

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



Excerpts from the Minutes of the 68th PCSD Regular Meeting
North Lounge, House of Representatives, Constitution Hills, Quezon City
24 September 1999

Present:

1. Deputy Speaker Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr. - Chairman
Palawan rep. (1st District), House of Representative
2. Rep. Vicente A. Sandoval - Vice-Chairman
Palawan rep. (2nd District), House of Representative
3. Atty. Joselito C. Alisuag - Secretary
Executive Director, PCSDS
4. Hon. Salvador P. Socrates - Member
Provincial Governor
5. Mr. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra - Member
Public Sector
6. Hon. Myrna Lacanilao - Member
President, League of Mun. Mayors
7. Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn - Member
City Mayor, Puerto Princesa City
represented by Col. Romualdo Velasco
8. Kgwd. Joel Bito-onon - Member
President, Liga ng mga Barangay
9. Maj. Gen. Ponciano S. Millena, WESCOM - Member
10. Hon. Ali Montaha Babao, SPCPD - Member
11. Usec Evelyn Pantig, DOT - Member
represented by Ms. Cheryl Hulleza
12. Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda, NGO - Member
13. Mr. Rey Rafols, Business Sector - Member

Absent:

1. Hon. Joel T. Reyes, - Member
Vice Gov., Sangguniang Panlalawigan
2. Usec Ceasar M. Drilon, DA - Member
3. Usec Teodoro Pison, DENR - Member
4. DDG Isagani B. Valdellon, NEDA - Member

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 99-148

***RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING HIS EXCELLENCY,
PRESIDENT JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA TO DECLARE PALAWAN AS
ECO-TOURISM CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES***

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7611 also known as the Strategic Plan for Palawan (SEP) Act was approved on June 19, 1992 as the comprehensive framework for the sustainable development of Palawan, compatible with protecting the natural resources and endangered environment of the province and shall guide the local government units and the government agencies concerned in the formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects affecting the province;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of Republic Act No. 7611 provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), under the Office of the President;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of said Act provides for the Environmentally Critical Area Network (ECAN) which is a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, including its terrestrial, coastal/marine and tribal ancestral lands as well as specific areas for tourism and recreation;

WHEREAS, owing to the geographic location and the economic potentials of the province, the PCSD in 1994 requested for the inclusion of Palawan in the East Asean growth polygon known as the Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines – East Asean Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA);

WHEREAS, the ADB Investigative study on this growth area recommended a special development approach for Palawan due to its ecological conditions and specifically identified the tourism potentials as the main attraction of the province;

WHEREAS, in order to further develop the province's tourism potentials and to increase tourism arrival, there is a need to declare Palawan as the ecotourism capital of the country;

WHEREFORE, on motion of Assemblyman Ali Montaha D.H. Babao, unanimously seconded by the members present, be it:

RESOLVED, as it is hereby **RESOLVED**, to respectfully request **HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA** to declare Palawan as ecotourism capital of the Philippines.


RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Office of Honorable Sebastian Angliongto, Chairman, Mindanao Economic Development Council and Honorable Gemma Cruz-Araneta, Secretary, Department of Tourism.

APPROVED and ADOPTED this 24th day of September 1999 in Quezon City.

I hereby certify to the correctness and accuracy of the above-quoted resolution.


Exec. Dir. **JOSELITO C. ALISUAG**
Secretary

APPROVED:


ALFREDO E. ABUEG, JR.
Deputy Speaker, House of Representatives
Chairman, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development