

### WETLANDS AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

DRAFT PHILIPPINE RESOLUTION FOR THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS

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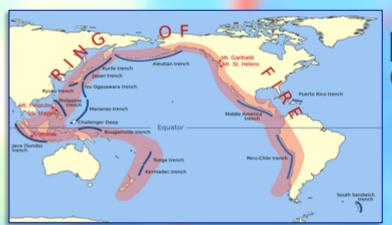








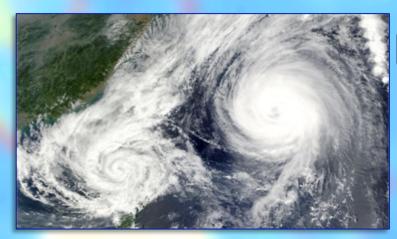




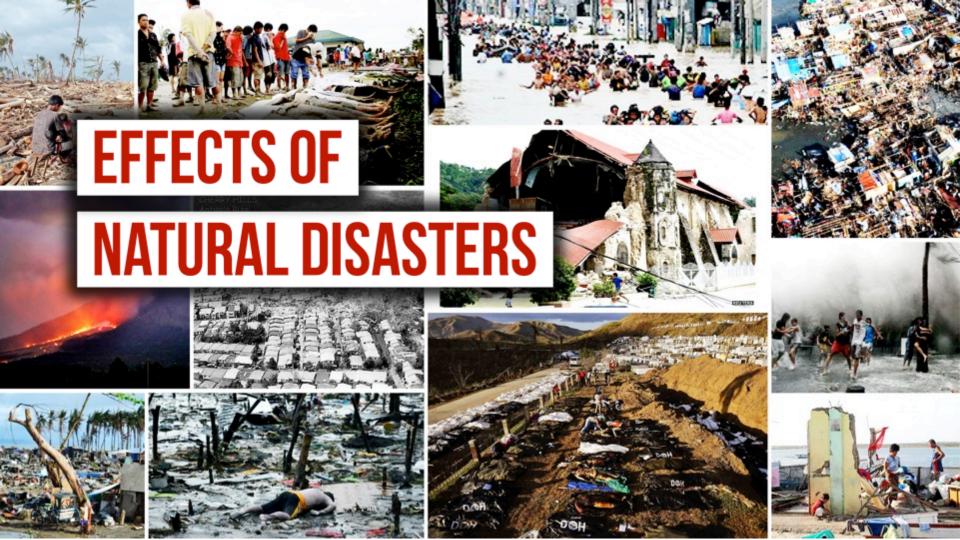
### **PACIFIC RING OF FIRE**

(Volcanic Eruptions, Earthquakes)

**PHILIPPINES** 



## PACIFIC TYPHOON BELT (Tropical Storms, Cyclones)



#### **HOW DO WE COPE WITH THESE DISASTERS?**

- Philippines implements strategies and actions in the management of different ecosystems like wetlands, caves, forest, coastal and marine, etc.
- which may directly or indirectly reduce the impact of disasters like loss of lives and damage to properties
- with the active involvement of stakeholders (civil societies and/or individuals)





## THE PHILIPPINES SUBMITTED TO THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON

#### "WETLANDS AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION"

CALLING FOR GLOBAL EFFORTS FOR THE CONSERVATION AND WISE USE OF WETLANDS AS A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD DISASTER RISK REDUCTION.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PHILIPPINE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WETLANDS AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Management planning for wetland sites to include among others:
  - Mainstreaming disaster risk reduction in local policies
    Integrating ecosystems-based management in disaster risk reduction and climate change
    Implementing wetland ecosystem based management and restoration projects or programs
- Disaster risk assessment at landscape level
- Financial and long-term investment planning
- Avoid activities that may decrease the role of wetlands in reducing the impact of disaster

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PHILIPPINE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON WETLANDS AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Strengthen communication education and public awareness program on disaster risk reduction link with wetlands management, conservation and restoration or rehabilitation;
- Collaboration with the academe for long term research
- Ramsar Convention Secretariat to liaise with the United Nations Framewor Convention on Climate Change in highlighting the importance of wetlands in climate change adaptation, especially for countries identified as most vulnerable to climate change.

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