



Republic of the Philippines
(Republic Act No. 7611)

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 241st PCSD Meeting
Governor's Conference Room, 2/F Capitol Complex
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan
March 1, 2018

Present:

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| 1. Vice Gov. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chair |
| 2. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 3. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, Deputy Director General, NEDA | Member |
| 4. Usec Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Undersecretary, DENR | Member |
| 5. Mayor Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities | Member |
| 6. ABC Pres. Dennis M. Sabando, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 7. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative | Member |
| 8. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |

Represented:

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| 9. LTGEN Rozzano D. Briguez, Commander, WESCOM
Represented by Commo Dorvin Jose L Legazpi PN (GSC) | Member |
| 10. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA
Represented by Director Arsenio Saliot | Member |

Absent:

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| 11. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor, | Chair |
| 12. Mayor Lucilo R. Bayron, Puerto Princesa City | Member |

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 18-629

“RESOLUTION IMPOSING OPEN AND CLOSE SEASON FOR EDIBLE BIRD’S NEST”

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources and Conservation Act, took effect on 30 July 2001, section 2 of which provides that it shall be the policy of the State to conserve the country’s wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources and Conservation Act, it is mandated to adopt the necessary measures that will ensure the conservation and protection of wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity;

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

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WHEREAS, Section 4 of this same law provides that in the province of Palawan, jurisdiction is exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) pursuant to Republic Act No. 7611;

WHEREAS, Edible bird's nest (EBN) or usually called as "*Pugad ng Balinsasayaw*" is one of the most highly valued food products of South East Asia and is consumed in many parts of the world for its nutritional and medicinal values;

WHEREAS, out of the 24 kinds of swiftlets, only a few produce nests that are deemed edible and one of which is in Palawan known as edible-nest swiftlet (*Aerodramus fuciphagus*);

WHEREAS, there is an observed decline in the production of EBN which is found to be very alarming; and the decreasing volume of collected/harvested EBN signals the need for appropriate measures to prevent further decline of the species population in the wild;

WHEREAS, with the continuing EBN collection and trade despite the declining bird population and decreasing volume of EBN harvest, overharvesting will continue to occur which might eventually destroy the industry unless proper conservation and management measures is imposed and implemented;

WHEREAS, such is the reason why policies, conservation and management actions by the Philippine government, including PCSD, are necessary to ensure its sustainability;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to impose an open and close season with strict collection schedule to allow sufficient time for birds to complete the breeding cycle and maximize clutch development;

WHEREAS, an open season shall be established to commence from January to May, and the close season shall be established to commence every June to December of each year;

WHEREAS, equally important to EBN sustainability issues is deforestation or destruction of forests inhabited or served as foraging areas of birds, thus, there is a necessity of having cave management plan that would integrate all the issues involving EBN industry;

WHEREAS, to ensure the protection and sustainability of the EBN ecology and industry, it is necessary that all caves identified as potential for EBN harvest and with existing concession or collection activities must have corresponding cave management plans integrating therein the above-said strategies;


WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and on motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to adopt, as it is hereby resolved and adopted, an open and close season policy, the open season to commence from January to May and the close season to commence from June to December of each year;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the respective Local Government Units in Palawan shall formulate the necessary Cave Management Plan, subject to the approval of the PCSD, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 08;

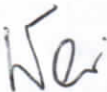
RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished the PCSD, the EBN traders, the concerned Local Government Units in Palawan and all concerned parties for information and guidance;

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of March 2018 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted and approved by the PCSD on the 1st day of March 2018 at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.


NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


VICTORINO DENNIS M. SOCRATES
Presiding Officer, Vice-Chair