



Republic of the Philippines  
**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**  
**PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 103<sup>rd</sup> PCSD Regular Meeting  
SEAMEO INNOTECH, Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City  
27 February 2004



**Present:**

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| 1.  | Rep. Vicente A. Sandoval   | - | Chairman  |
|     | Palawan rep. (2 <sup>nd</sup> District), House of Representative |   |           |
| 2.  | Presidential Assistant Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr                      | - | Member    |
|     | Office of the President  |   |           |
| 3.  | Usec Ceasar M. Drilon, DA  | - | Member    |
| 4.  | Usec Renato De Rueda, DENR                                       | - | Member    |
| 5.  | Hon. Lucena Demaala, Acting Pres, League of Mun.-                |   | Member    |
| 6.  | Winston G. Arzaga, Executive Director, PCSDS                     | - | Secretary |
| 7.  | VADM Ruben G. Domingo, WESCOM Commander-                         |   | Member    |
| 8.  | Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag, SEMP-NP Rep                           | - | Member    |
| 9.  | Rev. Fr. Armando R. Limsa, NGO Representative                    | - | Member    |
| 10. | Mr. Angel Antic, Business Sector Representative                  | - | Member    |

**Absent:**

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| 11. | Hon. Mario Joel T. Reyes   | - | Vice-Chairman |
|     | Provincial Governor  |   |               |
| 12. | Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra  | - | Member        |
|     | Palawan rep. (1 <sup>st</sup> District), House of Representative |   |               |
| 13. | Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn, City Mayor, Puerto Prin City-           |   | Member        |
| 14. | DDG Augusto B. Santos, NEDA                                      | - | Member        |

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**PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 04-225**

**“RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
WINSTON G. ARZAGA TO DETERMINE THE CLOSE SEASON  
IN THE HARVESTING OF EDIBLE BIRDS NEST IN PALAWAN  
UPON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DENR”**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9072, otherwise known as the Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act, was passed into law on April 8, 2001 to carry out the declared policy of the State to “conserve, protect and manage caves and cave resources as part of the country’s natural wealth;

**WHEREAS**, Section 9 of the said Act provides that the PCSD shall be the lead implementing agency in the Province of Palawan pursuant to Republic Act No. 7611 or the Strategic Environmental Plan for Palawan;

**WHEREAS**, among others, the PCSD is empowered under Republic Act No. 9072 to issue permits for the collection and removal of guano and other cave resources;

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**“PCSDS: Working together towards sustaining the future.”**

**WHEREAS**, on September 12, 2003 the PCSD passed Resolution No. 03-217 adopting the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Republic Act No. 9072 and pursuant thereto PCSD Administrative Orders No. 08 and 08-A were adopted providing for the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9072 and for the issuance of permits/ for collection, extraction and removal of edible bird's nests pursuant to sec. 5.6 of PCSD Administrative Order No. 8, Series of 2003;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the aforementioned Administrative Orders the PCSD Executive Director entered into a memorandum of agreement with the Swiftlet Nest Gatherers Association, Inc. of El Nido for the management and protection of the caves and sustainable utilization of the cave resources and providing specific assistance to the Local Government Unit in the locality with PCSDS exercising oversight functions in the bidding of the cave resources:

**WHEREAS**, in order to regulate the harvesting to ensure sustainable yield of edible birds nest, there is a need to establish a close season to give the birds time to hatch their eggs;

**WHEREAS**, in the determination of the period of close season, the DENR informed the council of the research conducted by Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) and has promised to submit the summary thereof including its recommendation;

**WHEREFORE**, on motion duly seconded, be it **RESOLVED**, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, that the Executive Director be authorized, as hereby he is authorized, to determine the period of close season for the harvesting of edible birds nest considering the recommendations of the DENR.

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copy of this resolution be furnished the DENR, LGU's and other concerned entities for their information and guidance.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February 2004.

I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the foregoing resolution.



**WINSTON G. ARZAGA**  
Secretary

Approved:



**VICENTE A. SANDOVAL**  
Chairman