



Republic of the Philippines
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL XI
Davao Region

Economic Development Committee (EDC) XI

Resolution No. 3, Series of 2010

Recommending to the Regional Development Council (RDC) XI the Adoption of the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Conservation (EMBC) Framework

Whereas, Eastern Mindanao, covering 8 provinces, 4 cities and 44 municipalities in Davao and Caraga Regions, is host to an extensive variety of terrestrial biodiversity;

Whereas, this extensive terrestrial biodiversity covers about 909,191 hectares of wildlife habitats for 69 globally endangered species;

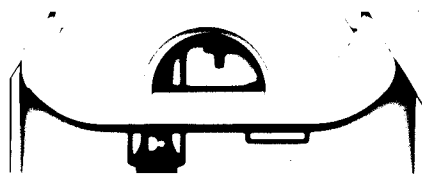
Whereas, Eastern Mindanao is composed of nine (9) core key biodiversity areas (KBAs) and the mosaic of landscapes amid them called “biodiversity corridors” provide habitat and dispersal routes for wildlife, maintain ecological processes, and provide sources of livelihood for local residents;

Whereas, these corridors aim to maximize biological survival by contributing efforts to an integrated landscape-scale program of conservation where transboundary or regional cooperation will be more efficient than a local approach;

Whereas, these biodiversity corridors of Eastern Mindanao are threatened by the following factors: 1) population growth, 2) poverty, 3) non-compliance by logging companies to environmental laws, 4) illegal logging resulting from lack of monitoring and law enforcement, 5) open pit and strip mining, 6) forest conversion, 7) land-use conversion and crop shifting, 8) wildlife hunting and collection for food and trade, and 9) invasive species;

Whereas, from 2002 to 2007, multi-stakeholder participatory workshops involving representatives from national government agencies, LGUs, academic institutions, and NGOs were spearheaded by a Strategic Planning and Policy Team (SPTT) chaired by DENR Regional Offices XI and Caraga to develop a conservation framework for the Eastern Mindanao biodiversity corridor;

Whereas, the Philippine Eagle Foundation, represented by its President, RDC XI Private Sector Representative Dennis P. Salvador, presented before this Committee the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor (EMBC) Conservation Framework for adoption by the Regional Development Council (RDC) XI;



Whereas, the goal of the EMBC Conservation Framework is to minimize and mitigate impacts of human development to biodiversity;

Whereas, the EMBC conservation framework identified eight (8) major strategies, namely: 1) create and expand the network of protected areas, 2) mainstream and institutionalize actions to conserve biodiversity in local development plans and policies, 3) build stakeholder capacity for sustainable management of the corridor's biological resources, 4) establish corridor research database to enhance planning, policy and decision making, 5) address population, health, education, poverty and other issues linked to biodiversity for human welfare, 6) establish a coordinated information, education and communication system for biodiversity conservation, 7) promote and develop appropriate sustainable livelihood, and 8) ensure that adequate fund mechanisms are in place to enable EMBC stakeholders and its local partners achieve conservation goals;

Whereas, this Committee finds the immediate implementation of strategies as embodied in the EMBC Conservation Framework as crucial towards conservation and management of biodiversity within this corridor and contribute to the achievement of the Davao Regional Development Agenda, the Davao Region's bottomline targets on environment, and the Millennium Development Goals; *now, therefore, be it*

Resolved, as it is hereby resolved, that this Committee recommend to the RDC XI the adoption of the EMBC Conservation Framework.

Resolved further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to RDC XI, DENR XI and Caraga, Philippine Eagle Foundation, and other concerned entities for their information and appropriate action.

Approved unanimously this 21st day of April, Two Thousand and Ten at the NEDA-RDC XI Center, Bangkal, Davao City.

Certified True and Correct:



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