

Republic of the Philippines  
**Palawan Council for Sustainable Development**  
(R.A. 7611)  
Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 30th Council Meeting of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development held at the Batasang Pambansa Bldg., Quezon City, 30 September 1994.

Present:

Cong. David A. Ponce de Leon	-	Vice-Chairman (Presiding)
Exec. Dir. Arthur R. Ventura	-	Secretary
Cong. Alfredo E. Abueg Jr.	-	Member
Usec. Ricardo M. Umali	-	Member
Mayor Wenceslao de las Alas	-	Member
Kgd. Elegio F. Quejano	-	Member
Maj. Crispiniano G. Acosta Jr.	-	Member
Rev. Fr. Armando R. Limsa	-	Member
Mr. Vic Milan	-	Member
Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Tanega	-	Member
Reg. Dir. Catalino S. Boquirin representing DDG Aniceto M. Sobrepena	-	Member
Reg. Dir. Jose S. Garrido Jr. representing Usec. Joemari Gerochi	-	Member
Mr. Celemencio Q. Pena representing Atty. Teodoro Q. Pena	-	Member

Absent:

Gov. Salvador P. Socrates	-	Chairman
DDG Aniceto M. Sobrepena	-	Member
Usec. Joemari D. Gerochi	-	Member
Mayor Edward S. Hagedorn	-	Member
Atty. Teodoro Q. Pena	-	Member
Vice-Gov. Joel T. Reyes	-	Member

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**PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 94-58**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXEMPT THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS OF THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN FROM SERVICE AND OTHER FEES IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMUNAL FORESTS IN THE PROVINCE**

WHEREAS, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992 and Section 16 of said Act provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), under the Office of the President;

**WHEREAS,** Sections 7-11 of said Act provides for the establishment of an Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), the main strategy of SEP which is 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;

**WHEREAS,** the PCSD, in its 23rd Council meeting held on 18 February 1994, adopted the guidelines in implementing the ECAN, prescribing among others, the allowable activities within the identified zones;

**WHEREAS,** the PCSD, in its 20th Council meeting held on 26 November 1993, adopted the guidelines for the identification and delineation of ancestral domain and land claims in Palawan as part of the SEP's ECAN;

**WHEREAS,** one of the functions of the PCSD as provided for in Section 19(5) of R.A. 7611 is to "recommend to the Congress of the Philippines such matters that may require legislation in support of the objectives of the SEP";

**WHEREAS,** the PCSD recognizes that in implementing the SEP, and the ECAN in particular, one of its constraints is the absence of a law that protects the interests of the Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs) through the recognition, identification and delineation of their ancestral lands and domain;

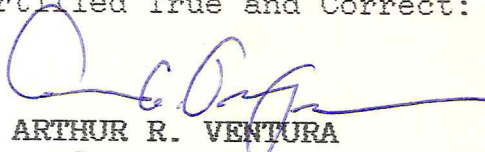
**NOW THEREFORE,** upon motion by Maj. Gen. Carlos F. Tanega, duly seconded by Usec. Ricardo M. Umali, all the members of the Council present;

**RESOLVED,** as it hereby resolve, that the Council express its support to the proposed Act on Ancestral Lands and Ancestral Domain now pending in Congress and request the Honorable Members of Congress to act expeditiously and cause the early passage of the said proposed Act;


**RESOLVED FINALLY,** that copies of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Members of Congress, local government units and other concerned agencies for their information, consideration and appropriate action;

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 26th day of July, 1994 in El Nido, Palawan.

Certified True and Correct:

  
**ARTHUR R. VENTURA**  
Secretary

Approved:

  
**SALVADOR P. SOCRATES**  
Chairman

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