

Aims and scope of PhilConserve

The problem:

Many of the world's most treasured and highly endangered species exist only in the Philippines, a substantial number of them making their home in the forests of the Northwest Panay Peninsula and the Central Panay Mountain Range

In or close to that area reside hundreds of desperately poor families whose livelihood has depended mainly on getting whatever they can from the forests, with disastrous effects to both plant and animal life.

Because the same situation has existed in other forest areas in the country, the Philippines is now ranked No. 1 in the world for having suffered the most rapid and severe deforestation over the last hundred years.

The country is also ranked first internationally for having the most unique (as judged from the number of animals and plants that occur nowhere else in the world) and a most severely endangered fauna in the world.



One good solution:

- Teach – and otherwise provide the means by which - the families involved can earn money and at the same time
- Protect and preserve – not destroy – what little forest lands remain as well as the endangered species living in them.

How can you help?

By financially supporting PhilConserve's Philippine Endemic Species Conservation Project (PESCP), and other projects, which aim to achieve a combination of conservation and economic development objectives involving those forest areas, now regarded as among the world's foremost biodiversity "hotspots".

PhilConserve's projects vary in immediate objectives, size, scope and duration. A big multi-year project could have a total budget equivalent to more than one million U.S. dollars. However, a small and short-term project involving only, say, the guarding of the nests of some endangered birds, could cost as little as US\$100, enough to pay the salaries and allowances of two "nest guards" for one month.

Your donation, of whatever amount, large or small, will be greatly appreciated and used mostly to cover direct project costs. We are known for keeping our administrative costs as low as humanly possible. (So that, should you have occasion, for example, to visit our “quaint” head offices in Pandan one of these days, please don’t ask why we don’t have air conditioning, and why we no longer seem to be bothered by all those mosquitoes flying around.)

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