



MEMORANDUM

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FROM : THE PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICER

SUBJECT : BRIEF DISCUSSION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The following is a brief and concise discussion of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development.

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Created by Republic Act No. 7611 or the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act	Creation	Created by Executive Order No 131, Series of 1987, as amended by Executive Order No. 192, Series of 1987
Mandated by RA 7611 or the SEP law to govern, implement, and provide a policy direction of the Strategic Environmental Plan. The PCSD works under the Office of the President.	Mandate	<p>The Department is the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, specifically forest and grazing lands, mineral resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas, and lands of the public domain, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos.</p> <p>To accomplish this mandate, the Department shall be guided by the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Assure the availability and sustainability of the country's natural resources through judicious use and systematic restoration or replacement, whenever possible

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Increase the productivity of natural resources in order to meet the demands for forest, mineral, and land resources of a growing population; 3. Enhance the contribution of natural resources for achieving national economic and social development; 4. Promote equitable access to natural resources by the different sectors of the population; and 5. Conserve specific terrestrial and marine areas representative of the Philippine natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations
Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development.	Vision	A nation enjoying and sustaining its natural resources and a clean and healthy environment
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.	Mission	To mobilize our citizenry in protecting, conserving, and managing the environment and natural resources for the present and future generation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the House of Representative representing Palawan • The Deputy Director-General of the National Economic and Development Authority • The Undersecretary of Environment and Natural Resources • the Undersecretary for Special Concerns of the Department of Agriculture • The Governor of the Province of Palawan • The Mayor of City of Puerto Princesa • The President of the Mayor's League of Palawan 	Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer (For. Felizardo B. Cayatoc) • 5 Community Environment and Natural Resources Officers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. CENRO Puerto Princesa (Pedro Velasco) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -covers the City of Puerto Princesa, Municipalities of Aborlan, Cagayancillo, Cuyo, Kalayaan, Magsaysay b. CENRO Roxas (Pablo Cruz) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -covers the Municipalities of Roxas, San Vicente, Araceli, Dumarán

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The President of the Provincial Chapter of Liga ng mga Barangay • The Executive Director of the Provincial Council for Sustainable Development Staff <p>*The Council shall elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. CENRO Coron (Rodney Verian) -covers the Municipalities of Coron, Busuanga, Culion, Agutaya d. CENRO Quezon (Leonard Caluya) -covers the Municipalities of Quezon, Narra, Rizal e. CENRO Brooke's Point (Conrado Corpuz) -covers the Municipalities of Brooke's Point, Bataraza, Balabac, Sofronio Española
<p><u>RA 7166 (Strategic Environment Plan)</u> Plan, policy, and rulemaking, coordinating, oversight, enforcement, and implementing body</p> <p><u>RA 9147 (Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act)</u> Implementing, policy and rulemaking, enforcement, and coordinating body</p> <p><u>RA 9072 (National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act)</u> Implementing, policy and rulemaking, enforcement, and coordinating body</p> <p><u>RA 9175 (Chainsaw Act of 2002)</u> Implementing, policy and rulemaking, enforcement, and coordinating body</p> <p><u>RA 8550 (The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998)</u> Regulatory body General Rule: Exception:</p> <p><u>RA 9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000)</u> Oversight and approving body</p> <p><u>RA 10067 (Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (TNRP) Act of 2009)</u> Oversight, enforcement, and coordinating body</p>	<p>Functions</p>	<p>DENR is tasked to formulate and implement policies, guidelines, rules and regulations relating to environmental management and pollution prevention and control.</p> <p>Formulate implement and supervise the government's policies, plans and programs pertaining to the management, conservation, development, use and replenishment of the country's natural resources and ecological diversity; and</p> <p>Promulgate and implement rules and regulations governing the exploration, development, extraction, disposition, and use of the forests, lands, minerals, wildlife, and other natural resources.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Committee on Tribal Ancestral Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PCSD Chairman sits as Chairman • Environmentally Critical Areas Network Board 	<p>Membership to Other Councils</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Natural Resources Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PENRO sits as Chairman • Watershed Management Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PENRO sits as Chairman in the Provincial Level • Provincial Mining Regulatory Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PENRO represents RD as Chairman • City Mining and Regulatory Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CENRO represents RD as Chairman • Special Committee on Tribal Ancestral Zone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ PENRO sits as Vice Chairman • Environmentally Critical Areas Network Board
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The set up in the implementation of environmental laws in Palawan is distinctive considering the existence of the PCSD. Since 1992, the PCSD and DENR worked in close coordination for the efficient implementation of environmental laws. In every operation, both agencies are in contact with each other if the matter concerns both agencies.

Though the PCSD is primarily created to ensure that the natural resources of Palawan be utilized strategically, certain laws specifically vest the PCSD the authority for the implementation of it, this Office sees no overlap or redundant functions between the two agencies. Both agencies respect and adheres to the authority conferred to the other by pertinent laws.

Considering that Palawan is geographically the largest province and at the same time home of diverse flora and fauna, PCSD is a big help in maintaining the conservation of environment and natural resources of it. It is true that additional manpower means there is a need for additional fundings but the purpose of it shall benefit not only the present generation as well as the future ones that they can also experience the beauty of the environment that bought agencies aim to protect.

For your information and guidance.

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