



Centre for Sustainability PH

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Mission and Values

The Centre for Sustainability PH (CS) is a non-profit environmental organisation working on sustainable community development in Palawan, the Philippines.

Our mission is to contribute to the establishment of terrestrial and marine protected areas with an integrated approach incorporating three key areas:

 **Livelihood:** Creating sustainable alternative livelihoods for indigenous, coastal and upland communities.

 **Education:** Increasing awareness and knowledge at the community, governmental and academic levels of the interconnectedness of human security with healthy ecosystems.

 **Conservation:** Protect and restore terrestrial and marine ecosystems.

Concretely, we aim to:

1. Complete the establishment of protected areas in all remaining unprotected terrestrial Key Biodiversity Areas of Palawan.
2. To be a leading national organisation for facilitating the establishment of terrestrial protected areas in the Philippines.

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Recognition:

2019 Ten Accomplished Youth
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OUR STORY



We're a small group of young Palawenyos who grew up swimming in the sea with turtles and exploring the wild forests of our island, but a lot has changed between childhood and adulthood. We see that today Palawan's natural beauty is under real threat from unsustainable exploitation of natural resources and unsustainable development programs, and our seas and forests are no longer like they were.

So we created the Centre for Sustainability PH, Inc. (CS) to better organise our passionate efforts in creating a sustainable future for Palawan, and to have a stronger voice to influence decision-makers and shape development on our island!



Our work comes *from communities for communities to communities*, incorporating local knowledge and practices in project development to ensure continuing relevance and long-term sustainability for many years to come.

CS works together with local low-income communities linking them with our partner organisations from local and national government (City Government of Puerto Princesa, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, Department of Environment and Natural Resources), local and international universities (Western Philippines University, Wageningen University), and other non-government organisations. By bringing together the invaluable knowledge, skills and experience of these diverse groups, CS is able to design and execute projects which can make a bigger and long-lasting impact on the preservation of our magnificent natural environment and on local communities ever more empowered to protect it for our future generations.

Our core driving Values in all CS activities are **Integrity, Transparency, and Openness**, such that our successes can be shared and reproduced not only on Palawan Island, but throughout the Philippines, and across the globe. We aim to uphold the highest standards of sustainability by maintaining a holistic approach that balances both human and ecological well-being. By concentrating our efforts in Palawan, we aim to conserve this pristine island—our projects are currently focused on the City of Puerto Princesa, but we hope to soon expand our activities to other municipalities of the Best Island in the World.

Flagship Projects

Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat project:
Execution January 2014-ongoing

The Saving the Almaciga Tree project:
Execution October 2014-ongoing

Aerial view of Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat
Photo by: Kyle Ventura

The Philippines' biggest Critical Habitat by 7x60t, the Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat (CNC-H) represents 41,500 hectares of some of the Philippines' last remaining primary forest, the CNY's highest mountain and largest watershed, home to countless endemic flora and fauna, and the ancestral domain of the last 1,000 members of the disappearing indigenous Bukidnon.



Angel, daughter of Bohol Christian, holds Almaciga seedling for planting
Photo by: Jessa Belle Carabay

Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO) Awardee for 2019



On January 23, 2019, Centre for Sustainability PH Inc. (CS) was named as one of the Ten Accomplished Youth Organization in the 16th TAYO awards. This award recognized CSPH's collaborative success of declaring Cleopatra's Needle as Critical Habitat (CNCH) – the country's biggest Critical Habitat by 7-fold, representing some of the Philippines' last remaining primary forest, the City's highest mountain and largest watershed, home to countless endemic flora and fauna, and the ancestral domain of the last 200 members of the disappearing indigenous Batak tribe. The TAYO awards is a widely recognized honor for nation-building endeavors and noteworthy youth efforts. This year, over 300 youth organizations in the Philippines vied for the award.

At the recent National Awarding ceremony, TAYO Awards Foundation President, Perci Cendana described that CSPH, “Pinatunayan na wala sa bilang at dami ng kasapi ang lakas, ito ay sa tindi ng kanilang paninindigan at pagmamahal sa ginagawa” (proved that strength is not about the number and quantity of members, it is in the depths of their commitment and love of doing).” While Ms. Jessa Garibay, Co-Executive Director & Co-Founder closed-off her presentation at the National Judging by quoting **Margaret Mead** as **“never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world: indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”**

Apart from the prestigious recognition, winning organizations received a specially commissioned trophy sculpted by Mr. Toym De Leon Imao, and a grant of Php 50,000.00. With only 6 staff, CSPH worked with countless volunteers that dedicated 424 days of time and energy selflessly to execute the project. The grant of Php 50,000.00 will be used to continue the efforts towards lifting the conservation status of CNCH off the page, and make it a real, functioning, and protected area in practice.



The TAYO Awards Foundation, Inc. is the country's only award giving body that recognizes and supports the outstanding contributions of youth organizations in the country.

Photo of CS staff and supporters by Jose Esclante





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