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Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve (DCMR) in Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS)



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2553 09°51'36"N 125°57'58"E Area 8 654,36 ha

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1 - Summary

Summary

The Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve in Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (DCMR in SIPLAS) is an essential community asset to the municipality of Del Carmen and to the entire Siargao Island. The mangroves in the Site cover approximately 4,871 hectares or 53.24% of the Island's total mangrove forest. Home to a diverse assemblages of organisms, several species of conservation importance are found at the Site. Among these are species that are globally threatened and/or endemic to the Philippines or the Mindanao region where the Site is located. These include the Philippine duck (Anas luzonica) and the southern rufous hornbill (Buceros mindanensis), and the two restricted-range species, namely the Mindanao hornbill (Penelopides affinis) and the yellowish bulbul (Hypsipetes everetti). Furthermore, the Site supports food production, local livelihood, and ecotourism activities, and protects nearby communities against storm surges.

2 - Data & location

- 2.1 Formal data
- 2.1.1 Name and address of the compiler of this RIS

Responsible compiler	
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Postal address	

2.1.2 - Period of collection of data and information used to compile the RIS

From year	2019
To year	2020

2.1.3 - Name of the Ramsar Site

Official name (in English, French or Spanish)	Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve (DCMR) in Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS)
Unofficial name (optional)	Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS) - Del Carmen (Western portion of the Mangrove Forest)

2.2 - Site location

2.2.1 - Defining the Site boundaries

b) Digital map/image

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Boundaries description

The Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve (DCMR) is situated within the Municipality of Del Carmen, about 33 nautical miles from Surigao City, the provincial capital of Surigao del Norte. It is bordered to the north by the Municipality of San Benito, to the east by the Municipality of Pilar, to the west by Hinatuan Passage, and to the south by the Municipality of Dapa and Bucas Grande.

The DCMR is within the boundary of the Siargao Islands Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS), a protected area in Surigao del Norte established through Republic Act (RA) 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System (ENIPAS) Act. This reserve spans across 14 barangays (or the smallest unit of government in the Philippines), namely, Del Carmen, San Jose, Cancohoy, Mabuhay, Katipunan, Esperanza, Sayak, Lobogon, Antipolo, Cabugao, Bitoon, San Fernando, Domoyog, Caub.

When delineating DCMR, the boundary intersects areas of timberland because the focus of Ramsar Site designation was the mangrove ecosystems specific to Del Carmen Municipality. The boundary also includes a 10-meter buffer zone seaward from the mangrove stands. This buffer provides an allowance for the management of the mangroves and encompasses adjacent wetland types, such as intertidal flats.

2.2.2 - General location

a) In which large administrative region does the site lie?	Del Carmen, Siargao Islands, Province of Surigao del Norte, Caraga Region
b) What is the nearest town or population centre?	Dapa, Surigao del Norte

2.2.3 - For wetlands on national boundaries only

a) Does the wetland extend onto the territory of one or more other Yes O No () countries?

b) Is the site adjacent to another designated Ramsar Site on the Yes O No (territory of another Contracting Party?

2.2.4 - Area of the Site

Official area, in hectares (ha):	654.36	
Area, in hectares (ha) as calculated from	654.36	

2.2.5 - Biogeography

Biogeographic regions									
	Regionalisation scheme(s)	Biogeographic region							
	Udvardy's Biogeographical Provinces	INDOMALAYAN Realm, Philippines Biogeographic Province							

3 - Why is the Site important?

3.1 - Ramsar Criteria and their justification

<no data available>

Criterion 2 : Rare species and threatened ecological communities

	The site is a sanctuary for globally threatened biodiversity including two (2) species of birds that are
	vulnerable and two (2) species that are endangered; one (1) flora and two (2) turtle species that are
	endangered; a grouper, and a giant clam species that are vulnerable; and a turtle and a crocodile species
Optional text box to provide further	that are critically endangered. Furthermore, with reference to the DENR Administrative Order No. 2017-
information	11 - a national technical policy entitled, "National List of Threatened Philippine Plants and Their
	Categories - there is one flora species listed as critically endangered; two (2) flora species and two (2)
	species of bird listed as endangered; and four (4) flora species and one (1) bird species listed as
	vulnerable.

Criterion 3 : Biological diversity

The site is evidently biodiversity rich, hosting 158 plant species and 245 fauna species wherein eight percent of the flora and twenty percent of the fauna are endemic to the Philippines or to the Mindanao Region where the site is situated. Of the fauna, 91 species are birds, 24 are reptiles, nine (9) are amphibians, seven (7) are mammals, and seven (7) are insects. Seventy-eight (78) species of fish, 28 crustaceans, and one (1) bivalve were also recorded at the site.

3.2 - Plant species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Criterion 2	Criterion 3	Criterion 4	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	Other status	Justification
Plantae								
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Benstonea copelandii		×		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Casearia fuliginosa		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ CYCADOPSIDA	Cycas edentata	×			NT		Vulnerable (DAO 2017-11)	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dendrobium dearei		V		NE			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dendrobium escritorii		×		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dendrobium lunatum		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Dendrobium secundum		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Diospyros ferrea	×			DD		Vulnerable (DAO 2017-11 National Red List)	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Dischidia platyphylla		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ POLYPODIOPSIDA	Drynaria quercifolia	X			NE		Vulnerable (DAO 2017-11 National Red List)	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Glochidion woodii		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines;
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Hoya pubicalyx				LC			Endemic to the Philippines;
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ixora macrophylla				LC			Endemic to the Philippines;
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Mesua navesii		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Myrsine mindanaensis				LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Neonauclea formicaria		V		LC			Endemic to the Philippines
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Nepenthes abgracilis	×			NE		Critically Endangered (DAO 2017-11)	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Pemphis acidula	×			LC		Endangered (DAO 2017-11)	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Pterocarpus indicus	V			EN			
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Renanthera storiei	V			NE		Endangered (DAO 2017-11 National Red List)	
TRACHEOPHYTA/ LILIOPSIDA	Sararanga philippinensis	×			NT		Vulnerable (DAO 2017-11 National Red List)	

3.3 - Animal species whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion 2 4 6 9	Species contributes under criterion 3 5 7 8	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
Others											
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Anthracites furvuseques		ØOOO				NE				Endemic to the Philippines

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contribute under criterion	es I 1	Pop. Size Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Boiga dendrophila Iatifasciata						NE				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Carlito syrichta syrichta						NE			Other threatened species (per DENR Administrative Order 2019-09)	Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Chelonia mydas	ØOOC					EN	V	V	Status: EN (IUCN); Appendix I (CITES); EN (DENR DAO	
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Chrysopelea paradisi variabilis						NE				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Crocodylus porosus	ØOOC					LC	V		Status: Appendix I (CITES); CR (DENR DAO)	
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Cuora amboinensis	ØOOC					EN			[Status: EN (IUCN); Appendix II (CITES); OTS (DENR DAO)]	
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Cynocephalus volans						LC				Endemic to Mindanao region of the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Cyrtodactylus mamanwa						LC				Endemic to Mindanao region of the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Dendrelaphis marenae						LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Dendrelaphis philippinensis						LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Draco bimaculatus						LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Draco cyanopterus						LC				Endemic to Mindanao region of the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Draco ornatus						LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Eretmochelys imbricata	ØOOC					CR	V	V	Status: CR (IUCN); Appendix I (CITES); CR (DENR DAO)	
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Eutropis multicarinata borealis						NE				Endemic (Subspecies);
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Fejervarya vittigera						LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Hipposideros coronatus						DD				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Hipposideros pygmaeus						LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Hydrosaurus pustulatus						LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Kalophrynus sinensis										Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Kaloula meridionalis						NE				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lamprolepis smaragdina philippinica						NE				Endemic to the Philippines (Subspecies);
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lepidodactylus herrei						LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Limnonectes Ieytensis						LC				Endemic to the Philippines

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	ICN ted ist A	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Limnonectes magnus					1	νт				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Lipinia pulchella					l	.c				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Megophrys stejnegeri					l	.c				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Oxyrhabdium modestum					L	.c				Endemic to the Philippines;
ARTHROPODA/ INSECTA	Paranisitra Ieytensis					1	١E				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Philautus leitensis					l	.c				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Pinoyscincus abdictus abdictus					1	١E				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Pinoyscincus jagori jagori					1	١E				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Platymantis guentheri					l	.c				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Pulchrana grandocula					L	.c				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Rattus everetti					L	.C				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Rattus tawitawiensis					E	DO				Tawi-tawi Island endemic so a probable new record; may also be a new species found only in Siargao Island;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Sphenomorphus fasciatus					l	.c				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AMPHIBIA	Staurois natator					L	.c				Endemic to the Philippines; restricted in distribution to Mindanao PAIC
CHORDATA/ MAMMALIA	Sundasciurus philippinensis					L	.C				Endemic to Mindanao region of the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ REPTILIA	Varanus cumingi					l	.c				Endemic to Mindanao region of the Philippines;
Fish, Mollusc a	and Crustacea			1	1						
ACTINOPTERYGI	Epinephelus fuscoguttatus					N	/U				
MOLLUSCA/ BIVALVIA	Tridacna gigas	Rooc				N	/U				
Birds											
CHORDATA/ AVES	Aethopyga bella					L	C				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AVES	Anas Iuzonica	ØDDC				N	/U				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Buceros mindanensis					Ň	/U	V			Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Calidris tenuirostris					E	EN			Migrant; Endangered (per DENR Administrative Order 2019-09)	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Centropus melanops					l	C				Endemic to the Philippines;

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CHORDATA/	Centropus viridis	2	46	; 9] [3	5 7	7 8				LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Collocalia marginata										NE				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Collocalia troglodytes										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Copsychus mindanensis										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Corvus enca										LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AVES	Dicaeum australe										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Dicaeum hypoleucum			וכ							LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Dicaeum trigonostigma										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Hypsipetes everetti										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Hypsipetes philippinus										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Leptocoma sperata										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Loriculus philippensis										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Macronus striaticeps										LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Nisaetus philippensis	Ø									EN				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Oriolus steerii			כ							LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AVES	Orthotomus frontalis			וכ							LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pachycephala philippinensis			וכ							LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AVES	Penelopides affinis	1		וכ							LC			Endangered (per DENR Administrative Order 2019-09)	Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Ptilinopus Ieclancheri										NE				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Pycnonotus urostictus										NE				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Rhipidura nigritorquis			וכ							LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Sarcops calvus										LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AVES	Spilornis holospilus			וכ							LC				Endemic to the Philippines;
CHORDATA/ AVES	Streptopelia bitorquata dusumieri	ø									NE			Resident Endangered (per DENR Administrative Order 2019- 09)	
CHORDATA/ AVES	Treron axillaris										LC				Endemic to the Philippines
CHORDATA/ AVES	Treron vernans	V									LC			Resident Vulnerable (per DENR Administrative Order 2019-09)	

Phylum	Scientific name	Species qualifies under criterion	Species contributes under criterion	Pop. Size	Period of pop. Est.	% occurrence 1)	IUCN Red List	CITES Appendix I	CMS Appendix I	Other Status	Justification
CHORDATA/ AVES	Zosterops everetti		ØOOO				LC				Endemic to the Philippines;

1) Percentage of the total biogeographic population at the site

3.4 - Ecological communities whose presence relates to the international importance of the site

Name of ecological community	Community qualifies under Criterion 2?	Description	Justification
Pemphis acidula - Scyphiphora hydrophylacea - Pandanus tectorius - Pandanus affinis Forest		Their respective monotypic zonations are exclusive to the lower limestone rock formations and beach shores.	Pemphis acidula and Pandanus affinis are classified as endangered and other threatened species by the Philippines' DENR and IUCN, respectively. The forest is known to house endangered and endemic animals.
Nypa fruticans - Avicennia officinalis Forest		The community is found on the estuarine to mudflats environments. The mangrove palm, Nypa fruticans dominate the forest. Avicennia officinalis are found scattered within the zonations of N. fruticans	The Nypa fruticans stands are economically important to the locals. These are used for weaving, wine-making, and as ornaments. A officinalis are known to counter barnacle infestations due to their shedding. It is a nesting site for saltwater crocodiles.
Rhizophoraceae-Dischidia-Hoya-Ixora Forest		The community is found along a muddy clay substrate mixed with large limestone rocks. The Rhizophora stands are together with epiphytic and shrub species, Dischidia platyphylla, Hoya pubicalyx, and other endemic orchid species.	This type of mangrove forest is located near the residential and terrestrial areas. The endemic species, Dischidia platyphylla, Hoya pubicalyx, and other orchid species like Dendrobium dearie, Dendrobium lunatum, Dendrobium secundum are also found.
Rhizophora mucronata - Rhizophora apiculata - Bruguiera gymnorhiza - Myrmecodia tuberosa Forest		Rhizophora mucronata - Rhizophora apiculata - Bruguiera gymnorhiza - Myrmecodia tuberosa Forest are prominent in medium high tidal zones. These species formed observable and extensive monospecific zones in almost all the coastal barangays.	The community is characterized with various assemblages of endangered and endemic animals, nurseries of fish species, fruit flies, herpetological species and bird species.

Optional text box to provide further information

The dominant species in the surveyed areas of the Del Carmen Mangrove Forest include Rhizophora mucronata, R. apiculata, Nypa fructicans, Myrmecodia tuberosa, Avicennia officinalis, and Xylocarpus granatum. The site provides economic and ecological value to the nearby communities, from recreational tourism to natural protection against calamities (Cortez, 2020).

4 - What is the Site like? (Ecological character description)

4.1 - Ecological character

The Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve in Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (DCMR-SIPLAS) features shallow marine waters, sandy/shingle shores, intertidal flats, lagoons, and mangroves. The reserve plays a critical role in habitat connectivity by linking the mangrove forest to adjacent upland forests and seagrass beds, which facilitates movement for mangrove-associated and lowland forest birds. The mangrove-fringed lagoons and intertidal flats, although not yet delineated in terms of extent, provide foraging grounds for waders and shorebirds. Plus, the reserve does not only cater to waterbirds but also to a wide array of aquatic and terrestrial species, including 126 plant and 124 animal species, in addition to those listed in Tables 3.2 and 3.3.

Ecologically, the reserve is situated in a Type II climate zone with high annual rainfall and experiences a pronounced wet season during the northeast monsoon (December to February). The temperature ranges from 23.6 to 31.3 degrees Celsius, and it averages one tropical cyclone per year. The water is alkaline (pH > 7.4) and euhaline/eusaline (30-40g/l salinity). The reserve's coastal location is along Sitio Sta. Cruz - Barangay Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte, situated within the broader context of the region's river and coastal systems.

DCMR-SIPLAS also offers economic and ecological benefits to nearby communities, including recreational tourism and natural protection against calamities. The Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve in Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (DCMR-SIPLAS) features shallow marine waters, sandy/shingle shores, intertidal flats, lagoons, and mangroves. It plays a crucial role in habitat connectivity, linking mangrove forests to adjacent upland forests and seagrass beds, facilitating movement for mangrove-associated and lowland forest birds. The mangrove-fringed lagoons and intertidal flats, though not yet fully delineated, provide essential foraging grounds for waders and shorebirds. The reserve supports a diverse range of species, including 126 plant and 124 animal species in addition to those listed in Tables 3.2 and 3.3.

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DCMR-SIPLAS offers significant economic and ecological benefits, serving over 900 residents and approximately 2,982 visitors who benefit from its ecosystem services, including sustenance (i.e. food), recreational tourism, and natural protection against calamities. Locally, sustainable fishing practices such as hook-and-line, fish traps, single gill nets, and crab and shrimp traps are common. Cage aquaculture and fish corrals are used for managing fish populations, while spearfishing, night dive fishing, and gleaning activities are also practiced. The Del Carmen Municipality celebrates its mangroves through various activities and festivals, including the "Bakhaw (Mangrove) Festival," the "Siargao It Up Program," and the "Siargao International Marathon - Run for the Mangroves," all of which promote mangrove conservation and environmental awareness.

4.2 - What wetland type(s) are in the site?

Marine or coastal wetlands				
Wetland types (code and name)	Local name	Ranking of extent (1: greatest - 4: least)	Area (ha) of wetland type	Justification of Criterion 1
A: Permanent shallow marine waters		2		
E: Sand, shingle or pebble shores		4		
G: Intertidal mud, sand or salt flats		3		
I: Intertidal forested wetlands	Del Carmen Mangrove Forest	1	4871	
J: Coastal brackish / saline lagoons		4		

(ECD) Habitat connectivity

The mangrove forest of Del Carmen is situated adjacent to the upland forest of two barangays. It is also adjacent to the seagrass beds of five barangays.

4.3 - Biological components

4.3.1 - Plant species

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Abrus precatorius	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Acalypha amentacea	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Acanthus ebracteatus ebracteatus	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Acanthus volubilis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/POLYPODIOPSIDA	Acrostichum aureum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/POLYPODIOPSIDA	Acrostichum speciosum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Aegiceras corniculatum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ageratum conyzoides	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Allophylus cobbe	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Alphitonia excelsa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Alpinia elegans	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ardisia squamulosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Avicennia marina marina	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Benstonea affinis	

Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Blumea balsamifera	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Bruguiera gymnorhiza	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Buchanania arborescens	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Calophyllum brasiliense	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Cananga odorata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Canarium asperum	
	Capsicum appuum	
	Carica papava	
	Casearia grewinona	
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ceriops tagai	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Chionanthus ramiflorus	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Chloris barbata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Cnestis palala	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Cocos nucifera	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Commersonia bartramia	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Cordia subcordata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Crinum asiaticum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Cyanthillium cinereum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Cynodon dactvlon	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Dalberaia pinnata	
	Dasymaschalon clusiflorum	
	Decaisnina cumingii	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Decaspermum parviflorum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Dendrobium merrillii	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Dendrolobium umbellatum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Derris trifoliata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Digitaria setigera	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Dinochloa luconiae	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Diplodiscus paniculatus	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Dracaena angustifolia	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Eclipta prostrata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Eleusine indica	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Euphorbia hirta	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Excoecaria agallocha	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Ficus nota	
	Ficus pedunculosa	
	Figue pequidenalma	
	Ficus pseudopanna	
	Ficus sepuca	
TRACHEOPHYTALILIOPSIDA	Flagellaria indica	
IKACHEOPHYI A/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Gardenia mutabilis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/GNETOPSIDA	Gnetum gnemon	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Guettarda speciosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Guioa diplopetala	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Hedyotis pruinosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Hellenia speciosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Heritiera littoralis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Hippobroma longiflora	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Homalomena philippinensis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Hydnophytum formicarum	1
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	lpomoea batatas	
	Leea auineensis	
	Lumpitzera littorea	
TRACHEOPHYTAMAGNOLIOPSIDA	Macaranga tanarius	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Medinilla quadrifolia	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Medinilla teysmanni	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Melastoma malabathricum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Melicope frutescens	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Melochia umbellata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Melothria pendula	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Memecylon ovatum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Mikania natalensis	
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Phylum	Scientific name	Position in range / endemism / other
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Morinda citrifolia	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Muntingia calabura	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Murraya paniculata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Mussaenda philippica	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Myrmecodia tuberosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Neolitsea villosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Neonauclea calycina	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Nypa fruticans	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Pandanus odorifer	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Passiflora foetida	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Phyla nodiflora	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Phyllanthus albus	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Phyllanthus amarus	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Phyllanthus littoralis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Pipturus arborescens	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Polyscias nodosa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Pongamia pinnata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Portulaca oleracea	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Premna serratifolia	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Pterocarpus dalbergioides	
TRACHEOPHYTA/POLYPODIOPSIDA	Pyrrosia lanceolata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Radermachera gigantea	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Rhizophora apiculata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Rhizophora mucronata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Saccharum spontaneum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Scaevola sericea	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Schefflera elliptica	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Scolopia luzonensis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Scoparia dulcis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Scyphiphora hydrophylacea	
TRACHEOPHYTA/LYCOPODIOPSIDA	Selaginella delicatula	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sesuvium portulacastrum	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sida rhombifolia	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sonneratia alba	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sonneratia caseolaris	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Spermacoce ocymoides	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sphagneticola trilobata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Stachytarpheta jamaicensis	
IRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sterculia ceramica	
IRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Syzygium confertum	
IRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Syzygium leucoxylon	
TRACHEOPHYTALILIOPSIDA	Tacca palmata	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Terminalia catappa	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Timonius finlaysonianus	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Tristellateia australasiae	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Utania volubilis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Volkameria inermis	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Wikstroemia indica	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Wollastonia biflora	
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Xylocarpus granatum	

Invasive alien plant species

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Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Chromolaena odorata	Potential
TRACHEOPHYTA/LILIOPSIDA	Imperata cylindrica	Potential
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Leucaena leucocephala	Potential
TRACHEOPHYTA/MAGNOLIOPSIDA	Sieruela rutidosperma	Potential

4.3.2 - Animal species

Other noteworthy animal species Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Acentrogobius janthinopterus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Amblyglyphidodon curacao				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODAMALACOSTRACA	Atergatis integerrimus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Austruca triangularis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Balistoides viridescens				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Baptozius vinosus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Bronchocela cristatella				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Caranx papuensis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Cardisoma carnifex				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Cephalopholis boenak				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Cephalopholis microprion				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Cerberus schneiderii				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Chaetodon ephippium				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Chaetodon melannotus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Chaetodon octofasciatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Chaetodontoplus mesoleucus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Cheilinus trilobatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Cheilodipterus isostigmus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Chlorurus bowersi				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Choerodon anchorago				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Cirrhilabrus cyanopleura				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Coenobita perlatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Crenimugil seheli				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Ctenochaetus binotatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Ctenochaetus striatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Diodon liturosus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Dischistodus prosopotaenia				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Discoplax hirtipes				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Emoia atrocostata atrocostata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Epinephelus coioides				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Epinephelus corallicola				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Epinephelus quoyanus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Epixanthus dentatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Eretmochelys imbricata imbricata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Eriphia smithii				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Etisus laevimanus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Exyrias puntang				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	Fejervarya moodiei				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Fibramia amboinensis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Fibramia lateralis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Gehyra mutilata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Gelasimus jocelynae				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Gerres filamentosus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Grapsus albolineatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	% occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGII	Gymnothorax javanicus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Halichoeres chloropterus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Halichoeres leucurus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Halichoeres marginatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Hemidactylus frenatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Hemiglyphidodon plagiometopon				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Hemithyrsocera silbergliedi				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	Kurixalus appendiculatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Labracinus cyclophthalmus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Leptodius sanguineus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Leptoscarus vaigiensis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Lethrinus erythropterus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Lutjanus argentimaculatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Lutjanus fulviflamma				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Lutjanus monostigma				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Lutjanus russellii				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Lycodon capucinus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Macrobrachium australe				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Macrobrachium equidens				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Malayopython reticulatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Melanozosteria nitida				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Metapenaeus monoceros				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Metasesarma obesum				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Metopograpsus latifrons				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODAMALACOSTRACA	Metopograpsus thukuhar				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Myripristis adusta				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Nauphoeta cinerea				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Nectamia fusca				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Nematopalaemon tenuipes				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Odontomachus simillimus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Ostorhinchus sealei				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Parasesarma affine				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Parasesarma bidens				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Parasesarma pictum				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Parupeneus indicus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pentapodus trivittatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Plectorhinchus chaetodonoides				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Plectorhinchus gibbosus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Plectorhinchus lineatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Plotosus lineatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATAAMPHIBIA	Polypedates leucomystax				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pomacentrus alexanderae				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pomacentrus amboinensis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pomacentrus brachialis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pomacentrus coelestis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pomacentrus lepidogenys				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGI	Pomacentrus vaiuli				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Pristicon trimaculatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/REPTILIA	Psammodynastes pulverulentus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Pteropus hypomelanus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/INSECTA	Pycnoscelus indicus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Rhinecanthus aculeatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Sargocentron caudimaculatum				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGI	Sargocentron rubrum				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Scarus flavipectoralis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Scarus hypselopterus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGII	Scarus rivulatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGII	Scarus vetula				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Scatophagus argus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Scolopsis ciliata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Scolopsis lineata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGI	Scolopsis margaritifera				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGI	Scorpaenodes guamensis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Scylla serrata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGII	Siganus fuscescens				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Siganus guttatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site

Phylum	Scientific name	Pop. size	Period of pop. est.	%occurrence	Position in range /endemism/other
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGII	Siganus lineatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Siganus virgatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Sphaeramia orbicularis				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Sphyraena barracuda				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Stegastes fasciolatus				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATAACTINOPTERYGII	Strongylura incisa				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Sundathelphusa philippina				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Thalamita crenata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Thalassina anomala				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Toxotes jaculatrix				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Tubuca coarctata				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
ARTHROPODA/MALACOSTRACA	Venitus latreillei				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site
CHORDATA/ACTINOPTERYGII	Yarica hyalosoma				Contributes to the biodiversity richness of the site

Invasive alien animal species

Phylum	Scientific name	Impacts
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Felis catus	Potential
CHORDATA/MAMMALIA	Rattus tanezumi	Potential
CHORDATA/AMPHIBIA	Rhinella marina	Potential

Optional text box to provide further information

Moran et al. also mentioned that Crocodylus mindorensis (Philippine crocodile; status: CR) is also present in the island based on secondary reports but was not observed during their assessment. We also did not include it since the report also noted that this crocodile was introduced in a nearby freshwater marsh in 2013 so it might not be native to the mangroves of Del Carmen.

4.4 - Physical components

4.4.1 - Climate

Climatic region	Subregion
A: Tropical humid climate	Am: Tropical monsoonal (Short dry season; heavy monsoonal rains in other months)

The entire SIPLAS is classified in the Type II climate based on the Modified Coronas Classification. This is characterized by the absence of a dry period but with a very pronounced wet season during the northeast monsoon season (December to February) with a very high average annual rainfall of 3,556.4 mm. The island receives the highest amount of rainfall during December while June is the driest month. Temperature ranges from 23.6 to 31.3 degrees Centigrade. It experiences an average of one tropical cyclone per year (LCCA 2018-2022).

4.4.2 - Geomorphic setting



Please name the river basin or basins. If the site lies in a sub-basin, please also name the larger river basin. For a coastal/marine site, please name the sea or ocean.

Along the coast of Sitio Sta. Cruz - Barangay Del Carmen (Poblacion), Del Carmen, Surigao del Norte

4.4.3 - Soil

Mineral

Organic 🗖

No available information 🗹

Are soil types subject to change as a result of changing hydrological Yes O No O conditions (e.g., increased salinity or acidification)?

4.4.4 - Water regime

Water permanence	
Presence?	
Usually permanent water present	No change

Source of water that maintains character of the site				
Presence?	Predominant water source			
Marine water	×	No change		

Water destination

Presence?	
Marine	No change

Stability of water regime

Presence?	
Water levels fluctuating (including tidal)	No change

4.4.5 - Sediment regime

Significant erosion of sed	liments occurs on the site \square			
Significant accretion or deposition of sediments occurs on the site \Box				
Significant transportation of sediments occurs on or through the site $oldsymbol{\mathbb{Z}}$				
Sediment regime is highly variable, either seasonally or inter-annually				
Sediment regime unknown				
(ECD) Water temperature	29-30 Degree Celsius			

4.4.6 - Water pH

Acid (pH<5.5)	
Circumneutral (pH: 5.5-7.4)	
Alkaline (pH>7.4)	1
Unknown	

Please provide further information on pH (optional):

Data was taken from the terminal report of the study "Project WaPaQ: WAter PArameter Quality Monitoring to Determine the Effects of Anthropogenic Activities on Selected Sites in the Del Carmen Mangrove Forests in Siargao Island" with the implementation period of March 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023.

4.4.7 - Water salinity

Fresh (<0.5 g/l)
Mixohaline (brackish)/Mixosaline (0.5-30 g/l)
Euhaline/Eusaline (30-40 g/l) 🜌

Hyperhaline/Hypersaline (>40 g/l)

Unknown 🔲

Please provide further information on salinity (optional):

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4.4.8 - Dissolved or suspended nutrients in water

Eutrophic Mesotrophic Oligotrophic Dystrophic Unknown

4.4.9 - Features of the surrounding area which may affect the Site

Please describe whether, and if so how, the landscape and ecological characteristics in the area surrounding the Ramsar Site differ from the i) broadly similar (i) significantly different O site itself.

4.5 - Ecosystem services

4.5.1 - Ecosystem services/benefits

Provisioning Services		
Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Food for humans	Sustenance for humans (e.g., fish, molluscs, grains)	High
Wetland non-food products	Other	Medium

Regulating Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance	
Maintenance of hydrological regimes	Groundwater recharge and discharge	High	
Erosion protection	Soil, sediment and nutrient retention	High	
Pollution control and detoxification	Water purification/waste treatment or dilution	High	
Climate regulation	Local climate regulation/buffering of change	High	
Climate regulation	Regulation of greenhouse gases, temperature, precipitation and other climactic processes	High	
Biological control of pests and disease	Support of predators of agricultural pests (e.g., birds feeding on locusts)	High	
Hazard reduction	Flood control, flood storage	High	
Hazard reduction	Coastal shoreline and river bank stabilization and storm protection	High	

Cultural Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Recreation and tourism	Water sports and activities	High
Spiritual and inspirational	Spiritual and religious values	High
Scientific and educational	Educational activities and opportunities	High
Scientific and educational	Important knowledge systems, importance for research (scientific reference area or site)	High
Scientific and educational	Major scientific study site	High

Supporting Services

Ecosystem service	Examples	Importance/Extent/Significance
Biodiversity	Supports a variety of all life forms including plants, animals and microorganizms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part	High
Soil formation	Sediment retention	High
Soil formation	Accumulation of organic matter	High
Nutrient cycling	Storage, recycling, processing and acquisition of nutrients	High
Nutrient cycling	Carbon storage/sequestration	High
Pollination	Support for pollinators	High

Within the site: more than 900

Outside the site: 2982

Have studies or assessments been made of the economic valuation of ecosystem services provided by this Ramsar Site? Yes O No O Unknown O

4.5.2 - Social and cultural values

i) the site provides a model of wetland wise use, demonstrating the application of traditional knowledge and methods of management and 🖉 use that maintain the ecological character of the wetland

Description if applicable

Several traditional fishing methods that are considered sustainable are practiced by the localities of Del Carmen Municipality. These include the use of hook and line, fish traps, single gill nets, and crab and shrimp traps. They also engage in cage aquaculture, particularly for confining/growing certain types of fish such as groupers and rabbitfishes. Others also install fish corrals to trap pelagic fishes that forage in mangrove areas. Spearfishing and night dive fishing are also practiced by the majority of the local communities. Gleaning activities are also performed as one of the traditional methods of gathering/collecting various kinds of seashells.

ii) the site has exceptional cultural traditions or records of former civilizations that have influenced the ecological character of the wetland

iii) the ecological character of the wetland depends on its interaction is with local communities or indigenous peoples

Description if applicable

The Municipality of Del Carmen has various activities and festivals that celebrate its mangroves and their ecological services. One is the "Bakhaw (Mangrove) Festival," an annual celebration that serves as a reminder of the importance of the mangrove forest that its people need to protect and preserve. Another awareness campaign that highlights the values of mangroves in Del Carmen is the "Siargao It Up Program" of the municipality in partnership with the Metro Pacific Investments Corporation. The program engages junior environmental scouts and promotes marathons for the mangroves and coastal clean-up activities. Another annual activity organized by the municipality together with Runrio Events, Inc. and Open Space Media is the "Siargao International Marathon - Run for the Mangroves," a fundraising campaign whose proceeds go to mangrove rehabilitation efforts in Del Carmen.

iv) relevant non-material values such as sacred sites are present and their existence is strongly linked with the maintenance of the ecological Character of the wetland

4.6 - Ecological processes

<no data available>

5 - How is the Site managed? (Conservation and management)

5.1 - Land tenure and responsibilities (Managers)

5.1.1 - Land tenure/ownership

Public ownership					
Category	Within the Ramsar Site	In the surrounding area			
National/Federal government	V				

Provide further information on the land tenure / ownership regime (optional):

Del Carmen Mangrove Reserve is within the Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape that is established as a protected area within the classification of a National Park pursuant to RA 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) Act.

5.1.2 - Management authority

Please list the local office / offices of any agency or organization responsible for managing the site:	Pursuant to RA 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act as amended by RA 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS Act, the respective Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) organized in the area shall oversee its management. The Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS) PAMB is chaired by the Regional Executive Director of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Caraga Region. The site is co-managed by SIPLAS-PAMB and the local government unit of Del Carmen and is further supervised by the DENR-Protected Area Management Office.
Provide the name and/or title of the person or people with responsibility for the wetland:	Nonito M. Tamayo, CESO III, Regional Executive Director, DENR-Caraga Region; Alfredo M. Coro, Municipal Mayor, Del Carmen Local Government Unit
Postal address:	DENR Regional Office, Brgy. Ambago, Butuan City, 8600 Agusan del Norte, Philippines; and Municipal Hall of LGU Del Carmen Km. 2, Del Carmen Municipality, 8418 Surigao del Norte, Philippines
E-mail address:	laudelcarmen@amail.com

5.2 - Ecological character threats and responses (Management)

5.2.1 - Factors (actual or likely) adversely affecting the Site's ecological character

Human settlements (non agri	uman settlements (non agricultural)						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area			
Housing and urban areas	Medium impact	High impact	×	×			
Commercial and industrial areas	High impact	High impact	×	V			
Tourism and recreation areas	High impact	High impact	×	V			
Unspecified development	High impact	High impact	1	×			

Nater regulation						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area		
Drainage	High impact	High impact		×		
Dredging	unknown impact	High impact		×		

Agriculture and aquaculture					
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area	
Annual and perennial non- timber crops	Medium impact	Medium impact		×	
Marine and freshwater aquaculture	Medium impact	Medium impact		×.	

Transportation and service corridors

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Shipping lanes	Medium impact	Medium impact	1	
Aircraft flight paths	High impact	High impact	×.	×

Biological resource use

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources	Low impact	Medium impact	×	

Human intrusions and disturbance						
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area		
Recreational and tourism activities	Low impact	Low impact	×			

Natural system modifications							
Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area			
Vegetation clearance/ land conversion	High impact	High impact	×	×			

Invasive and other problematic species and genes					
	Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
	Invasive non-native/ alien species	Low impact	Medium impact		×

Pollution

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Household sewage, urba waste water	an High impact	High impact		×
Agricultural and forestreet	Medium impact	Medium impact		s.
Garbage and solid was	e High impact	High impact		1

Geological events

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Earthquakes/tsunamis	Low impact	Low impact	1	×

Climate change and severe weather

Factors adversely affecting site	Actual threat	Potential threat	Within the site	In the surrounding area
Habitat shifting and alteration	unknown impact	Medium impact	×	
Droughts	unknown impact	Medium impact	×	
Temperature extremes	unknown impact	Medium impact	×	
Storms and flooding	unknown impact	Medium impact	×	

5.2.2 - Legal conservation status

National legal designations			
Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Legislated Protected Area	Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS) per RA 7586 otherwise known as the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act as amended by RA 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS Act		whole

Non-statutory designations

Designation type	Name of area	Online information url	Overlap with Ramsar Site
Other non-statutory designation	Best Mangrove Award in the Philippines by the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Support Network Para El Mar Awards and Recognition in 2019	https://mindanaogoldstardaily.co m/archives/104313	whole
Other non-statutory designation	Important Bird Area (IBA)	http://datazone.birdlife.org/sit e/factsheet/siargao-island-iba-p hilippines	whole
Other non-statutory designation	Key Biodiversity Area	https://www.philchm.ph/database/ kba- database/	whole

5.2.3 - IUCN protected areas categories (2008)

la Strict Nature Reserve

Ib Wilderness Area: protected area managed mainly for wilderness protection

Il National Park: protected area managed mainly for ecosystem protection and recreation

- III Natural Monument: protected area managed mainly for conservation of specific natural features
- IV Habitat/Species Management Area: protected area managed mainly for conservation through management intervention
- V Protected Landscape/Seascape: protected area managed mainly for landscape/seascape conservation and recreation
- VI Managed Resource Protected Area: protected area managed mainly for the sustainable use of natural ecosystems

5.2.4 - Key conservation measures

Legal protection

Measures	Status
Legal protection	Implemented

Habitat

Measures	Status
Habitat manipulation/enhancement	Implemented

Species	
Measures	Status
Threatened/rare species	Implemented
management programmes	Implemented

Human Activities

Measures	Status
Research	Implemented
Regulation/management of recreational activities	Implemented
Fisheries management/regulation	Implemented
Harvest controls/poaching enforcement	Implemented
Regulation/management of wastes	Implemented
Communication, education, and participation and awareness activities	Implemented

Other:

Include Shore it Up and Siargao Mangrove International Marathon

5.2.5 - Management planning

Is there a site-specific management plan for the site? Yes

Has a management effectiveness assessment been undertaken for the site? Yes O No O

If the site is a formal transboundary site as indicated in section Data and location > Site location, are there shared management planning Yes O No processes with another Contracting Party?

Please indicate if a Ramsar centre, other educational or visitor facility, or an educational or visitor programme is associated with the site:

The site has Mangrove Protection Information Centers (MPIC) that cater the tourists or researchers who have an interest in studying the Del Carmen Mangrove Forests.

5.2.6 - Planning for restoration

Is there a site-specific restoration plan? Yes, there is a plan

Further information

Mangrove planting activity is part of the mangrove conservation plan in Del Carmen which is annually conducted by LGU Del Carmen during the World Wetlands Day, Earth Day, Environment Month and International Day of the Mangrove participated by the different government agencies, NGOs, local communities, and other stakeholders. Furthermore, Del Carmen is included as priority sites in the mangrove restoration programs such as National Greening Program (NGP) and Mangrove and Beach Forest Development Program (MBFDP) funded by the DENR. The identified People's Organizations in Del Carmen serve as partners in protection and conservation of the mangrove forest. Furthermore, the Local Government Unit of Del Carmen had implemented Ordinances that supports the protection of their extensive mangrove forest with the following ordinances:

Municipal Ordinance 052 series of 2020: An Ordinance Declaring Coastal Clean-up and or/ Tree Planting Activity during the National/International Environmental Celebrations

Municipal Ordinance 077-A series of 2021: Resolution Adopting and Approving Mangrove Management Plan of the Municipality of Del Carmen, Siargao Island, Province of Surigao del Norte, A Collaborative Effort of LGU- Del Carmen, DENR SIPLAS and PENRO Office Surigao del Norte

5.2.7 - Monitoring implemented or proposed

Monitoring	Status
Water quality	Implemented

A Non-Government Office named Sentro para sa Ikauunlad ng Katutubong Agham at Teknolohiya (SIKAT) has been annually conducting water quality sampling and monitoring in SIPLAS particularly in Del Carmen Mangrove Forests since 2014.

6 - Additional material

6.1 - Additional reports and documents

6.1.1 - Bibliographical references

Moran, Cecilia B. et al. 2021. Assessment, Inventory and Biological Field Surveys of Flora and Fauna of the Mangrove Forests in Del Carmen Siargao Island. National Research Council of the Philippines. Unpublished.

LGU Del Carmen DENR Del Carmen Mangrove Management Plan CY 2019-2022 of the Municipality of Del Carmen, Province of Surigao del Norte. MLGU Del Carmen SB Resolution No. 077-A series of 2021

LGU Del Carmen. 2016-2025. Municipality of Del Carmen Ten Year Ecological Solid Waste Management Plan.

LGU Del Carmen 2021-2030: Del Carmen Tourism and Economic Plan

Emil Robles, Kate Lim, And Clyde Jago-On, 2019: Exploring the Archaeology of Siargao

Del Carmen Municipal Ordinance No. 052 s. of 2020. "An ordinance declaring a coastal clean-up and/or tree planting activity during the national/international environmental celebrations."

Del Carmen Municipal Ordinance No. 083 series of 2021. "An ordinance declaring a portion of the Marine Waters of Del Carmen along Barangay Cabugao, this Municipality as Marine Protected Area."

Del Carmen Municipal Ordinance No. 031 series of 2018. "An ordinance prohibiting and regulating the use of single-use bags and commodities, which includes but not limited to plastic, polystyrene, cornstarch based products, that end up as residual waste and promoting the use of eco bags and other environment friendly practices as an alternative."

Sentro para sa Ikauunlad ng Katutubong Agham at Teknolohiya (SIKAT) and Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC). Multi-Year Water Parameter Monitoring in the Mangrove Assessment Sites in Del Carmen. 2014-2020.

6.1.2 - Additional reports and documents

- i. taxonomic lists of plant and animal species occurring in the site (see section 4.3)
- ii. a detailed Ecological Character Description (ECD) (in a national format)

iii. a description of the site in a national or regional wetland inventory

iv. relevant Article 3.2 reports

- v. site management plan

vi. other published literature <6 file(s) uploaded

6.1.3 - Photograph(s) of the Site

Please provide at least one photograph of the site:



Domoy og and Esperanza, which are vital roosting sites for the (C) Pied Imperial Pigeon, or (D) taking a boat tour through the vast network of channels that course between the mangerov es (Photo by JC (Juan Carlos Gonzalez, 24-11-2019)



Del Carmen Mangrove Forest (Danilo Tandang, 24 11-2019)



Aerial view of the contiguous Del Carmen Mangrove Forest (Erwi ariñas . 01-06-2022)

6.1.4 - Designation letter and related data

Designation letter

Date of Designation 2024-01-08