



The Glasgow Declaration Accountability Framework: **PERSPECTIVES FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA**

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THE PHILIPPINES

1 of 17 Megadiverse Countries of the World



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THE PHILIPPINES
Original forest cover 95%

A Palawan Monitor Lizard is shown in a forest setting, with its mouth wide open, consuming a snake. The lizard's head is the primary focus, showing its textured, brownish scales and the interior of its mouth. The snake is being swallowed whole. The background is a dense thicket of green leaves and thin tree trunks, slightly out of focus. A semi-transparent text box is overlaid in the upper right corner.

Palawan Monitor Lizard
Varanus palawanensis
IUCN Status: NOT EVALUATED

BACKGROUND: PHILIPPINE WILDLIFE



Philippine Tarsier

IUCN Status:
NEAR THREATENED



Palawan Horned Frog

Megophrys ligayae

IUCN Status:
NEAR THREATENED

BACKGROUND: PHILIPPINE WILDLIFE

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Philippine Pangolin

Manis culionensis

IUCN Status: ENDANGERED

#1 POACHED ANIMAL GLOBALLY

A close-up photograph of two Asian Short-clawed Otters (Amblonyx cinereus) resting together. The otter in the foreground is looking slightly to the left, while the one behind it is looking towards the right. Both have brown fur with lighter, almost white, underparts and long, thin whiskers. The background is a soft-focus green field of grass.

BACKGROUND: PHILIPPINE WILDLIFE

Asian Short-clawed Otter
Amblonyx cinereus

IUCN Status: VULNERABLE

Philippine Eagle

Pithecophaga jefferyi

IUCN Status: CRITICALLY
ENDANGERED



**ONLY 3
PERCENT**

**OF PRISTINE
PHILIPPINE
FORESTS
ARE LEFT**





Photo by: J Lapuz



The **Centre for Sustainability PH**
is a women-led, youth, environmental non-profit
organisation from Palawan, the Philippines.

Our Mission is to

CONSERVE LAND

*and protect the Philippines' last remaining 3% of pristine
rainforests through the establishment of protected areas.*





***“from communities,
for communities,
to communities...”***



THE SOLUTION: CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABILITY PH, INC.

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Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat

1,593 masl

41,350 hectares



CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE

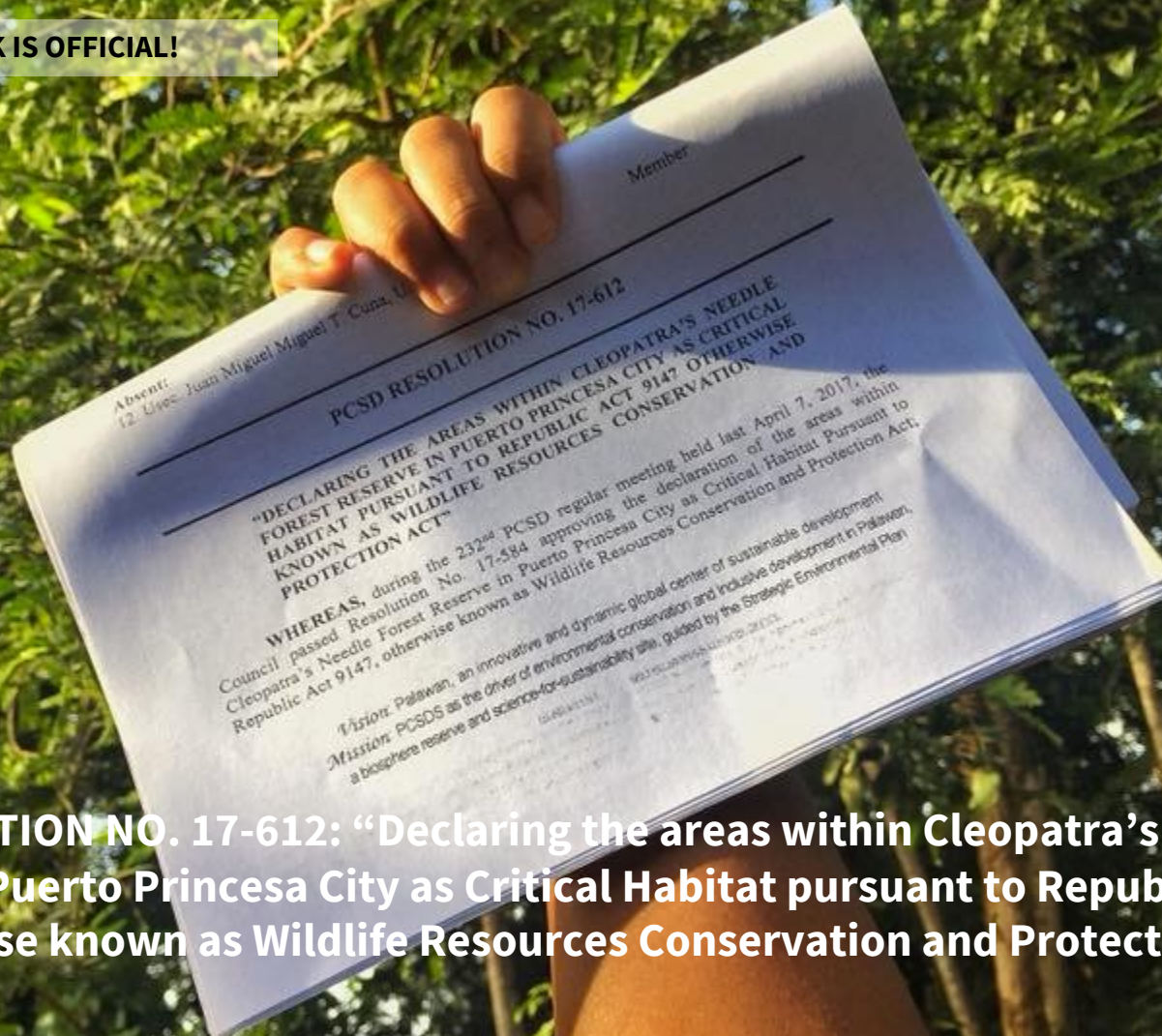
2/3 NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

HOME TO 61 PALAWAN ENDEMIC
SPECIES + 31 IUCN GLOBALLY
THREATENED SPECIES

ANCESTRAL DOMAIN OF
DISAPPEARING BATAK TRIBE

**THE PHILIPPINES'
BIGGEST CRITICAL HABITAT**

THE NATIONAL PARK IS OFFICIAL!



PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 17-612: “Declaring the areas within Cleopatra’s Needle Forest Reserve in Puerto Princesa City as Critical Habitat pursuant to Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act”



1. Community Organising

2. Research





HOW WE ESTABLISH NATIONAL PARKS:
3. LOBBYING

3. Lobbying



**Proposed Kensad
Critical Habitat 8,063 ha.**
Over 3,200 x football fields



30x30

**A Campaign to
Lobby for the
Philippines and
ASEAN to Join
The High
Ambition
Coalition for
Nature and
People**

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GLASGOW LEADERS' DECLARATION ON FORESTS AND LAND USE

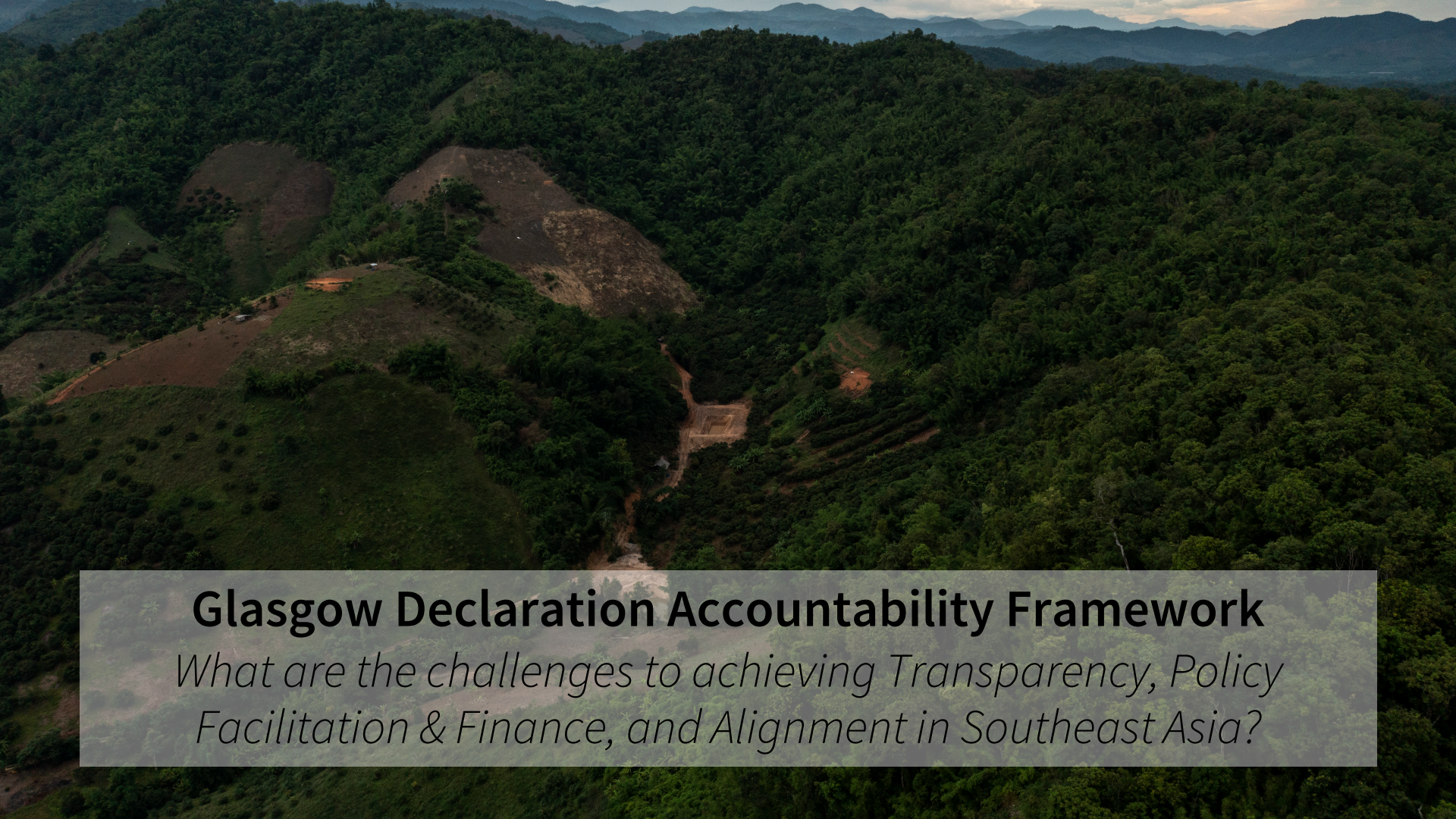
KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. Support for Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities (IPLCs) who depend on forests for livelihood & have a key role in stewardship.
2. Facilitate trade & development policies that do not drive deforestation & land degradation.
3. Recognise the rights of IPLCs.
4. Reaffirm & increase finance to support IPLCs in forest management, conservation, & restoration.

PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA



- Signatories to Glasgow Declaration
- Megabiodiverse states of Southeast Asia
- Indonesia global forest giant – alliance Brazil, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Forest & tree cover loss decreasing in Indonesia & Malaysia, 2022 spike in Philippines. Commodities sector primary driver of deforestation (farming + mining).



Glasgow Declaration Accountability Framework

What are the challenges to achieving Transparency, Policy Facilitation & Finance, and Alignment in Southeast Asia?

TRANSPARENCY

- Overall lack of culture of transparency / “Losing Face” standards
- Want to see transparency from Global North
- Limited direct engagement with IPLCs for on-ground assessments (remote, archipelago-states)
- Limited capacity

Philippines 33%* – Transparency Seal

Indonesia 34% – Corruption Eradication Law 1999

Malaysia 47% – Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2008

*Corruption Perceptions Index – 100% very clean, 0% highly corrupt



POLICY FACILITATION & FINANCE

- Want to see investment from Global North
- Require significant guidance from Global North
- Burgeoning populations – focused on economic growth, less interest in trade-offs resulting in losses
- Lack of developed / tried-tested mechanisms for directly investing in IPLCs



ALIGNMENT

- Improved internal coordination of ministries engaged in UN Climate & Biodiversity Conventions flowing down to local government
- Want to see Global North leading on transparency & reporting
- Communication: Time differences, Language/cultural barriers, In-person engagement



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