

Latest encounters with Palawan WILDLIFE!!!

About 20 Asian Box turtles, 2 heads of oriole and one emerald dove have been confiscated in San Fernando, El Nido, Palawan last Sept. 13, 2011. The PCSDS operative rescued the animals from a suspect intending to sell the animals to Manila the turtles is a threatened species listed at appendix II of CITES, while the population of the birds seemed to be continuously declining. PCSDS is presently proposing for a special study re: orioles and doves in Palawan.



Snakes Freed: 23 heads of binturan (mangrove snakes) which are endemic to the Philippines, Pit vipers also endemic to the Philippines and juvenile Palawan spitting Cobra (endemic to Palawan) have been released back to the wild by PCSDS, PSU and PWRCC staff.

These snakes were intercepted loaded as cargo in a passenger bus from Puerto Princesa to El Nido. Reportedly, the cargo (box) was from Quezon, Palawan and is intended to be shipped out for Manila trade via a boat in El Nido.

Unfortunately, the cargo has no claimant so it was confiscated by the El Nido Police and Enforcement Team and sent to PCSDS for legal action.



The snakes are packed inside a 1.5L softdrik bottle, of the same packaging as that of the “gecko gecko” previously apprehended in Puerto Princesa City.

The snakes are venomous, but have been safely released back to the wild.



August 6, 2011. about 114 assorted species of birds were intercepted by El Nido Enforcement Team (deputized WEO of PCSD) at the pier area of El Nido Palawan. The birds are in plastic cages found as cargo on-board M/V Asuncion bound for Manila. Owners were apprehended and now facing charges before El Nido court for violation of RA 9147.

These birds are now safely kept at PWRCC, being rehabilitated for disposal back to the wilds soon.



Sept. 5, Roxas Enforcement Team , designated PCSD WEO in Roxas confiscated a bearcat, held in possession without any permit from PCSD. It has been turned over to PCSDS and forwarded to PWRCC for safekeeping.



45 birds also caught by CAFGU in El Nido, Palawan. Birds reportedly are from south of Palawan and is about to be boarded on a banca for trading.

