will serve as a belt between the close forest and open forest.
Controlled Use	751.65	4,960.19	The area has poor, stunted and sparse stands of semi-deciduous forest which has a low generation capacity as well as presence of open forest and brush/shrubs areas.
Traditional	0	892.11	There were areas that had already been stabilized or suitable to stable upland farming and there are presence of traditional land use of the area.
Multiple Use	166	0	The area is currently zoned as Multiple Use Zone. However, given that area is Ancestral Domain and no one could have a private title within it, the IP's/ICC's decided to re-zone the area.

WHEREAS, the proposal for an amendment in the ECAN Map of the Tribal Ancestral Zone located in Barangays Campong-Ulay and Punta Baja will promote the protection of the rights of the indigenous peoples in the aforementioned ancestral land claim;

WHEREAS, upon review and deliberation of the information on the environmental conditions, as well as material and cultural considerations for the IP's/ICC/s of the proposed amendments of the ECAN Map of the Tribal Ancestral Zone, this Council finds it necessary that the Tribal Ancestral Zone located at Barangays Campong-Ulay and Punta Baja, Rizal, Palawan be changed respectively for the above-mentioned reason/justification;



WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves as it is hereby resolved **AMENDING**, the ECAN Map of the Tribal Ancestral Zone located in Barangays Campong-Ulay and Punta Baja, Rizal, Palawan;

RESOLVED FURTHER, the Local Government of Rizal, Palawan, is hereby directed in coordination with its ECAN Board, the PCSD Staff, and other concerned agencies and members of the community to undertake a field delineation and the preparation of the ECAN Zoning Plan;

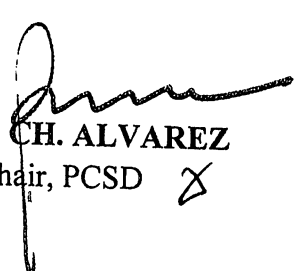
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the Municipal Government of Rizal, Palawan, other concerned agencies and LGU's for their information and guidance;

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th day of January 2018 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 18th day of January 2018.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary 

ATTESTED BY:


JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Chair, PCSD 