



FINAL CIRCULAR

The **Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines (WCSP)** will be holding the 18th Annual Philippine Biodiversity Symposium from 15-17 April 2008 at the UP Baguio Auditorium. Interested individuals are invited to attend the Symposium where papers will be presented on this year's theme, "***Biodiversity in the Philippine Uplands***". University of the Philippines – Baguio will be hosting this year's symposium.

Deadlines and Registration Fees

Expression of interest to participate should be received by the Organizing Committee on or before **03 April 2009**. Kindly fill-up the Pre-Registration Form below.

I. Registration Fees (inclusive of symposium kit and lunch, dinner, AM and PM snacks from April 15-17) are as follows:

Regular:	PhP	2,500
Undergraduate Students:	PhP	1,500

Note: Advance registrants will get a 10% discount if payments are received on or before the deadline stated above. Payments can be paid in cash through the Conference Organizers indicated below or deposited to the Society's Account.

Account Name: Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines
Bank Name: BPI Family Bank, Los Baños Branch
Current Account Number: 00580-5-04550-9

Please fax deposit slip to (63-2) 4356446 as proof of payment (Attention: Grace Ambal, WCSP Treasurer). Scanned copy may also be transmitted through rambal@conservation.org

II. Travel to Baguio City

Baguio City can be reached by bus only from Metro Manila and other points of Luzon.

From Metro Manila, most people travel to Baguio by bus. The bus trip takes about 6 hours. The two major bus lines are:

Victory Liner. A Baguio-bound air-conditioned bus leaves every hour from its two Manila terminals—Cubao (tel. +632 727-4534) and Pasay (tel. +632 833-5019 to 20). Cost is just under PhP 500 (~\$11) per person one way. From the international and domestic airports in Manila, there are official airport cabs that can bring passengers to the Pasay terminal. Cab fare is PhP 250-300 (~\$5.00-\$7.00).

Dagupan Bus, Edsa cor. New York St., Cubao, Quezon City (tel. +632 929-6123, 928-5639, 727-2330, 727-2287). Baguio-bound air-conditioned buses leave every hour.

From Clark airport. Foreign participants disembarking at the Clark Airport in Pampanga may also travel to Baguio by bus. Travel time is about 4 ½ hours.

Genesis Bus. A Baguio-bound Genesis bus leaves Clark Airport at 1:00 PM. Passengers who miss this trip may proceed to the Genesis counter at the immigration section of the airport and seek assistance from the staff who can make arrangements for a Baguio-bound bus to come and pick up passengers at Clark. At the airport, there are also taxis that can bring passengers to nearby Dau, where buses going to Baguio make a regular stop.



III. Accommodation

There is a limited slot at the UP Baguio Dorm which is available on a first-come first-served basis at the following rates: UP students/faculty- PhP 330/head/day; Regular rate- PhP 470/head/day. Each room can accommodate up to four (4) pax. Please get in touch with the Organizing Committee for reservations.

Baguio offers a wide range of accommodation, from big and small hotels to cozy pension houses. The conference site is easily accessible from the following inns and hotels. Other budget, mid-range, and high-end hotels can be found in Internet listings. Please contact the hotel(s) directly for your inquiries and reservations.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Internet Access

Cheap and fast internet access is available practically everywhere. Rate is 20-30 pesos (\$ 0.45-0.65) an hour.

Weather

April in Baguio comes with an average temperature of 24°C. It may be a cool 18°C in the early morning and evening, and a warm 29°C at noontime. Although generally sunny, there may be short mild showers in the afternoon and evening.

V. SPONSORS





VI. Tentative Program of Activities

Day 0	14 April (Tuesday)	
	Arrival of participants	
	Early registration	
	Orientation of Presenters	
	Board Meeting over dinner	
Day 1	15 April (Wednesday)	
8:00 - 9:00 am	Registration	
9:00-10:00	Opening Program	
	<i>Welcome Remarks:</i> Dr. Priscilla Macansantos , Chancellor, UP Baguio	
	<i>Messages:</i>	
	Hon. Mayor Reinaldo A. Bautista, Jr. , Baguio City	
	Hon. Governor Mauricio Domogan , Benguet	
	Dr. Perry S. Ong , President, WCSP	
	<i>Keynote Address:</i>	
	Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim , Director, DENR-PAWB	
10:00-10:30	<i>Morning Break</i>	
10:30-12:30	Thematic Papers	
	DR. STUART J. MARSDEN , Affiliation: Biodiversity in small-scale tropical agroforests: A review of species-richness and abundance shifts and the factors influencing them	
	DR. ROWENA R. BOQUIREN , Conservation International Philippines. Conservation Actions and Benefits: Issues in governance and engaging local people.	
	DR. LAWRENCE R. HEANEY , Field Museum: The complexities of mammalian diversity and conservation in Mt. Pulag National Park	
12:30-1:30 pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>	



1:30-3:00	Institutional Reports
3:00-3:30	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
3:30-5:30	Updates on CORDILLERA Researches
	Teodora F. Balangcod, Virginia Cuevas, Ashlyn Balangcod and Aldwin Almo. Benguet Lily: Its Distribution on the Mountain Slopes of Cordillera Central Range
	Alicia Follosco. An Assessment of Forest Fragmentation in the Tinglayan-Pasil Area Using Land Cover Detection of Remotely Sensed Data
	Celia M. Austria and Aris A. Reginaldo. An Initial Assessment on the Effect of Agricultural Farming on the Species Richness of Murids in Tinglayan, Kalinga , Philippines
5:30-6:30	Poster viewing
7:00-8:00	<i>Welcome Dinner/Solidarity Night</i>
Day 2	16 April (Thursday)
8:00-10:00	Contributed Papers Session 1
	JAYSON C. IBANEZ. Philippine Eagle diet, breeding behavior, nest characteristics and longevity estimate in Mindanao Island.
	JUAN CARLOS T. GONZALEZ and Xyza Cloe B. Reserva. Insular avian diversity in Batanes Islands Protected Landscape and Seascape in Northern Philippines.
	Lisa Marie P. Paguntalan and PHILIP GODFREY JAKOSALEM. Conserving core habitats in the highlands of Cebu, crucial to the conservation of the Critically Endangered Cebu Flowerpecker (<i>Dicaeum quardricolor</i>)
	RAINIER I. MANALO, B.L. Adriano and J.G. Tabangay. Biodiversity in different habitat zones of Mt. Mantalingahan, Palawan, Island.
10:00-10:30	<i>Morning Break</i>
10:30-12:30 pm	Contributed Papers Session 2
	MERBEN R. CEBRIAN and Rodel Boyles. Status and trends of the Tamaraw in Mindoro Island.
	ALEXANDER M. STUART, C.V. Prescott, G.R. Singleton. Competition between a native rodent <i>Rattus everetti</i> and a non-native pest rodent <i>Rattus tanezumi</i> in lowland agroforest habitat of the Sierra Madre Biodiversity Corridor (SMBC), Philippines.
	PHILLIP ALVIOLA. Microchiropteran distribution in different elevations and microhabitats in Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve, Philippines.
	LEALDE D. PACRES and J.C.T. Gonzalez. Species diversity of understorey bats along disturbance gradients in Northern Polillo Island, Quezon Province, Philippines.
	HERMES M. ALBURO. Patterns of hunting Flying Foxes in Southern Cebu: Implications to conservation.
12:30-1:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>



1:30-3:30	<p>Contributed Papers Session 3</p> <p>JOSE V. FABRIQUE. Conservation on Sibuyan: Amidst economic pressures, politics and chance events, the need for increased awareness.</p> <p>RAFE BROWN, A.C. Diesmos, C. Siler, P. Hosner, L. Welton, J. Esselstyn, R. Moyle and T. Peterson. A biodiversity inventory of Pasonanca Natural Park at the tip of Mindanao's Zamboanga Peninsula.</p> <p>ANGELITO A. CERENO, J.C. Ibañez, D.I. Salvador and H. Carig. Philippine Eagle Critical Habitats: Tool for a Local Government Unit-led biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.</p> <p>NEIL ALDRIN A. MALLARI. Science underpins conservation planning in the Philippines.</p>
3:30-4:00	<i>Afternoon Break</i>
4:00-6:00	WCSP General Assembly
6:00-7:00	<i>Sponsored Dinner</i>
Day 3	17 April (Friday)
9:00-12:00	<p>Student Paper Presentations</p> <p>JILL R. ANTIPORTA, R.J. Olodin, C.C. Moya and H.M. Albuero. Population distribution of cave-roosting bats in Babayongan-Bulak Mountain Range, Dalaguete, Cebu.</p> <p>CHERRY PINKY M. BUDAO and L.E. Afuang. Half-year monthly observations on the biology of Woodworth's fanged frog (<i>Limnonectes woodworthi</i>, Taylor) in Mudspring area, Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna.</p> <p>RENE ABDULHAMED S. ANTONIO and J.D. Matillano. Nesting incidence, exploitation and trade dynamics of Sea Turtles in Balabac Strait Marine Biodiversity Conservation Corridor.</p> <p>MA. NIÑA M. QUIBOD and S.T. Bastian. Characteristics and relationship of two Emballonurid species based on morphometric and mensural parameters.</p> <p>N.U. Carpio, M.I. Garcia, ALEXANDER D.S. JUSON, J.L.L. Lee, J.A.S. Lopez and G.J.D. Alejandro. Discovering a novel endemic Philippine Genus of Rubiaceae using the regions of Internal Transcribed Spacer (nrDNA)</p>
12:00-1:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
1:00-3:00 pm	<p>Contributed Papers Session 4</p> <p>DANIEL BENNETT and K. Hampson. Uphill dispersal and seed shadows of large-seeded <i>Pandanus</i> and <i>Canarium</i> plants generated by <i>Varanus olivaceus</i> and <i>Rattus everretti</i> on Polillo Island.</p> <p>MAE LOWE L. DIESMOS, A.C. Diesmos, V. Vredenburg and R. Brown. A country-wide survey for Chytrid fungus (<i>Batachochytridium dendrobatidis</i>) in the Philippines.</p> <p>J.H. PRIMAVERA. <i>Metroxylon sagu</i>: Key to retaining biodiversity in the Agusan Marsh?</p> <p>SEVERO T. BASTIAN, JR. and M.A. Salacinas. Sago Palm Morphotypes and its Geographical Distribution In Mindanao.</p>
3:00-4:00	<p>CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <p>Announcement of Student Paper Winners</p> <p>Announcement of 2010 Conference Venue</p> <p>Closing Remarks</p>



A post-conference field trip is being arranged by the Conference Organizers. Options include:

- 1 City Tour** – *To include a tour around scenic spots in Baguio City (i.e. The Mansion, Mine's View Park, Baguio Cathedral, Burnham Park, Camp John Hay, Philippine Military Academy, Botanical Gardens, Lourdes Grotto, etc).*
- Mt. Pulag** – *An overnight trek (18-19 April) to the summit of Mt. Pulag. Interested parties*
- 2** *are advised to bring their own tents and appropriate hiking gears.*

Details of the cost and other arrangements will be made available upon registration and participants will be requested to signify when they register which activity/trip they will be joining.



VIII. Pre-Registration Form

Name : _____

Institution/ School: _____

Telephone No: _____ **Fax No :** _____

E-mail address: _____

Yes, I will attend the Symposium

No, I will not attend the Symposium

Accommodation requested : _____

Special Dietary Requirement : _____

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