



Republic of the Philippines
(Republic Act No. 7611)

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 246th PCSD Regular Meeting
Governor's Conference Room
2nd Floor, Provincial Capitol Bldg.
Puerto Princesa City
September 14, 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. Dir. Nelson P. Devanadera, Executive Director, PCSDS | Secretary |
| 4. Usec. Rodolfo Garcia, Undersecretary, Chief of Staff, DENR | Member |
| 5. Hon. Lucena D. Demaala, Pres., League of Municipalities | Member |
| 6. Atty. Jansen Jontila, NGO Representative | Member |
| 7. Mr. Bobby Castro, Private Sector Representative | Member |
| 8. Hon. Dennis M. Sabando, President, Liga ng mga Barangay | Member |
| 9. LTGEN Rozzano D. Briguez, Commander, WESCOM | Member |

Represented:

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| 10. Usec. Ariel T. Cayanan, Undersecretary, DA
Represented by Mila Cacal | Member |
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Absent:

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| 11. Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron, Mayor, Puerto Princesa City | Member |
| 12. DDG Adoracion M. Navarro, Deputy Director General, NEDA | Member |

RESOLUTION NO. 18-646

“RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REVISED ECAN ZONES MAP OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CULION, PALAWAN”

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;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the same law created the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development that is mandated to govern, provide policy direction and implement the SEP Law with technical support from the PCSD Staff that is responsible for providing the coordination mechanism for its policy and function, and to implement plans and programs through the involvement of all sectors of society;

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 7 of this said law establishes as its main strategy a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, known as the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN);

WHEREAS, the ECAN Map of the Municipality of Culion was formulated through intensive consultations with the executive and legislative offices, the ECAN Board and various stakeholders with the technical assistance from the PCSD Staff, which was subsequently approved in 2006;

WHEREAS, Section 22 of PCSD Resolution No. 05-250, entitled “Resolution Adopting the Revised Guidelines in Implementing The Environmentally Critical Areas Network, the Main Strategy of the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, Amending PCSD Resolution Nos. 94-44 & 99-144” provides for the grounds for modification or revision of ECAN Zones Map, which states that “subsequent revisions and updating of the ECAN Zoning Map may be undertaken by the Council staff upon acquisition of new and relevant information, in consultation with the local government units and concerned sectors in the province”;

WHEREAS, based on the research, survey findings and intensive local consultation conducted, it is deemed necessary to update the ECAN Zoning Map of the municipality of Culion in order to make the said zoning map responsive to the objectives of conservation and sustainable development of the municipality;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan of Culion submitted Resolution No. 2018-1329, adopting the updated/enhanced municipal ECAN Map of Culion, together with resolutions of support and endorsements from 14 barangays of the municipality;

WHEREAS, in today’s meeting the mayor of Culion, Hon. Ma. Virginia N. de Vera and Administrator Maxim F. Raymundo, together with Vice Mayor Ystan Joseph Aristotle G. Lagrosa, presented to the Council the details of the proposed amendments and after exhaustive deliberation of the issues and concerns raised the Council finds merit in the proposal to amend or enhance the 2006 approved ECAN Zones Map which amendments/enhancements are summarized as follows:

ECAN Zones	2006 Approved		2018 Amended/Enhanced	
	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)
Core	11,209.49	25.15	2,867.57	6.58
Restricted Use	20.32	0.05	2,189.23	5.02
Controlled Use	338.13	0.76	7,496.20	17.20
Traditional Use	10,475.87	23.50	9,219.78	21.16
Multiple Use	14,394.69	32.30	13,596.22	31.20
Tribal Ancestral	8,133.51	18.25	8,202.53	18.83
TOTAL:	44,572.01	100.00	43,571.47	100.00

WHEREAS, the above indicated Tribal Ancestral Zone in the 2006 Approved ECAN Zones Map of 8,133.51 hectares constitute the areas with Indigenous Peoples in the barangays of Halsey and Carabao, which upon consultation with the concerned

communities that area was increased to 8,203.53 hectares as reflected in the zoning map for Barangay Carabao, the only barangay with the presence of IPs;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11 of R.A. 7611, providing that tribal ancestral areas shall be treated in the same graded system of control and prohibition as in the other areas except for strong emphasis on cultural considerations, the concerned communities during the consultation process classified the tribal ancestral zone as follows:

ECAN Zones	2006 Approved		2018 Amended/Enhanced	
	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)	Area (ha)	Percentage (%)
Tribal Ancestral				
Core			268.52	.62
Restricted Use			422.63	.97
Controlled Use			3,583.73	8.23
Traditional Use			2,745.59	6.30
Multiple Use			1,182.06	2.71
TOTAL:	8,133.51	18.25	8,203.53	18.83

WHEREAS, the above-described changes are reflected in the comparative ECAN Zones Map of 2006 and 2018 and made integral part of this resolution marked as Figure “A”, entitled “2006 Approved ECAN Zones Map of the Municipality of Culion, Province of Palawan” and Figure “B”, entitled “2018 Updated/Enhanced ECAN Zones Map of the Municipality of Culion, Province of Palawan”;

WHEREAS, in the deliberation that ensued, NGO representative Atty. Jansen Jontila noticed that the reduction of core area is very prominent; thus, he proposed to maintain the core zone as is to serve as protection zone and the criteria should not be limited to elevation as the law provides for other criteria, such as vegetation, presence of significant species and existence of habitat of species in the lowland areas. Administrator Raymundo explained that enhanced areas, which were core zone in the 2006 approved map, were changed to buffer zones increasing the percentage of protection from 49.46 % to 66.08 %.

WHEREAS, Dr. Aldrin Mallari, member of the PCSD Scientific Advisory Panel and who was present in the meeting upon the invitation of the NGO, was recognized to share his scientific opinion on the tipping point vis-à-vis the proposed amendment of the ECAN Map of Culion;

WHEREAS, Dr. Mallari stated that all areas in Calamian are part of the biodiversity corridor, hence the need for the basic enhancement of the flora and fauna present therein by setting aside 45% as protection zone to increase the resilience of small islands which is among the composition of the municipality;

WHEREAS, in response to the above suggestions, the representatives of the municipality of Culion assured the body that watershed areas are appropriately identified and mitigation of the impacts of climate change are duly considered in the amendment process;

WHEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and upon motion duly seconded, the Council resolves to approve, as it is hereby approved, the 2018 Updated/Enhanced Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN) Zones Map of the Municipality of Culion, Province of Palawan;



RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this resolution be furnished the Municipality of Culion, the ECAN Board of Culion and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, and other concerned agencies for their information and guidance;

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September 2018 at Puerto Princesa City.

I hereby certify that the above-quoted resolution has been duly approved and adopted this 14th day of September 2018 at Puerto Princesa City.

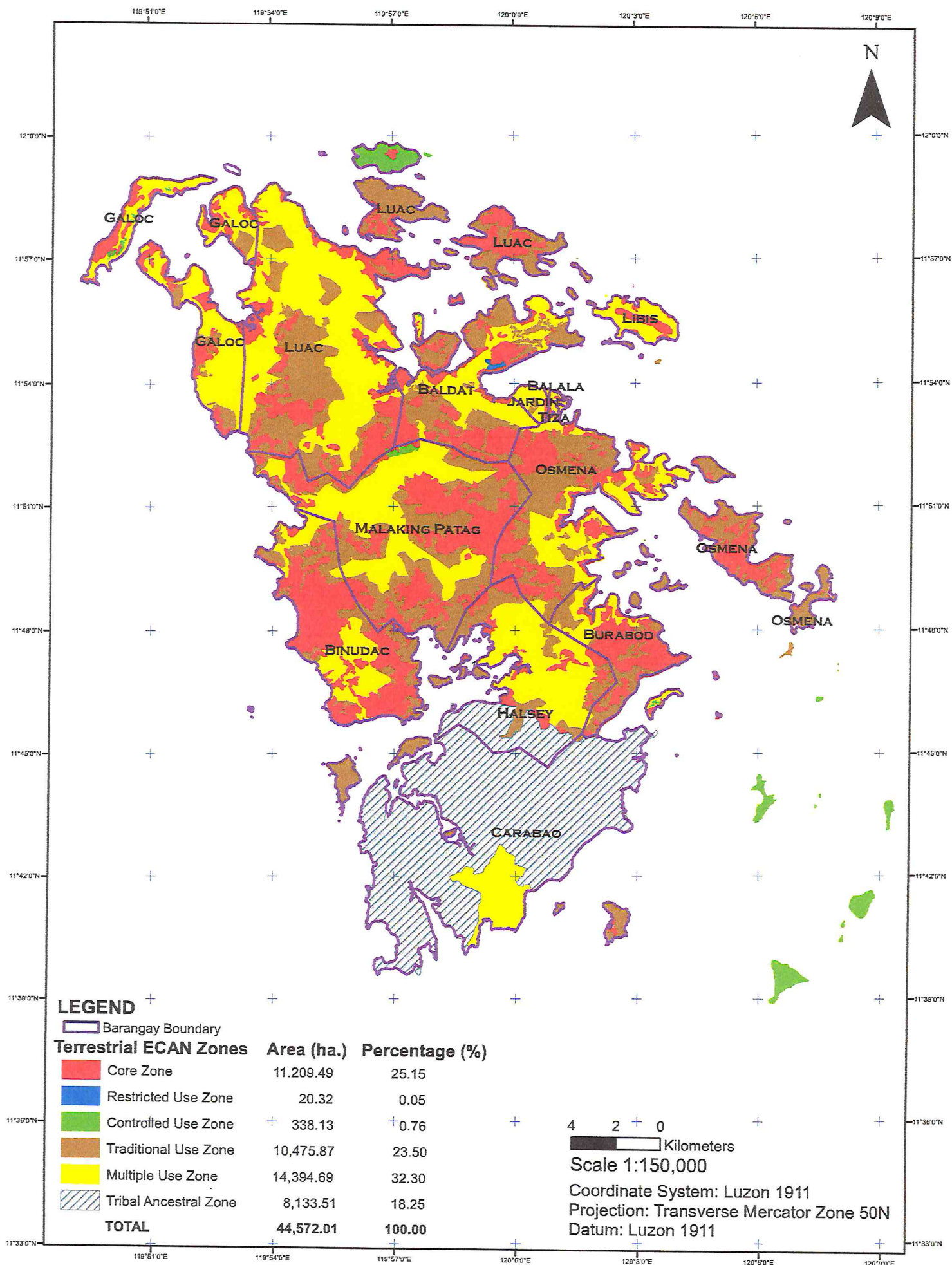

NELSON P. DEVANADERA
Secretary 

ATTESTED BY:


JOSE CH. ALVAREZ
Chair, PCSD 



2006 APPROVED ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREAS NETWORK (ECAN) ZONES MAP OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CULION, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN



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Barangay Boundary

Terrestrial ECAN Zones	Area (ha.)	Percentage (%)
Core Zone	11,209.49	25.15
Restricted Use Zone	20.32	0.05
Controlled Use Zone	338.13	0.76
Traditional Use Zone	10,475.87	23.50
Multiple Use Zone	14,394.69	32.30
Tribal Ancestral Zone	8,133.51	18.25
TOTAL	44,572.01	100.00

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Scale 1:150,000

Coordinate System: Luzon 1911
 Projection: Transverse Mercator Zone 50N
 Datum: Luzon 1911



2018 UPDATED/ENHANCED ENVIRONMENTALLY CRITICAL AREAS NETWORK (ECAN) ZONES MAP OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF CULION, PROVINCE OF PALAWAN

