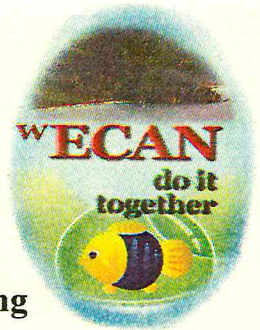




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**Excerpts from the Minutes of the 178th PCSD Regular Meeting
PSDTI Training Hall, RVMCSD,
Barangay Irawan, Puerto Princesa City
29 July 2011**

Present:

1. Gov. Abraham Kahlil B. Mitra, Provincial Governor -Chairperson
2. Hon. David A. Ponce de Leon, Co-author of R.A. 7611 -Vice Chairperson
3. Hon. Alfredo E. Abueg, Jr., Past PCSD Chairperson -Member
4. Hon. Vicente A. Sandoval, Past PCSD Chairperson -Member
5. Dir. Romeo B. Dorado, OIC – Executive Director, PCSDS- Secretary
6. Usec Manuel D. Gerochi, DENR -Member
7. Hon. Edilberto M. De Luna, DA -Member
8. Hon. Ramon A. Zabala, President, Liga ng mga Barangay -Member
9. P/S Supt Reynaldo B Jagmis, PNP -Member
10. Commo Joseph Rostum O Peña, NAVFORWEST -Member
11. Mr. Rey M. Rafols, Business Sector/PCCI Representative-Member
12. Comm. Dionesia O. Banua, NCIP -Member
13. Atty. Nesario G. Awat, NGO Representative -Member

Duly Represented:

14. Hon. Mario T. Reyes, President, League of Municipalities -Member
Represented by Mayor Evelyn V. Rodriguez
15. Vice Gov. Clara E. Reyes, Sangguniang Panlalawigan -Member
Represented by Hon. Frederick F. Abueg
16. Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City -Member
Represented by Mr. Rogelio C. Daquer
17. MGEN Juancho M Sabban AFP, Commander, WesCom -Member
Represented by Capt Rosauro M Sarmiento, Jr. PN

Absent

18. Sec. Cayetano W. Paderangga, NEDA -Member
19. Pros. Alen Ross B. Rodriguez, Office of Prov'l Prosecutor -Member

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 11-425

“A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROCLAMATION NO. 182 DECLARING A NATIONWIDE AND INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION CAMPAIGN FOR PUERTO PRINCESA UNDERGROUND RIVER TO BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD’S NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF NATURE”

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 7611 empowers the Palawan Council For Sustainable Development (PCSD) to govern, implement and give policy direction to the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan;

WHEREAS, the SEP shall have, as its general philosophy, the sustainable development of Palawan, which is the improvement in the quality of life of its people in the present and future generations through the use of complementary activities of development and conservation that protect life-support ecosystems and rehabilitate exploited areas to allow upcoming generations to sustain development growth;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Republic Act 7611 created the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) as the administrative machinery for the governance, policy direction and implementation of the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan and empowers the same to formulate plans and policies as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of Republic Act 7611;

WHEREAS, PCSD adheres to the concept of sustainable development which means the improvement in the quality of life of the present and future generations through the complementation of development and environmental protection activities;

WHEREAS, the Puerto Princesa Underground River (PPUR) in Palawan, Philippines is one of the 28 finalists in the global search for the New 7 Wonders of Nature, composed of a long mountain landscape and a beautiful, breathtaking subterranean river that winds through a cave that has been carved into shape by the giant hand of nature;

WHEREAS, aside from being rare fossils previously found only in Java, Indonesia, PPUR also emphasize further the pure historic value of the Puerto Princesa Underground River and of the country as well;

WHEREAS, Proclamation No. 182 was signed by the President of the Republic of the Philippines on June 3, 2011, Declaring a Nationwide and International Promotion Campaign for the PPUR to become one of the New Seven Wonders of Nature, creating the PPUR-N7WN Campaign Task Force;

WHEREAS, " President Aquino said in Proclamation No. 182 that there shall be a national and international promotion campaign to encourage all Filipinos, both here and abroad, and all the friends of the Filipino people, to help in the campaign to make the Puerto Princesa Underground River be proclaimed as one of the N7WN;

WHEREAS, by encouraging support for National and International Campaign embodied in the aforesaid Proclamation No.182 in favor of Puerto Princesa Underground River, as well as the Philippines, this scenic beauty and unique features of PPUR will eventually garner a distinct spot on the international tourist map and finally winning a place in the top seven which will strengthen sense of national pride and potentially attract tourists which will probably redound to thousands of employment opportunities that will ultimately nurture success for Filipinos everywhere in the world;

WHEREAS, PPUR also represents a habitat for biodiversity conservation as the site contains a full mountain-to-the-sea ecosystem and has some of the most important forests in Asia and was inscribed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site on December 4, 1999.

WHEREFORE, upon motion duly seconded, the Council RESOLVES, as it is hereby resolved, TO SUPPORT THE NATIONWIDE AND INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR PUERTO PRINCESA UNDERGROUND TO BECOME ONE OF THE WORLD'S NEW SEVEN WONDERS OF NATURE.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the other concerned agencies and Local Government Units of Palawan for their information and appropriate action.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted Resolution has been duly approved and adopted by the PCSD on 29th day of July 2011 at Puerto Princesa City.

ROMEO B. DORADO
Secretary

APPROVED FOR THE COUNCIL:

ABRAHAM KAHLIL B. MITRA
PCSD, Chairman



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Excerpts from the Minutes of the 179th PCSD Regular Meeting held at the Sangguniang Bayan Session Hall, Municipality of Coron, Palawan
August 26, 2011

Present:

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2. Hon. David A. Ponce de Leon, Co-author of R.A. 7611 -Vice Chairperson
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10. Mr. Rey M. Rafols, Business Sector -Member
11. P/S Supt Reynaldo B Jagmis, Palawan Provincial Police -Member
12. Commo Joseph Rostum O Peña, Naval Forces West -Member
13. Mr. Nicholas Gitsis, Palawan Tourism Council -Member

Duly Represented:

14. Atty. Nesario G. Awat, NGO -Member
Represented by Atty. Grizelda Mayo Anda
15. Usec. Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary DENR -Member
Represented by PENRO Juan C Dela Cruz
16. Hon. Mario T. Reyes, President League of Municipalities -Member
Represented by Hon. Evelyn V. Rodriguez
17. Prov'l. Pros. Alen Ross Rodriguez, Provincial Prosecutor's Office -Member
Represented by Fiscal Regidor Tulali
18. LTGEN Juancho M Sabban, AFP -Member
Represented by Capt Alexander S. Lopez PN (GSC)

Absent:

19. Asec. Edilberto M. De Luna, Department of Agriculture -Member
20. DG Cayetano W. Paderanga, Jr., NEDA -Member
21. Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn, City of Puerto Princesa -Member

PCSD Resolution No. 11-424

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY PROVISION UNDER SECTION 37 OF PCSD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12, SERIES OF 2011

WHEREAS, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992, section 6 of which provides that the SEP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan;

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WHEREAS, Section 2 thereof declares the policy of the State to protect, develop and conserve its natural resources towards which, it shall assist and support the implementation of plans, programs and projects formulated to preserve and enhance the environment, and at the same time pursue the socioeconomic development goals of the country; that it shall support and promote the sustainable development goals for the provinces through proper conservation, utilization and development of natural resources to provide optimum yields on a continuing basis;

WHEREAS, this same law provides that the SEP shall have, as its general philosophy, the sustainable development of Palawan, which is the improvement in the quality of life of its people in the present and future generations through the use of complementary activities of development and conservation that protect life-support ecosystems and rehabilitate exploited areas to allow upcoming generations to sustain development growth;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the same provides that the SEP shall establish, as its main strategy, 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, known as the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), and which shall ensure the following: **forest conservation and protection; protection of watersheds; preservation of biological diversity;** protection of tribal people and the preservation of their culture; **maintenance of maximum sustainable yield; protection of the rare and endangered species and their habitat; provision of areas for environmental and ecological research, education and training;** and provision of areas for tourist and recreation;

WHEREAS, Section 16 thereof provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD);

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2001, republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, was passed into law to carry out the declared policy of the State to "conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability";

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the same law provides that the Council 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, the Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01, otherwise known as the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9147 was promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, which administrative order is made applicable in the whole of the Philippine territory;

WHEREAS, in order to implement the provisions of said Wildlife Act in the province of Palawan, this Council promulgated and issued PCSD Administrative Order No. 12;

WHEREAS, Section 37 of said Administrative Order provides for a 30-day amnesty period within which possessors of wildlife species may file their application for amnesty and the corresponding Certificates of Wildlife Registration (CWRs) be issued in their favor.

WHEREFORE, for and in consideration of the above premises, upon motion, duly seconded, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, TO APPROVE, as it is hereby approved, the **GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY PROVISION UNDER SECTION 37 OF PCSD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12, SERIES OF 2011,** which guidelines is hereunto attached as Annex "A";

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution and the herein attached Administrative Order be distributed to all concerned agencies of the government for information and appropriate action on provisions related to or complementary to the exercise of their respective mandates.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted Resolution has been duly approved and adopted by the PCSD on 26th day of August 2011 at Coron, Palawan.


ROMEO B. DORADO
Secretary

APPROVED FOR THE COUNCIL:


HON. ABRAHAM KAHLIL B. MITRA
Chair

Republic of the Philippines
PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Puerto Princesa City

Subject: GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMNESTY PROVISION UNDER SECTION 37 OF PCSD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12, SERIES OF 2011

Pursuant to PCSD Administrative Order No. 12, this Guidelines is hereby adopted for the compliance and guidance of all concerned persons who are in possession of wildlife species without the required Certificate of Wildlife Registration.

Section 1. Scope.

These guidelines shall apply to all unregistered wildlife species in the possession of all persons in the province of Palawan, which are required to be so registered under PCSD Administrative Order No. 12, Series of 2011, otherwise known as the "Detailed Guidelines in the Implementation of Republic Act No. 9147 and Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01 as may be made applicable in the Province of Palawan."

Section 2. Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR).

This refers to the document issued by the PCSD to any person granting the latter authority to maintain wildlife species subject to the limitations, terms and conditions provided under the Wildlife Act, PCSD Administrative Order No. 12 and other existing rules and regulations.

Section 3. Amnesty; Grant of.

Pursuant to Section 37 of PCSD Administrative Order No. 12, Series of 2011, amnesty is made available to all persons in possession of wildlife species which are required to be registered under said Admin Order. Such amnesty shall operate as a waiver of the penalties imposable therein and the corresponding Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR) shall be issued.

Section 4. Conditions to avail of amnesty.

The concerned possessors of wildlife species may avail of the amnesty by filing an application for amnesty within the 30-day amnesty period from September 6, 2011 to October 6, 2011.

Said possessor-applicant must possess the general qualification enshrined under PCSD Admin Order No. 12 which requires that "any person who applies for a Certificate of Wildlife Registration must be *financially and technically capable* and *has the facility to maintain* the wildlife in his/her possession".

Those unregistered wildlife species which have been made subjects of administrative complaints before the PCSD Adjudication Board filed within the above-mentioned freedom period may still avail of the amnesty granted hereunder; Provided, that in lieu of the Application for Amnesty, possessors thereof shall file an Answer/Comment/Motion within the reglementary period stated in the summons and shall include therein their Prayer to avail of the amnesty; Provided further, that the grant of such amnesty will already be at the full discretion of the PCSD Adjudication Board before which the complaints are pending.

Section 5. Requirements.

The application for amnesty must still comply with the requirements under PCSD Admin Order No. 12. However, for purposes of availing of the amnesty within the above-prescribed period, a Letter of Intent or an Application for Amnesty (which may be secured from the PCSD) filed before the PCSDS Office is sufficient. Provided, that the following minimum requirements shall accompany the Letter of Intent or the Application for Amnesty:

1. Duly accomplished application form (to be secured from the nearest District Management Office of the PCSDS); and
2. List and Photograph / picture of Wildlife intended to be registered.

Other documentary requirements as may be required by the PCSDS, however, must still be submitted to the PCSDS within a reasonable period from submission of such Letter of Intent/Application for Amnesty, which reasonable period will no longer be restricted by the 30-day amnesty period; Provided, that all such "other documents" must be submitted on or before November 6, 2011.

Whenever an enclosure is required, the *size* and *design* of the same, which must allow the wildlife involved to exercise basic behavior such as flying (for birds), climbing (for bearcats and monkeys), swimming (for dungeons or duyons and turtles), etc., shall be submitted as one of the "other documents" above. The sufficiency of said "size and design" shall thereafter be determined by the PCSDS through ocular inspection.

Section 7. Procedure.

All Applications for Amnesty/Letter of Intent, together with their corresponding minimum requirements under Section 5 above, shall be submitted to the PCSDS.

The concerned division of the PCSDS shall immediately evaluate the submitted documents as to completeness as respectively enumerated above. If the requirements are not complete or when the PCSDS deems it necessary to include additional requirements depending on the circumstances of each case, the application shall be returned immediately informing the applicant of the deficiencies.

If the requirements are already complete, the PCSDS shall conduct an on-site validation or inspection of the wildlife intended to be registered and the facilities for captivity. After which, the result of the validation, with the corresponding recommendation for approval or recommendation for improvement as a condition in the approval, shall be submitted to the PCSDS Executive Director.

If the PCSDS Executive Director finds everything in order, he shall issue the corresponding Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR) with the terms and conditions set forth therein as may be appropriate and necessary.

Section 8. Amnesty Fees and Charges.


The fees/charges and administrative costs shall continue to be in accordance with PCSD Administrative Order No. 12.

Section 9. Effect of Failure to avail of the Amnesty.

After the end of such 30-day amnesty period, all wildlife species possessed without Certificate of Wildlife Registration and are not subject of any pending application for amnesty filed under this guidelines shall be considered as possessed in violation of PCSD Administrative Order No. 12 and the appropriate penalty be imposed subject to the requirements of administrative due process.

Such "failure" includes those which are subject of pending administrative case before the PAB contemplated under Section 4 hereof but failed to file an Answer/Comment/Motion within the required period or who filed therein but failed to "pray" for the grant of the amnesty.

ISSUED this 26th day of August 2011 in Coron, Palawan.


HON. ABRAHAM KAHLIL B. MITRA
Governor of Palawan
Chairman, PCSD