CHALLENGES TO THE CRITICAL ROLES OF THE MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN IN CONSERVING THE WATERSHED AND PROTECTING THE LOWLAND FROM DISASTROUS FLOODS

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PHILIPPINES, is Located at
- Southeast Asia, around the South part of China and Northern part of Indonesia
- Composed of 7,107 Small and big Islands
- 100M estimated population (2011 Census)
- 20 cyclones hit every year
MINDORO ISLAND is:

Is a 7th Largest Island in the Philippines Archipelago, and is divided into two provinces: Oriental Mindoro and Occidental Mindoro.

Land Area of 9,793 Square Kilometer Population, based on 1990 census is 1M, 20% is the Mangyans, the original inhabitants of the Island of Mindoro.

63% of total land area is Mountainous Part.
FAMOUS FEATURES OF MINDORO
MINDORO ISLAND

Is Famous for having an;

TAMARAW: *Bubalos Mindorensis*
Known as: **The dwarf water Buffalo.**

- The largest native mammals in the Philippines that found in the mountainous part of Mindoro Island.

- It is seriously endangered species in the World as of now.
MINDORO ISLAND is;

Is Famous for having an;

MT. HALCON:

• The Highest mountain in the Island with 2582 m (ASL) / 8500 ft.
Mag-Asawang Tubig River

Mt. Halcon Corridor

Aglubang River

Ibolo River
MINDORO ISLAND is:

Agriculture is the primary source of livelihood especially on Rice production.

Second largest food producing Island of the country as of 2008.
Ancestral Domain of the MANGYAN Tribes:

Mangyan is;

- collective name for the 8 indigenous ethno-linguistic group found only in the Island of Mindoro, Philippines, with different, language, culture, tradition and way of life.

1. Iraya Tribe
2. Alangan Tribe
3. Tadyawan Tribe
4. Taubuid Tribe
5. Buhid Tribe
6. Bangon Tribe
7. Hanunuo Tribe
8. Ratagnon Tribe

Half of the land area of the Island is almost occupied by the Mangyans.
MINDORO ISLAND is;

Mangyan is;

Belongs to 110 Ethno-linguistic group of the Philippines.

On the past history, they lived in the lowland or even at the seashore areas,

Now, they lived on the interior part of the mountain area.
WHERE MANGYAN TRIBES CAN BE FOUND

http://www.mangyan.org
8 MANGYAN TRIBES OF MINDORO

- Iraya Tribe
- Alangan Tribe
- Taubuid Tribe
- Ratagnon Tribe
- Tadyawan Tribe
- Bangon Tribe
- Buhid Tribe
- Hanunuo Tribe
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

For the Mangyans Communities,

LAND . . Is Life,
  . . Sacred place
  . . Ancestral Domain

“all public lands such as, water, mineral, fisheries, forest or timber, wildlife, flora and fauna and other natural resources are owned by the State”

Indigenous Communities have received very little legal attention.
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

MANGYAN COMMUNITY RESPONSE; to assert their RITHG to LIVE . .

Ritual Celebration per Tribe

Tribal Meeting

Clan/Community Meeting

Federation Meeting
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

MANGYAN MISSION RESPONSE:
Security and Sustainable Management of Ancestral Domain Program
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

MANGYAN CADC’s
In MINDORO PROVINCES

Iraya CADC
Alangan Occidental Approved CADC
Alangan Oriental Approved CADC
Tadywan CADC
Taubuid CADC
Buhid CADC
Bangon CADC
Hanunuo CADC
HAGURA (Hanunuo, Gubatnon, and Ratagang CADC)
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

Ancestral Domain Management Plan;

Cultural Respect and Cultural beliefs, is the first consideration in the Planning method.

Ancestral Land / Ancestral Domain is a Sacred place or Cultural Sites of every Tribe.

Ritual
Thanks giving to the Ancestors
Make offerings to God
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

Ancestral Domain Management Plan;

An Consolidated long term plan on;

- How to Develop, control and use lands and territories traditionally occupied
- How to manage and Conserve natural resources within the territories and uphold the responsibilities.

They identify on 3D maps if what area that they need to develop, use for farming (indigenous farming), forest reserved, Sacred places, burial ground, and sites for ritual celebration.
MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

NATIONAL RESPONSE: IPRA Laws;

It is the result of various consultations, consolidated bills related to ancestral domains and lands, and international agreements on the recognition of land/domain rights of the Ips.

“IPRA, defines, that IP Ancestral Domain is a private property by the IP community and have never been become a public lands.”

“No project will be implemented within the Ancestral Domain territory without the Free, Prior, Inform Consent from the Tribe.”
BIG THREATS ON MANGYAN ANCESTRAL DOMAIN

92 Mining Application within the Ancestral Domain Territories

Destruction of critical watershed, loss of forest habitat, loss of biodiversity, pollution, sediment loads in river waterways. The mine site falls within a critical watershed area for four major river systems (*Ibulo, Aglubang, Buraboy and Magasawang Tubig*).
MINING APPLICATION WITHIN THE ALANGAN & TADYAWAN CADC’S

Alangan CADC  Buraboy Area Oriental Mindoro

Alangan CADC  Occidental Mindoro Area:

Tadyawan CADC Oriental Mindoro

NTEX (dating MINDEX Crew Minerals)
Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro and Sitio Kisloyan, Villa Cervisa, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro

**Metals:** Nickel and Cobalt

**Tribung Apektado:** Mangyan Alangan

**Lawak:** 11,332.37 Hectares
From the 967,400 hectares of forest in the 1950s the remaining forest cover at present is only about 50,000 hectares.

The significant forest loss of 95% contributed to the instability of the environment.
Year 2005, Oriental Mindoro has experienced heavy flood.

**4 die, thousands flee floods in Mindoro, Ca**
By MIKE CRISMUNDO, FERDINAND F. CASTRO, and PNA
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At least four persons, three of them children, were reported killed while close to 7,000 people have been moved to safer grounds as flashfloods triggered by heavy rains swept large areas in the Caraga region in Mindanao and the town of Naujan in Oriental Mindoro, disaster officials said Monday.

The Philippine National Red Cross said its emergency response units and the Provincial Disaster Coordinating Council have evacuated 516 families or 2,399 persons from affected areas in Naujan. The families are temporarily sheltered in seven evacuation centers.

PNRC Secretary General Gwendolyn Pang told the Philippines News Agency that...
RESIDENTS of Victoria and neighboring towns in Mindoro Oriental rally against a proposed mining project by a Canadian firm.

Mindoro townsfolk oppose mining project
Although the Mangyan Communities and Mangyan Mission has no specific program on biodiversity conservation work, but we should know that through our rights on Ancestral Domain of the Mangyan, we respect and protect the land and all living things and animals within our Ancestral Domain.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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