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## PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 244<sup>th</sup> PCSD Regular Meeting  
Citystate Asturias Hotel, Puerto Princesa City  
June 18, 2018

### Present:

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| 1. Gov. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Provincial Governor,                      | Chair      |
| 2. Vice Gov. Victorino Dennis M. Socrates, Sangguniang Panlalawigan | Vice Chair |
| 3. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, Deputy Director General, NEDA          | Member     |
| 4. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS             | Secretary  |
| 5. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities          | Member     |
| 6. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative                         | Member     |
| 7. LTGEN Rozzano D. Briguez, Commander, WESCOM                      | Member     |

### Represented:

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| 8. Usec Juan Miguel T. Cuna, Undersecretary, DENR<br>Represented by Engr Maria Dorica Naz-Hipe   | Member |
| 9. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA<br>Represented by Dir. Louella Rowena J. Lorenzana | Member |
| 10. Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City<br>Represented by Atty Carlo S. Gomez     | Member |

### Absent:

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| 11. Hon. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 12. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative         | Member |

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## PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 18-637

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### “CREATING THE PANGOLIN RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE PCSD ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the PCSD is the mandated agency to implement RA 9147 or the “Wildlife Act” in the province of Palawan, and as such, it is designated as the *Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna*(CITES) Management Authority for the province of Palawan;

**WHEREAS**, CITES adopted a resolution during its Conference of Parties (CoP17) held in Johannesburg, South Africa on September 24 to October 5, 2016 pertaining to the Conservation of and Trade in Pangolins, specifically calling upon Pangolin range States to work with appropriate bodies to develop and implement in situ pangolin management and conservation programmes, which include the making of non-detriment findings for trade in the species, population assessments, monitoring, and management and conservation measures;

*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**, there is a marked decline in the population size of Palawan Pangolin in the wild because of exploitation and habitat loss/destruction and for which, among other reasons, the species is now categorized as Critically Endangered under the PCSD Resolution 15-521, entitled “Approving the 2014 Updated List of Threatened Terrestrial and Marine Wildlife in Palawan in their Categories Pursuant to RA 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act”

**WHEREAS**, at the moment, there is no scientific study that would show the status of the species population in the entire province. Thus, it is relevant to determine local populations and habitat range of the Palawan pangolin in sites identified to be inhabited by the species including the Victoria-Anepahan Mountain Range;

**WHEREAS**, the PCSD Environment and Natural Resources Committee (ENRC) is reactivated by virtue of the PCSD Resolution No. 17-605, “*Reactivating the PCSD Functional Committees on Environment and Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Tribal Affairs and Electing the Respective Committee Chairs Thereof*”, in order to formulate policies/guidelines concerning the conservation and protection of natural resources in the province of Palawan, among its other functions;

**WHEREAS**, it is important to create a sub-committee that would focus on the conduct of a population research study involving Palawan Pangolin. The said sub-committee is fit to be under the structure of the PCSD-ENRC considering its functions in conserving and protecting natural resources;

**NOW THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the above premises, be it resolved as it is hereby resolved, that the following composition and functions of the PCSD-ENRC Sub-committee for Pangolin Research be adopted, as it is hereby adopted:

**Section 1. The PCSD-ENRC Sub-Committee for Pangolin Research.** The Sub-committee which shall operate under the Environment and Natural Resources Committee of the PCSD shall be composed of the following:

Chair: Conservation International-Philippines

Co-Chair: PCSD Staff

Members: Katala Foundation Inc, PSU, Protect Wildlife, WPU, NCIP, NATRIPAL, PENRO, LGU concerned, and Provincial Government ENRO

Secretariat: PCSDS and Protect Wildlife Project

**Section 2. Functions.** The Sub-committee for Pangolin Research shall have the functions as follows:

- 2.1 Review and endorse the final research design, protocol, and work plan of the research team to the ENR committee;
- 2.2 Convene as need arises, conduct virtual meetings through skype or other platform;
- 2.3 Monitor status of research implementation by the research team;
- 2.4 Review and endorse all reports generated from the study, including article(s) for publication, and
- 2.5 Review and endorse policy recommendations for the conservation of the Palawan pangolin.



Section 3. **Research Team Composition and Function.** The Sub-committee shall have research teams which shall be composed of the following and its corresponding functions:

- 3.1 Team Leader: Levita Lagrada (PCSDS)
- 3.2 Study team 1 (local knowledge): Lea Camangege (PSU)  
Members: PSU statisticians, NATRIPAL, NCIP, CI
- 3.3 Study team 2.1 (ground survey): Dr. Sabine Schoppe (KFI)  
Members: WPU (statistical analysis), NATRIPAL
- 3.4 Study team 2.2 (camera trapping): Dr. Sabine Schoppe (KFI)  
Members: WPU (statistical analysis), NATRIPAL, CI

The team leader shall consolidate all reports made by study teams while each study team leader shall perform the following functions:

- a. Submit the final study design and work plan and logistics/procurement plan
- b. Faithfully implement the final research design
- c. Provide periodic reports to the ENR sub-committee for pangolin research as often as may be determined in line with the work plan and research design.
- d. Provide presentations on the research in various fora with the approval of the ENR Committee
- e. Submit terminal research report and technical article for publication on the population study to the ENR committee.

Section 4. **Funding.** Meeting expenses as well as all the budgetary requirements for the conduct of the “Palawan Pangolin Population Research Study” shall be provided by the Protect Wildlife Project and Conservation International – Philippines.

Section 5. **Effectivity.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately and shall be terminated automatically upon completion of the research study.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 in Puerto Princesa City.

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I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly adopted by the PCSD on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2018 at Puerto Princesa City.

  
NELSON P. DEVANADERA  
Secretary

**ATTESTED BY:**

  
JOSE CH. ALVAREZ  
Chair