



# “CATALYZING TOURISM INVESTMENT CLIMATE OF PALAWAN THROUGH BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION”

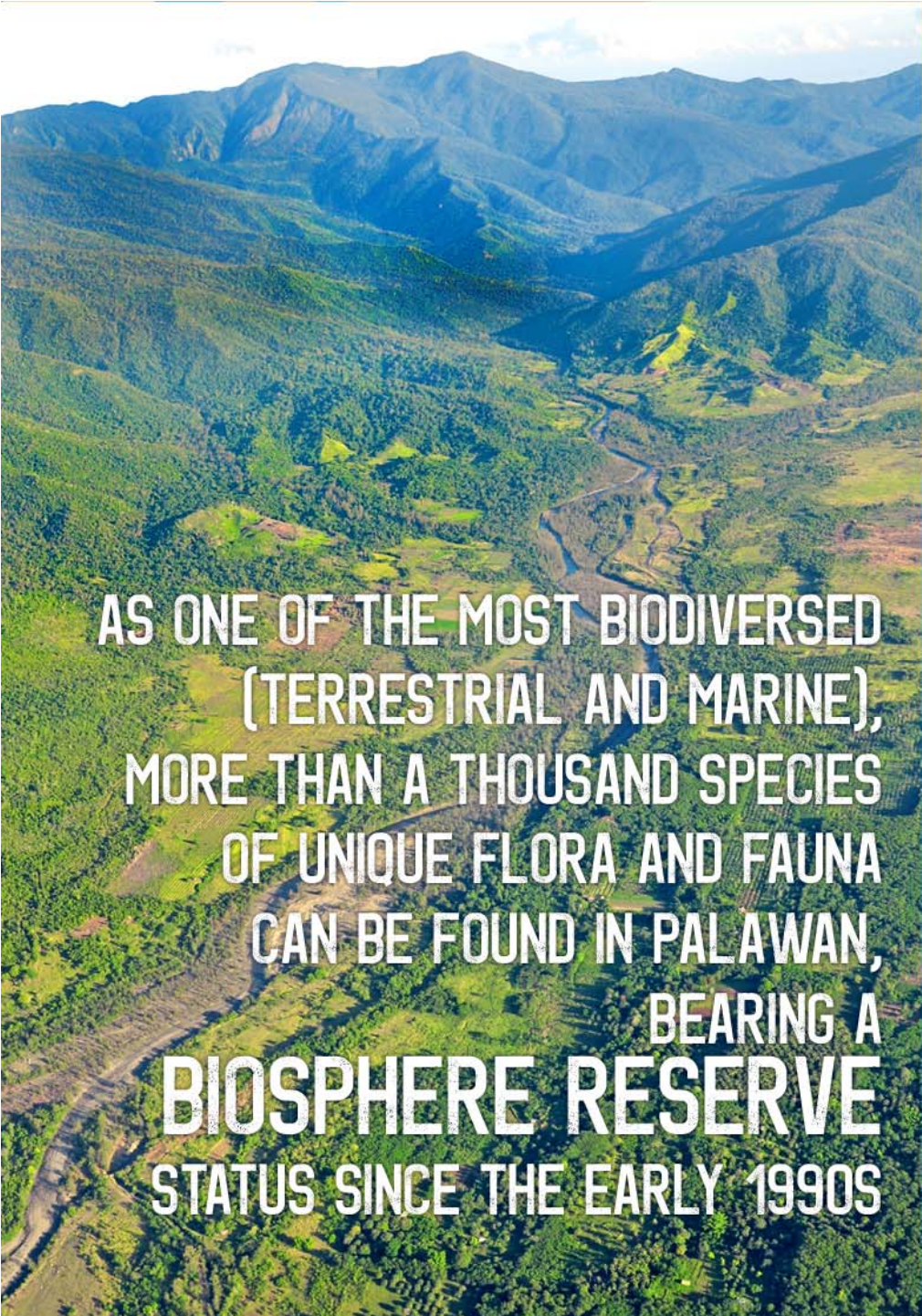
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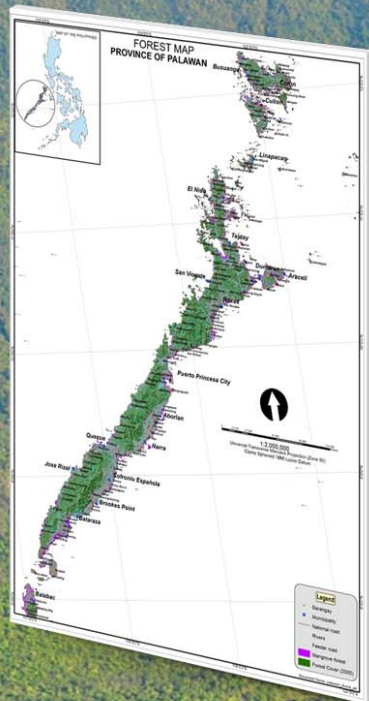
AS ONE OF THE MOST BIODIVERSED  
(TERRESTRIAL AND MARINE),  
MORE THAN A THOUSAND SPECIES  
OF UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA  
CAN BE FOUND IN PALAWAN,  
BEARING A  
**BIOSPHERE RESERVE**  
STATUS SINCE THE EARLY 1990S

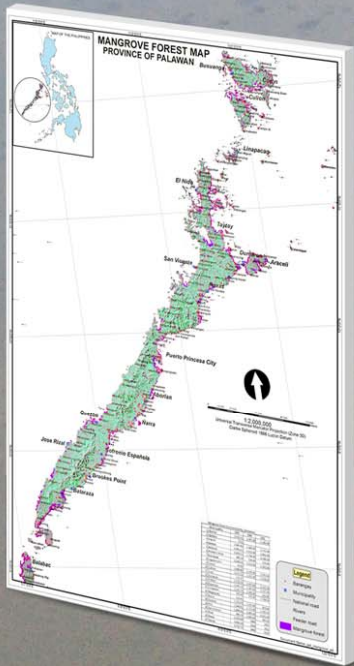
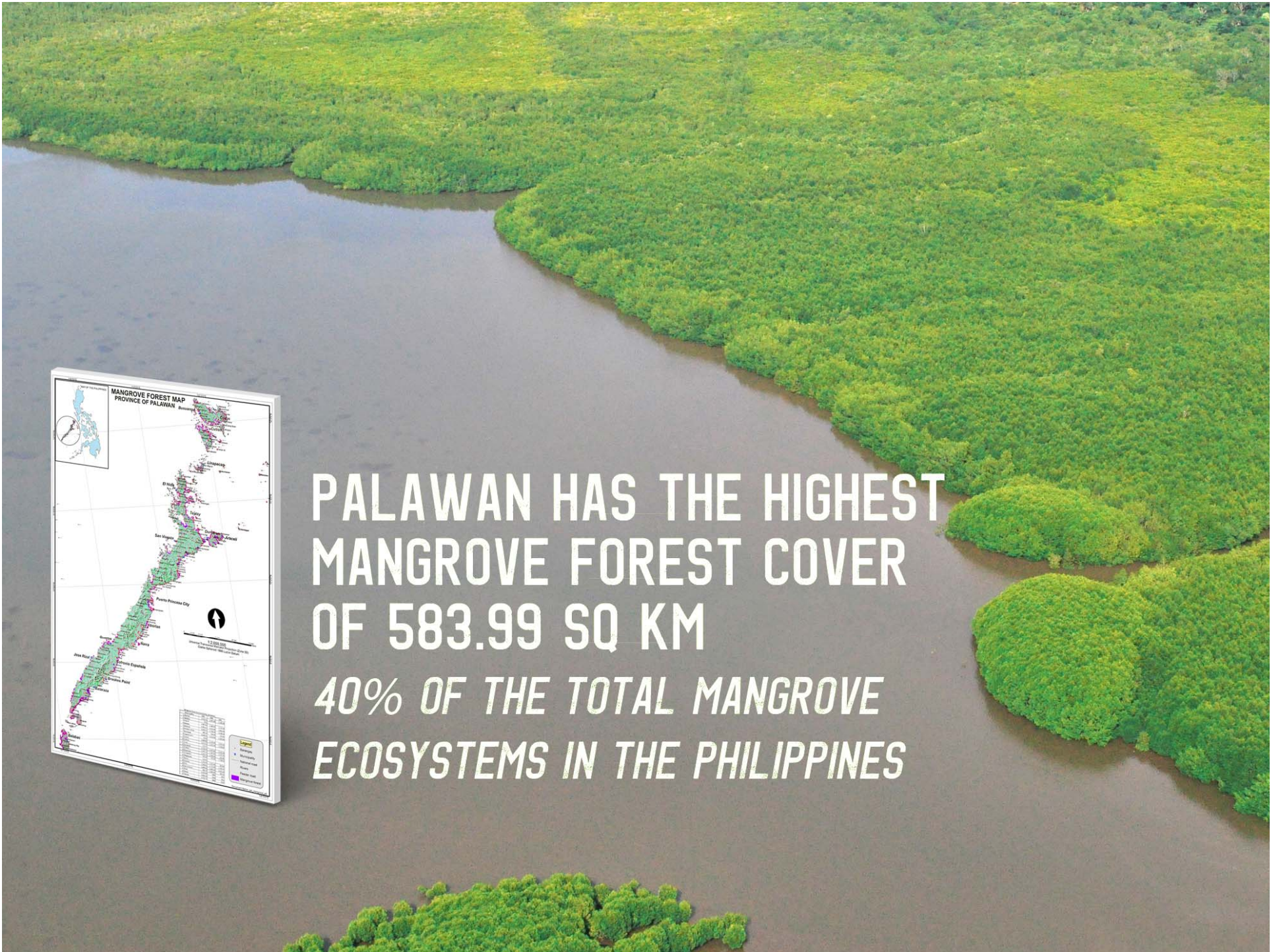


An aerial photograph of a tropical archipelago. The foreground features a large, lush green island with a sandy beach and a dense forest of palm trees. The island is surrounded by shallow, turquoise water with visible coral reefs. In the background, numerous other islands of varying sizes are scattered across a vast expanse of deep blue water. The sky is bright blue with scattered white clouds. The text "AN ARCHIPELAGO OF 1,700 ISLANDS" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**AN ARCHIPELAGO OF  
1,700 ISLANDS**

**FOREST COVER  
OF 6,663 SQUARE KM  
10% OF THE TOTAL  
FOREST COVER  
OF THE PHILIPPINES**





**PALAWAN HAS THE HIGHEST  
MANGROVE FOREST COVER  
OF 583.99 SQ KM**  
*40% OF THE TOTAL MANGROVE  
ECOSYSTEMS IN THE PHILIPPINES*



## The Ramsar Convention on Wetlands





The Ramsar Convention  
on Wetlands



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**HOME TO 30 KEY BIODIVERSITY AREAS,  
VAST TROPICAL FORESTS, UNIQUE FLORA AND FAUNA,  
AND RICH COASTAL MARINE AREAS**





# THE MANAGEMENT OF PALAWAN BIOSPHERE RESERVE



An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, transitioning to a deeper blue further out. The shoreline is covered in dense, lush green forest. In the distance, a small island is visible on the horizon. The sky is a clear, light blue with some wispy clouds.

**VISION:  
PALAWAN TO BE AN INNOVATIVE  
AND DYNAMIC GLOBAL CENTER  
OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.**

**MISSION:  
"DRIVER OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION  
AND INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT IN PALAWAN,  
A BIOSPHERE RESERVE AND SCIENCE-FOR-SUSTAINABILITY SITE,  
GUIDED BY THE STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN".**



# 2013 WORLD'S BEST ISLAND BY TRAVEL+LEISURE MAGAZINE

## PALAWAN ISLAND

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Asia - World's Best 2013 - Islands - Top 10 Islands

WORLD'S BEST AWARDS 2013

TOP 10 ISLANDS

RANK	ISLAND	SCORE
1	Palawan, Philippines	95.04
2	Boracay, Philippines	93.58
3	Maui Hall of Fame	89.83
4	Santorini, Greece Hall of Fame	89.37

# TOP ISLAND IN THE WORLD: *READERS' CHOICE AWARDS* BY CONDE' NAST TRAVELER



CONDE NAST

**Traveler**

Best Islands in the World: Readers' Choice Awards 2015

## 1. Palawan, Philippines

Overall Rating: 85.937



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Top 30 Islands in the World: Readers' Choice Awards 2014

## 1. Palawan, Philippines

Readers' Rating: 88.750

This small island—one of the Philippines' 7,107—shot to the top of our list this year with a recent claim to fame: It's now

THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PALAWAN ENSURES THAT WE HAVE AVAILABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES TO CREATE THE NECESSARY INVESTMENT CLIMATE TO IMPROVE LOCAL TOURISM RECEIPTS.





### Passenger Terminal

#### Terminal Exterior Design



- Gradual and subtle building skyline in harmony with the surrounding landscape
- Canopy and the roof with slope responding the tropical climate with rain and strong sunshine





PALAWAN



THE  
BIOSPHERE RESERVE  
IN THE



PHILIPPINES



RESERVE