PALAWAN at a glance

Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
PALAWAN by the numbers:
• 1,700 islands (more or less)
• ~1.5 million hectares
• 755,412 inhabitants
• ~ 3.6% growth rate
• 23 municipalities, 1 city
SOUTH PALAWAN
Land Area: 610,011 hectares
Population: 386,074 (2010 NSO)
Population density: 63 (person/sq. km.)
Number of Barangays: 136
Municipalities (8):

- Aborlan
- Narra
- Sofronio Espanola
- Quezon
- Rizal
- Brooke’s Point
- Bataraza
- Balabac
Major IP groups:

- Tagbanua
- Batak
- Pala’wan
- Molbog
Terrestrial Land Resources
• large portion -> indigenous vegetation, rainforest, mangroves, and coastal ecosystem
• variety of endemic wildlife

Topography:
• rolling areas with high mountain ranges
• coastal municipalities with generally flat areas to rolling and irregular coastline
• numerous coves, bays, inlets
• lots of islands
Percentage Land Cover by Category, Palawan, 2005

- Forest: 46.0%
- Brushland: 30.7%
- Agricultural areas: 13.4%
- Mangrove: 4.0%
- Grassland: 3.9%
- Built-up areas: 0.7%
- Roads: 0.4%
- Open Mangrove: 0.4%
- Fishpond / Saltpond: 0.2%
- Bare / Rocky area: 0.2%
- Mining area: 0.1%
Forest Cover Type, Palawan, 2005

- Secondary / Residual forest: 57%
- Primary forest: 28%
- Marginal: 6%
- Ultramafic: 4%
- Mossy: 3%
- Karst/limestone: 2%
Coral reef condition, 2013

- Excellent: 1%
- Very Good: 18%
- Good: 24%
- Fair: 31%
- Poor: 26%
Climate:
• generally typhoon-free
• away from any major earthquake lines.

2 types of climate:
- dry (during November to April) and wet seasons each for 6 months
Livelihood

• **Employment rate:**

  Aborlan - 93%
  Narra - 89%
  Sofronio Espanola - 85%
  Quezon – 98%
  Rizal – 90%
  Brookes Point – 86%
  Bataraza – 92%
  Balabac – 60%
Economic Activities:

- Agriculture: rice (palay), coconut, corn, banana, vegetables, & fruits
- Fisheries: live reef fish
- Natural resources: forest products, wildlife,
- Minerals (nickel, chromite, silica, cobalt, etc)
Policy issues concerning Southern Palawan follows.

Thank you.