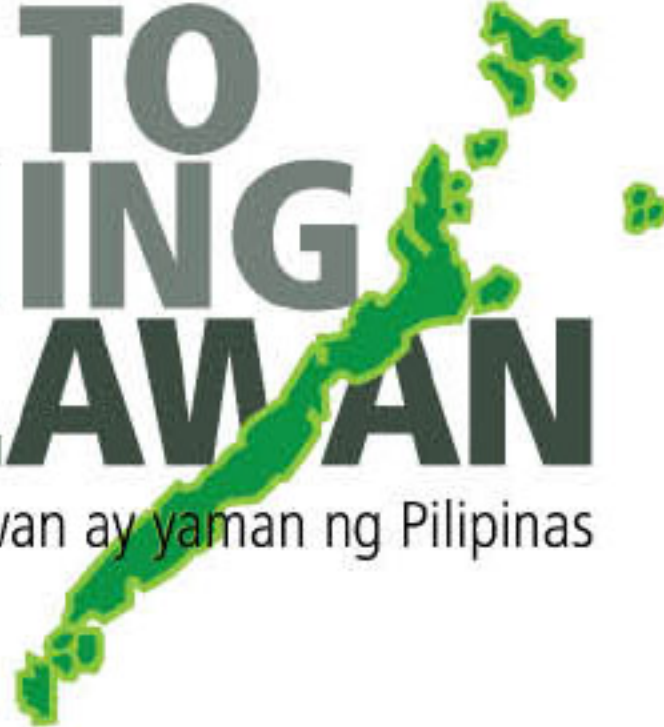


NO TO MINING IN PALAWAN



Ang yaman ng Palawan ay yaman ng Pilipinas

It is known as the Philippines' Last Ecological Frontier. It has 40% of our countries remaining mangrove areas, 30% of our coral reefs, at least 17 Key Biodiversity Areas, 2 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and 8 declared protected areas. It is unmatched anywhere in the country for the variety of species of flora and fauna found here. But it is also fragile, with a thin layer of topsoil that is prone to erosion.

Yet mining has been taking place in Palawan. Both the granting of mining permits and new applications are increasing, even in identified core protection zones. Old-growth forests are being cut down, water sources are being polluted, ancestral lands are being taken over, and communities' wishes are being ignored.

In many areas of Palawan, the communities have shown that eco-tourism, based on the protection of precious natural resources, can provide them with the livelihood they need for development. They do not need mining.

We ask the Philippine and Palawan governments to say no to mining in Palawan so we can protect one of our last remaining treasures.

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