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# COUNTRY REPORT: PHILIPPINES AND PALAWAN BIOSPHERE RESERVE

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- Education
- Natural Sciences (Science and Technology)
- Social and Human Sciences
- Communication and Information
- Culture



Teaching of Surar Mangyan and Ambatan in Hanunuo Mangyan Schools



# Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme



Puerto Galera BR  
1977



Palawan BR  
1990



Albay BR  
2016

# PROMOTION OF UNESCO PROGRAMMES IN THE COUNTRY



# SUPPORT TO OTHER POTENTIAL BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN THE COUNTRY



# PALAWAN Biosphere Reserve

## Philippines' Last Ecological Frontier

**BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES**  
The largest number of the Philippine species in the insular biota is the birds (over 17 million species, comprising 70% of the total bird species recorded with 80% of the species and 10% of the birds recorded for Palawan). Palawan is also rich in its marine resources. It has the largest coral reef area in the Philippines, with 1,200 km<sup>2</sup> of coral reefs and 1,200 km<sup>2</sup> of mangroves. It is also rich in its marine resources. It has the largest coral reef area in the Philippines, with 1,200 km<sup>2</sup> of coral reefs and 1,200 km<sup>2</sup> of mangroves. It is also rich in its marine resources.

**MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**  
The management framework for Palawan Biosphere Reserve is based on the concept of 'Sustainable Development' (SD) as defined by the Brundtland Commission (1987). The framework is based on the concept of 'Sustainable Development' (SD) as defined by the Brundtland Commission (1987). The framework is based on the concept of 'Sustainable Development' (SD) as defined by the Brundtland Commission (1987).

**CULTURAL RESOURCES**  
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**NATURAL RESOURCES**  
Palawan is rich in its natural resources. It has a rich history and a rich culture. It has a rich history and a rich culture. It has a rich history and a rich culture. It has a rich history and a rich culture.

**GOVERNANCE**  
The Palawan Biosphere Reserve is managed by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD). The PCSD is a multi-sectoral body that coordinates the management of the reserve. It is composed of representatives from various sectors, including government, academia, and the private sector.

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**  
The Palawan Biosphere Reserve has several special projects. These include the Palawan Biosphere Reserve Management Plan (BRMP), the Palawan Biosphere Reserve Development Plan (BRDP), and the Palawan Biosphere Reserve Action Plan (BRAP). These projects aim to improve the management of the reserve and to promote sustainable development in the region.



**Saving the biosphere, sustain the future of Palawan**

# Puerto Princesa Subterranean Underground River



# Tubbataha Reef Natural Park







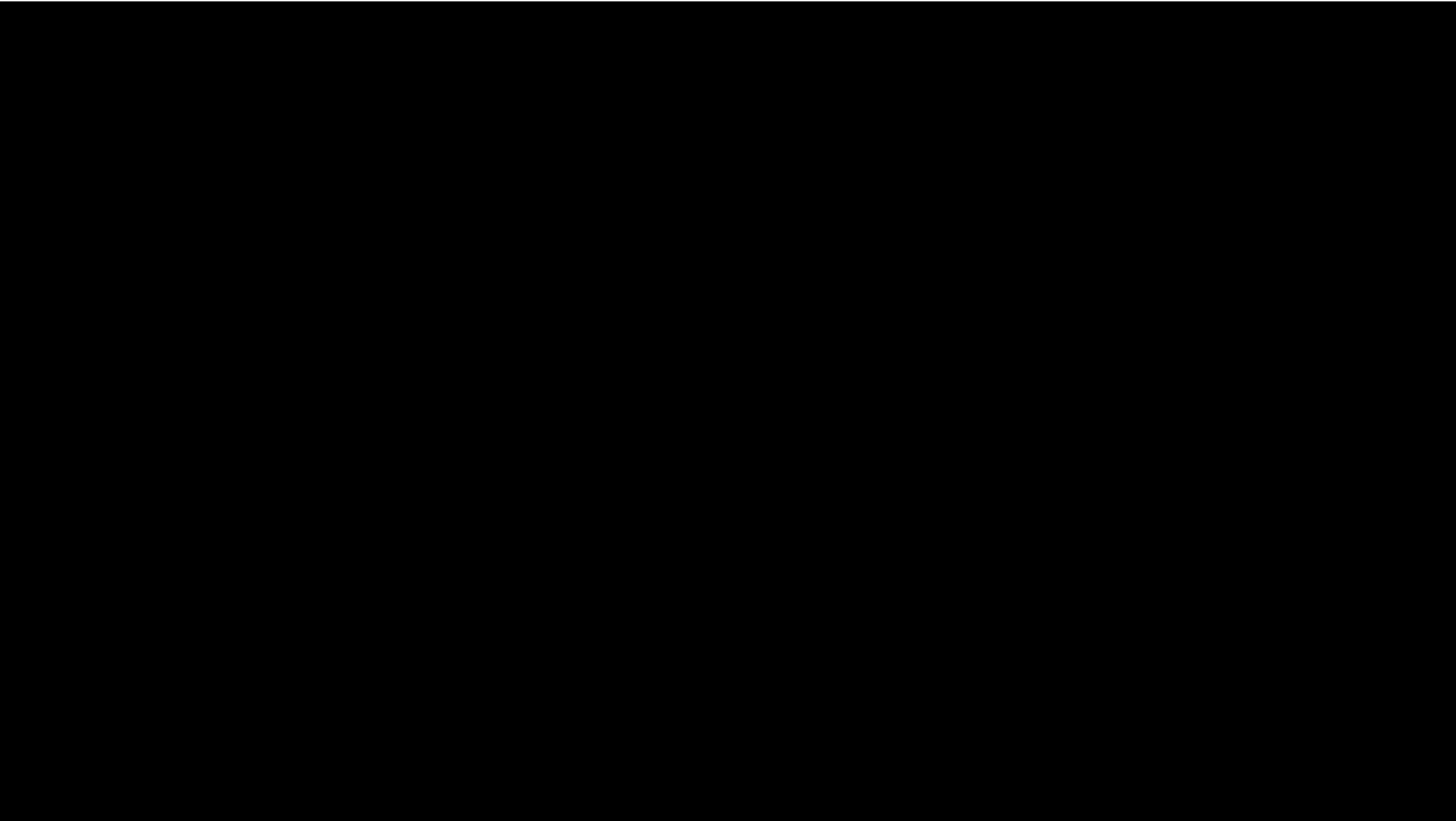
**Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape**



**El Nido Managed Protected Area**



**Coron Island**



# SEP STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN FOR PALAWAN



Palawan Council  
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**ENVIRONMENT  
OR  
DEVELOPMENT**

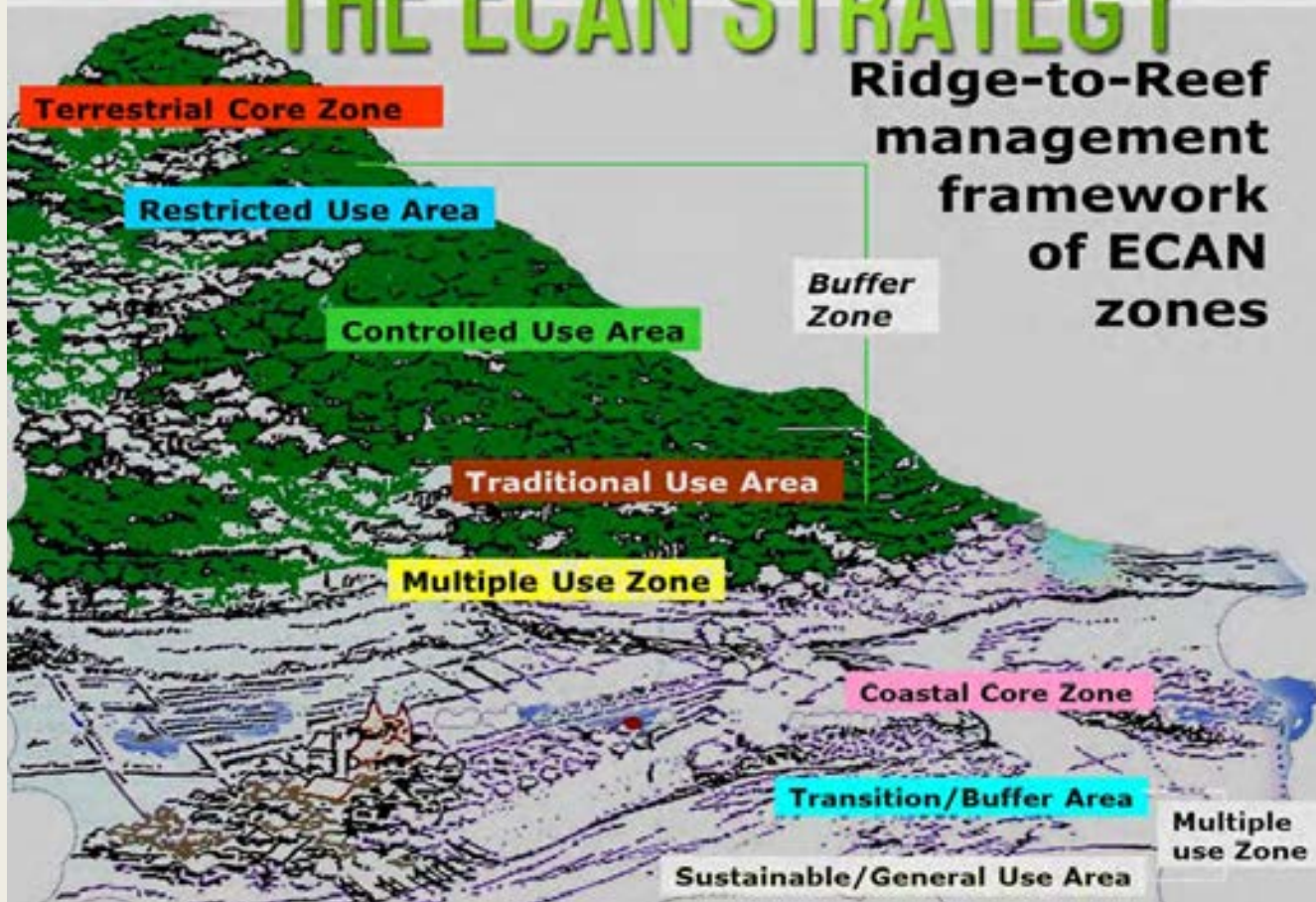
## 3 Strategic Areas

1. Maximizing stakeholders' participation in focusing on mainstreaming Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN)



# THE ECAN STRATEGY

Ridge-to-Reef  
management  
framework  
of ECAN  
zones



# PALAWAN KNOWLEDGE PLATFORM



[www.pkp.pcsd.gov.ph](http://www.pkp.pcsd.gov.ph)



# Environmental Education

- Integration into School curriculum
- Social marketing campaigns

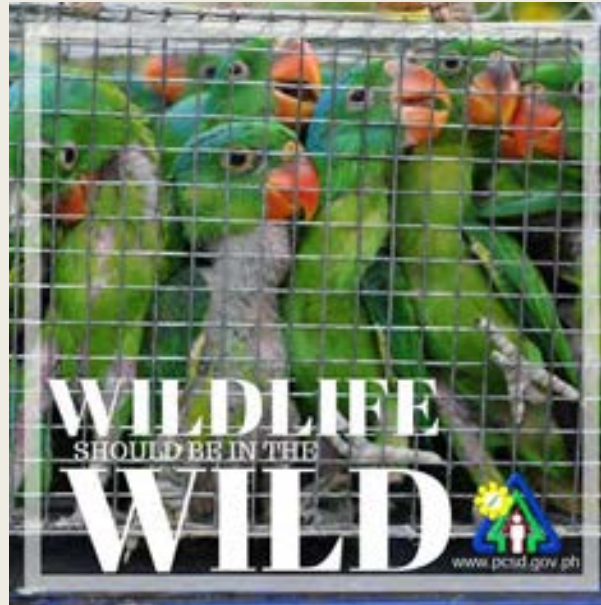


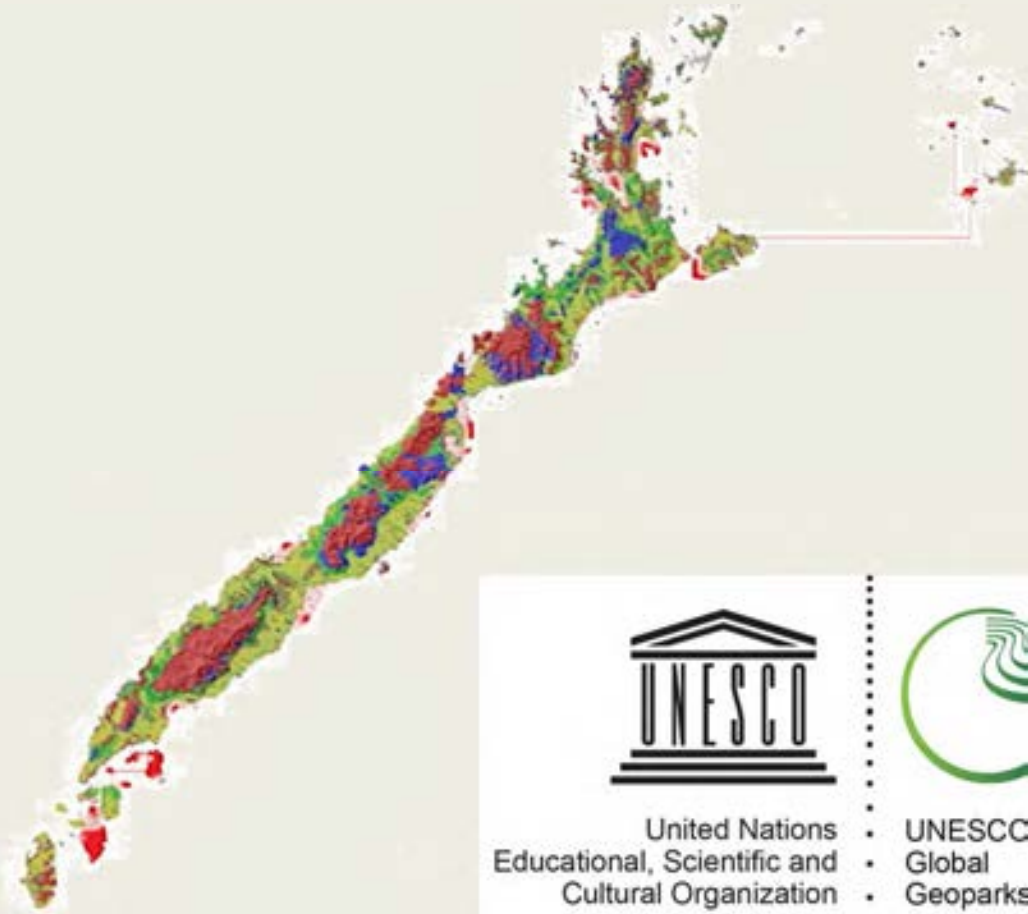




# 2. Prompting and encouraging partnerships and conservation financing



### 3. Intensifying environmental law enforcement





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