



Republic of the Philippines  
(Republic Act No. 7611)

## PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 232<sup>nd</sup> PCSD Regular Meeting  
Governor's Conference Room, 2/F Capitol Complex  
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan  
April 7, 2017

### Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor                | Chairman      |
| 2. Vice Gov. V. Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chairman |
| 3. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS      | Secretary     |
| 4. Usec. Marlo D. Mendoza, Undersecretary, DENR              | Member        |
| 5. LTGEN Raul L. Del Rosario, Commander, WESCOM              | Member        |
| 6. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities   | Member        |
| 7. Hon. Luis M. Marcaida, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City        | Member        |
| 8. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative                  | Member        |
| 9. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative           | Member        |
| 10. Mr. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay   | Member        |

### Represented:

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| 11. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Department of Agriculture<br>Represented by Director Leo Cañeda | Member |
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### Absent:

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| 12. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, NEDA                      | Member |
| 13. Atty. Leonor T. Oralde-Quintayo, Chairperson, NCIP, | Member |

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## PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 17-584

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**“APPROVING THE DECLARATION OF THE AREAS WITHIN CLEOPATRA’S NEEDLE FOREST RESERVE IN PUERTO PRINCESA CITY AS CRITICAL HABITAT PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 9147 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS WILDLIFE RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT”**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 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;

*Vision:* Palawan, an innovative and dynamic global center of sustainable development

*Mission:* 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

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

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2001, Republic Act 9147, otherwise known as the “Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001” was approved, Section 4 of which provides that the respective jurisdiction conferred to DENR and DA is vested with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) pursuant to Republic Act 7611;

**WHEREAS**, Section 25 of RA 9147 specifically provides for the designation of critical habitats outside protected areas under RA 7586 and such designation shall be made on the basis of the best scientific data taking into consideration species endemism and/or richness, presence of man-made pressures/threats to the survival of wildlife living in the area, among others;

**WHEREAS**, on July 29, 2011, PCSD Administrative Order No.12 or the “Detailed Guidelines in the implementation of R.A. 9147 and its IRR as may be made applicable in the province of Palawan”) was approved by the Council, Section 50 of which states that the designation of critical habitats in the province of Palawan shall be governed by subsequent regulation promulgated for the purpose;

**WHEREAS**, in a letter-request dated October 23, 2014, Centre for Sustainability’s Executive Director, Ms. Kyra Hoevenaars proposed that Cleopatra’s Needle Forest Reserve in Puerto Princesa City be declared as a Critical Habitat pursuant to the guidelines set forth under PCSD Resolution No. 13-481 which refers to the guidelines on the establishment and management of Critical Habitat as may be made applicable in the Province of Palawan;

**WHEREAS**, during the 228<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the PCSD on November 18, 2016, the Council approved the declaration of Cleopatra’s Needle as Critical Habitat without prejudice to the compliance of the requirements as provided under the guidelines mentioned above;

**WHEREAS**, PCSD technical staff reviewing the documents and assessments submitted by the Centre for Sustainability found the same to be in compliance with the guidelines set forth under PCSD Resolution No. 13-481;

**WHEREAS**, upon review of the evaluation and recommendations of the technical staff dated April 6, 2017, it is imperative to declare the area comprising Cleopatra’s Needle Forest Reserve in Puerto Princesa City as a Critical Habitat;

**WHEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves as it is hereby resolved to approve the DECLARATION of Cleopatra’s Needle Forest Reserve in Puerto Princesa City as Critical Habitat pursuant to Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act; subject to the submission of the technical description of the said critical habitat;

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Cleopatra’s Needle Forest Reserve shall be managed jointly by the City Government of Puerto Princesa and the Centre for Sustainability, under the supervision of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development pursuant to PCSD Resolution No. 13-481;

**RESOLVED FURTHERMORE**, that a Critical Habitat Management Plan (CHMP) shall be jointly developed by above-mentioned entities for review and approval of the PCSD;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that copies of this resolution be furnished to the City Government of Puerto Princesa, Centre for Sustainability, DENR, DA and concerned agencies for their information and guidance;

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017 at Puerto Princesa City.

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I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

  
**NELSON P. DEVANADERA**  
Secretary 

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
**JOSE CH. ALVAREZ**  
PCSD Chair