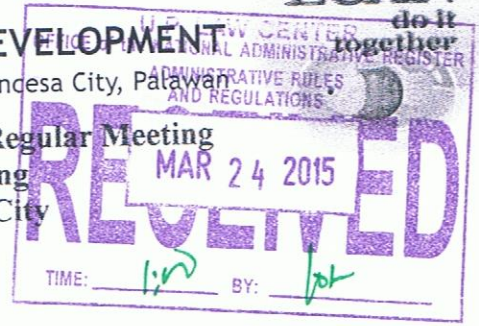




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PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Excerpts from the Minutes of the 216th PCSD Regular Meeting
Governor's Room, Capitol Building
Capitol Building, Puerto Princesa City
February 26, 2015



Present:

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| 1. Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chairman |
| 2. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 3. Dep. Dir-Gen. Margarita R. Songco, NEDA | Member |
| 4. Usec. Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary, DENR | Member |
| 5. Asec. Edilberto M. De Luna, Assistant Secretary, DA | Member |
| 6. Hji. Abraham M. Ibba, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |

Represented:

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| 7. Rev. Fr. Eugene S. Elivera, NGO Representative | Member |
| Sister Xenia Mae C. Juanitas, AMP | |
| 8. Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City | Member |
| Represented by Atty. Michelle Acosta | |
| 9. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities | Member |
| Represented by Mayor Edna Lim | |
| 10. RADM Alexander S Lopez AFP, Commander, WESCOM | Member |
| Represented by Commodore Franco S.T. Pan, AFP | |

Absent:

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| 11. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor | Chairman |
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PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 15-522

“APPROVING THE ADDITIONAL LIST OF IDENTIFIED, ASSESSED AND CLASSIFIED CAVES/KARST FORMATION (CAVE SYSTEM OR COMPLEXES) IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 9072, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS NATIONAL CAVES AND CAVE RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT OF 2001”

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2001 Republic Act No. 9072, otherwise known as the "National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act" was approved to carry out the national policy of conserving, protecting and managing the caves and caves resources as part of the country's natural wealth;

WHEREAS, Section 4 thereof provides that in the Province of Palawan, the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) shall be the lead implementing agency pursuant to Republic Act No. 7611 or the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act;

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2003 PCSD issued Resolution No. 03-217 adopting the DENR Administrative Order (DAO) 2003-29) "Implementing the Rules and Regulations of the National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act or RA no. 9072" and providing henceforth administrative order for a revised IRR applicable to the province of Palawan, and subsequently promulgated Administrative Order No. 03-08;

WHEREAS, in 2007, the DENR issued Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04 prescribing and adopting Manual on Cave Classification for all caves within public domain and private lands, including those found within the protected areas.

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WHEREAS, the PCSD formulated its Manual on Cave Classification adopting the DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04 and prescribing the following classes of caves in the province of Palawan:

Class I. Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations, threatened species, archaeological and paleontological values, and extremely hazardous conditions. Allowable use may include mapping, photography, educational and scientific purposes.

Class II. Caves with areas or portions which have sections that have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological, archaeological, cultural, historical and biological values or high quality ecosystem. It may be necessary to close sections of these caves seasonally or permanently. It shall be opened to experienced cavers or guided educational tours/visits.

Class III. Caves generally safe to inexperienced visitors with no known threatened species and archaeological, geological, natural history, cultural and historical values. The caves may also be utilized for economic purposes such as guano extraction and edible birds' nest collection.

WHEREAS, in 2012, a group of experts from the National Museum of the Philippines conducted a project in Palawan or the Palawan Island Palaeohistoric Research Project with the support and assistance from the University of the Philippines (UP), the UP Foundation Inc., officers of local government units of Palawan, PCSDS and other international organizations.

WHEREAS, one of the activities under the above-mentioned project is the archaeological assessment in cave sites, which assessment has contributed to the identification and classification of caves in different municipalities in Palawan;

WHEREAS, in September 2014, the PCSD cave assessment team, together with experts from Palawan State University (PSU) and Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) conducted caves identification, assessment, survey and mapping in the province;

WHEREAS, the primary objective for the classification of caves is to conserve, protect and manage the natural wealth and heritage of caves and the resources found therein;

WHEREAS, after the assessment, the team has identified, assessed and classified caves in Palawan, to wit:

CLASSIFICATION	NAME OF CAVES/CAVE SYSTEM	LOCATION	MAJOR APPROPRIATE USES	MUNICIPALITY
CLASS I				
	ILLE Cave	"Ille Tower Karst", Bgy. New Ibajay	Archaeological, paleontological and cultural studies	El Nido
	PASIMBAHAN Cave	"Pasimbahan-Magsanib Site", Bgy. New Ibajay	Archaeological, paleontological and cultural studies	El Nido
	MAULOHIN Cave (IV-2007-L)	Imorigue Island Karst", Imorigue Island, Bgy. New Ibajay	Archaeological, paleontological and cultural studies.	El Nido
	ISTAR CAIRN (Cave3:IV-2007-M)	Bgy. New Ibajay	Archaeological, paleontological and cultural studies.	El Nido
CLASS II				
	TINAGUSAN BAT Cave	"Taraw Caves System", Batas Island, Bgy. Batas	Guided educational tours/visits and Research/scientific studies	Taytay

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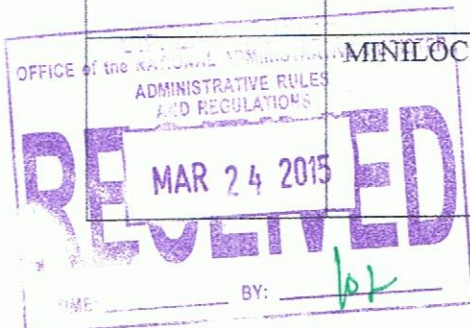
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	LIYANG Cave	Dondonay Island, Bgy. Talaga	Bat Chamber (Stations 29,30,31,32&33) and Left Maze passages (Stations 15,16,17,18,19,20,21, 22&23) - limited to Archeaological, Scientific studies and guided educational tours only.	Cagayancillo 2 Sub-Classes: * Class II
	NIPAY Cave	Sitio Nipay, Bgy. Talaga	Guided educational tours and religious purpose only.	Cagayancillo
CLASS III				
	SABANG-SAMALAGUE Cave	"Taraw Caves System", Batas Island, Bgy. Batas	For economic purposes - Limited to Ecotourism	Taytay
	MUTALPOT Cave	"Pavillon Caves System", Pavillon Grande, Elephant Island, Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes - Limited to collection of Edible birds Nest (EBN) only. *Potential Ecotourism site (whole Karst island)	Taytay
	MARGARITA Cave	"Pavillon Caves System", Pavillon Pequeno, Castle Island, Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes - Limited to collection of Edible birds Nest (EBN) only. *Potential Ecotourism site (whole Karst island)	Taytay
	PAVILLON GRANDE Caves	"Pavillon Grande Cave Complex", Castle Island, Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	Taytay
	PAVILLON PEQUENO Caves	"Pavillon Grande Cave Complex", Castle Island, Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	Taytay
	PANGALAN Caves	"Pangalan Island Karst", Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	Taytay
	NABAT Caves	"Nabat Island Karst", Nabat Island, Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	Taytay
	APULIT Caves	"Apulit Island Karst", Apulit Island, Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	Taytay
	TALAKANEN Caves	"Talakanen	For economic	Taytay

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		Island Karst", Talamanen Island, Bgy. Maytegued	purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	
	TARAW Caves	"Taraw Rock Complex", Bgy. Maytegued	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	Taytay
	LIYANG Cave		For economic purposes - (Other chambers/passages) - Limited to Ecotourism purposes only.	Cagayancillo
	PANANDANAN Cave	So. Amamagus, Bgy. Tabon	Potential Ecotourism site and Research site.	Quezon
	LION Cave	Bgy. Cabayugan	Potential as Museum site and Ecotourism site	PPC
	HUNDRED Cave	Bgy. Tagabinet	Ecotourism site, Rock climbing site, Bird watching site and zipline	PPC
	PAKALSADA & PIET Rock Cave	"Makangit Karst Formations", Bgy. New Ibajay	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	El Nido
	BIG MAKANGIT Cave	Bgy. New Ibajay	For economic purposes- Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	El Nido
	SMALL MAKANGIT Cave	Bgy. New Ibajay	For economic purposes- Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	El Nido
	PATI Rock Cave	Bgy. New Ibajay	For economic purposes- Limited to Edible birds Nest collection only.	El Nido
	ISTAR/STAR Caves	"Star Cave Complex", Bgy. New Ibajay	For economic purposes- Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	El Nido
	DIRIBUNGAN Caves	"Diribungan Cave Complex", Bgy. New Ibajay	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	El Nido
	MINILOC Caves	"Miniloc Island Karst Formation", Bgy. Bebeladan	For economic purposes-Limited to Edible Birds Nest collection only.	El Nido



WHEREAS, considering the above-classified caves, there is a need to update the list of identified, assessed and classified caves/karst formation (cave system or complexes) in the province of Palawan in order to ensure the conservation, protection and management of caves and cave resources in the province of Palawan;

WHEREAS, the updated list of caves will serve as a guide for concerned government agencies, scientific authorities and NGOs, among others, in the implementation of caves and cave resources conservation and protection programs;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to approve, as it is hereby APPROVED, the "Additional List of Identified, Assessed and Classified Caves/Karst Formation (Cave System or Complexes) in the Province of Palawan";

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the classification of caves shall be a continuing process until such time that all caves in the province of Palawan shall be classified and additional list of classified caves shall be issued on a yearly basis pursuant to PCSD Administrative Order No. 03-08 and PCSD Manual on Cave Classification;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that a cave management plan shall be prepared for each classified cave, which plan shall include monitoring and reclassification of classified caves and a provision that all ecotourism, scientific, educational and economic activities, whenever allowed, must be guided by concerned PCSD staff,

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished the DENR, DA and other concerned agencies for their information and guidance;


RESOLVED FINALLY, that copy of this resolution be filed with the Office of the National Administrative Registrar at the UP Law Center for publication in accordance with existing rules.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of February 2015 in Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 26th day of February 2015.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Executive Director III

ATTESTED BY:


VICTORINO DENNIS M. SOCRATES
Presiding Officer
Vice-Chairman, PCSD

