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SUMMARY

Negros Island harbours some of the world's endangered species, all of which are West Visayan endemics. These include such highly threatened species as the Visayan warty pig, Visayan spotted deer, Negros shrew, Philippine bare-backed fruit bat, Negros bleeding-heart pigeon, Negros fruit dove, Visayan writhed hornbill, Visayan tarictic hornbill, Negros flame-templed babbler and White-throated jungle flycatcher among others.

The North Negros Natural Park (NNNP) is located in the northern portion of Negros Island and lies north of Mt. Kanlaon. It has a total land area of 80,454.5 hectares but only 16,687 hectares of forest remains. It has one of the most intact forests in the Island. Its forest is a mosaic of secondary and primary lowland, montane and mossy forests.

The survey has employed several field techniques to maximise the number of identified taxa within NNNP namely: MacKinnon Listing, mist netting, harp trapping, non Volant mammals trapping, opportunistic catching of amphibians and reptiles and ethnobiological interview.

The survey had 2 study sites namely, Alipasyao and Patpatao. It has recorded a total of 90 bird species, 37 of which are endemic with 57 endemic subspecies. Six threatened species were listed in the study areas, of which 3 species are Endangered (Visayan tarictic hornbill, White-throated jungle flycatcher and the Flame-templed babbler), 2 species are Vulnerable (Visayan flowerpecker and White-winged cuckoo-shrike) and 1 species is Near-threatened (Philippine needletail). NNNP has a total of 144 bird species recorded to date while Negros Island has about 247 recorded bird species. This results makes 58.3% of birds listed in Negros Island are found in the NNNP.

There were 8 species of bats netted, 5 species are endemic (Philippine pygmy fruit bat, Harpy fruit bat, Philippine tube-nosed fruit bat, Musky fruit bat and Philippine forest roundleaf bat). A thick-thumbed pipistrelle *Glischropus tylopus* that was captured is a new record to the island. This brings to an overall total of 55 mammals listed in the island of Negros. Thirty of the 55 species of terrestrial mammals recorded within the island are found in NNNP. Almost 33% of the 55 species of mammals found in Negros are endemic, whilst NNNP has 37% endemicity among the 30 mammalian species recorded in the park.

There are 11 endemic species of amphibians listed in Negros, 7 are Philippine endemic, 3 are Negros-Panay endemic and one Negros endemic. Only eight species of amphibians are recorded in this study. Six species are recorded in the study sites while 2 are observed outside the study areas but within NNNP.

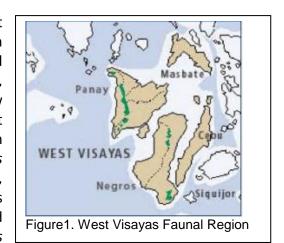
There are 38 endemic species of reptiles listed in Negros, 33 are Philippine endemic, two are Negros-Panay endemic and 3 are island endemics. Eighteen species of reptiles were recorded in this survey.

A total of 200 terrestrial vertebrates are recorded in NNNP to date, 144 are birds, 30 are mammals, 8 are amphibians and 18 are reptiles.

INTRODUCTION

The West Visayan region of central Philippines is a conservation priority in terms of both numbers of endemic species and degrees of threat. The West Visayas or 'Negros-Panay' Faunal Region (Figure 1), which collectively comprises the islands of Masbate, Ticao, Panay, Guimaras, Negros and Cebu, is considered the most threatened and critically important of the several separate faunal regions in the Philippines, since the region has the least remaining forest cover and the highest numbers of severely threatened endemic species and subspecies. Almost all the species' rich lowland forest of Negros island is already gone. Its forest cover has been reduced to less than 4% of the total land area and most of these few remaining forests are located more than 1,000 meters above sea level. The forest cover on Negros exists as tiny patches of montane and mossy rain forest near the tops of the mountains (Heaney et al, 2002). North Negros Natural Park (NNNP) has one of the most intact forests in the Island.

Negros Island harbours some of the world's most endangered species, all of which are West Visayan endemics. These include such highly threatened species as the Visayan Warty Pig (Sus cebifrons), Visayan Spotted Deer (Cervus alfredi), Negros Shrew (Crocidura negrina), Philippine Bare-backed Fruit Bat (Dobsonia chapmani), Negros Bleeding-heart Pigeon (Gallicolumba keayi), Negros Fruit Dove (Ptilinopus arcanus), Visayan Writhed Hornbill (Aceros waldeni), Visayan Tarictic Hornbill (Penelopides panini), Negros Flame-templed Babbler (Stachyris speciosa), and White-throated Jungle Flycatcher (Rhinomyias albigularis) among others.



The North Negros Natural Park (NNNP) was declared as a protected area by Presidential Proclamation No. 895 on August 15, 2005. It has a total land area of 80,454.5 hectares with remaining forest cover estimated around 22,288 hectares (Figure 2). NNNP has one of the most intact forests in the Island. Its forest is a mosaic of secondary and primary lowland, montane and mossy forests.

The management council of the newly declared protected area NNNP is currently in the process of making a management plan for the park. The results of this survey will form part of the management plan of NNNP. The objectives of this study were the following: 1) to conduct biodiversity survey in North Negros Natural Park, 2) identify the terrestrial vertebrate species in the area, and 3) to determine presence of threatened species and conservation status of the forest.

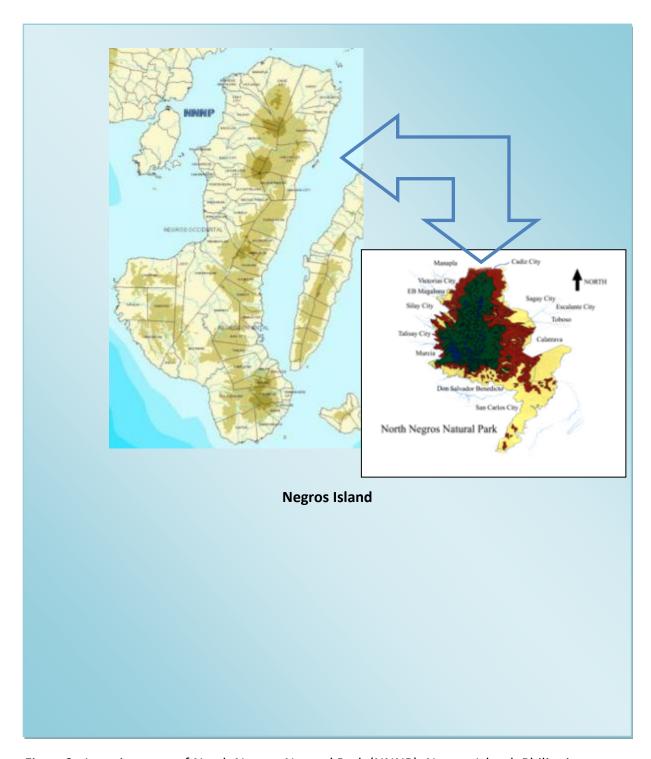


Figure 2. Location map of North Negros Natural Park (NNNP), Negros Island, Philippines

METHODS

Habitat description

Description on the study areas were based on the data gathered from a 20 m x 20 m plot that sampled. All trees with 10 cm diameter at breast height (DBH) or greater within the plot were measured. Identification of trees were based mainly on the local name of the trees, some of the species were identified to the genus and /or species level. Vines, mosses, orchids, ferns and other epiphytes were found in the two study areas.

On the other hand, Hamman $et\ al.$, 1999 made an inventory of a 1 hectare plot with 500 x 20 m size inside NNNP and had listed about 92 species of trees (Appendix 4).

Alipasyao Study Area



The study area in Alipasyao is located at N 10° 41′ 00.9″ E 123° 11′ 24.7″ with elevation ranging from 1,060 to 1,200 meters above sea level. This area has a continuous canopy and undergrowth is composed of ferns, tree ferns, tree saplings, forest litter and in some areas with moss (Fig. 3). The emergent trees recorded in Alipasyao plot are White Lauan, Nato, Tangile, Udling and Bunsilak. The emergent trees has an average height of 42 meters (n=6). The average DBH within the plot is 32.05 cm (n=102). About 30 kinds of trees were recorded namely; Almaciga *Agathis philippinensis*, Almon *Shorea almon*, Angab, Bagalomboi, Bagosantol, Balukanag, Bangkalawag, Batwan *Wrightia calycina*, Batukanag, Bunot bunotan, Bunsilak, Dunot dunot, Haras *Hopea plagata*, Hitanghintang, Kaningag *Cinnamomum mercadoi*, Lakulaku, Lanipga, White Lauan *Anisoptera thurifera*, Mangalomboi, Nato, Pilipili 1 *Canarium asperum*, Pilipili 2 *Canarium villosum*, Red Nato, Salongsalong, Tangile, and about 4 kinds of Udling.

Patpatao Study Area



Figure 4. Patpatao study area, North Negros Natural Park, Negros Island, Philippines

The study area in Patpatao is located at N 10° 41′ 07.2″ E 123° 11′04.4″ with elevation ranging from 900 to 1,000 meters above sea level. This area has a continuous canopy except in areas where trees fell due to strong storm winds (Fig. 4). Emergent trees recorded are Nato, Tangile *Shorea polysperma*, Udling, Bunsilak and White Lauan, with average height (n=5) of 36 meters. The average DBH of trees in Patpatao plot is 31.37 cm (n=99).



Figure 5. Almaciga tree *Agathis philippinensis* from North Negros Natural Park, Negros Island.



Figure 6. A Balete tree *Ficus* sp. from North Negros Natural Park, Negros Island.

About 34 kinds of trees were listed in Patpatao plot namely; Almaciga *Agathis philippinensis* (Fig. 5), Almon *Shorea almon*, Angad, Ata-ata, Bagtikan *Parashorea malaanonan*, Balete *Ficus* sp. (Fig. 6), Bangkalawag, Batobato *Xanthophyllum excelsum*, Bunsilak, Burar-og, Catmon *Dillenia philippinensis*, Danlugan *Shorea contorta*, Balete *Ficus* sp., Haras *Hopea plagata*, Ibo *Pometia pinnata*, Itang itang, Kulukatumbal, Lakulaku, Makadungon, Mala umo', Mindang, Nato, Panubol, Pinyapinya, Salongsalong, Singkosingko, Taguhangin, Talutabako, Tangile *Shorea polysperma*, Taulay, White Lauan *Anisoptera thurifera*, Udling, Udling puti, Udling pula. Field techniques

MacKinnon List

Bird studies done by the Coral Cay Conservation in some areas of the NNNP have used the MacKinnon List Technique where an observer makes a list of species observed until a predetermined number of species is reach. A species can be recorded only once in each list. This study used the same technique to record the bird species in the NNNP study areas from May 8-28, 2009. A total of 38 MacKinnon lists were completed for the survey with a minimum of 14 species in the list.

Mist netting



Figure 7. A mist net hoisted in Alipasyao, North Negros Natural Park.

Mist-nets with various measurements such as 6 m x 4 m, 8 m x 4 m, 9 m x 4 m and 12 m long x 4 m high were used to capture skulking birds and bats (Fig. 7). Nets were distributed along ridge tops, in the canopy, on the ground and near fruiting trees. Nets were checked regularly to minimize the ecological impact of the survey. Mist nets were opened 24 hrs but were closed when there was continuous precipitation.

A total of 239.16 net days and 232.66 net nights were hoisted from May 8- May 27, 2008, where 1 net day is equivalent to one 6 m x 4 m hoisted for 12 hours or from sunrise to sundown and one net night, from sundown to sunrise. The total field efforts are summarized in Table 1.

Harp trapping

Two Harp traps also known as Tuttle traps were used during the survey (Fig. 8). These were used to catch insectivorous bats and were installed and erected in the narrow forest trails. During the survey, a total of 15 trap days and 15 trap nights were completed.

Non volant mammals trapping

Cage and Victor traps were used to catch non-volant mammals. Traps were set at 5 to 10 meter interval placed on the ground, roots and rock crevices, on logs, on low horizontal branches and other possible pathways.



Figure 8. A harp trap erected at a narrow trail in North Negros Natural

Table 1. Summary of field efforts allocation during the sampling (May 8 – May 28, 2008)

	Net days	Net nights	Trap nights	Trap nights	
Study Area			cage traps	Victor traps	
Alipasyao	97.66	148.66	141	120	11
Patpatao	114.50	84.00	36	20	4
Total	239.16	232.66	177	140	15

Opportunistic catching of amphibians and reptiles

No standard method was used for the reptiles and amphibians. Opportunistic catching was made to identify the species of reptiles and amphibians encountered in the field. The effort allocated for the study of amphibians and reptiles was not quantified.

Interview with the community

Communities in Gawahon, Victorias City; Mambukal, Murcia; Patag, Silay City and the Sibato Indigenous community in Silay were visited. Ethno-biological interviews were facilitated using the focus group discussion.

Field Techniques Training

Some students from De la Salle University in Bacolod City and some volunteers of Negros Forest and Ecological Foundation, Inc - Biodiversity Conservation Center (NFEFI-BCC) underwent the field techniques and species identification training (Fig. 9). The first training was done at NFEFI-BCC in Bacolod City. The second training was done in the field. Volunteer Bantay Bukid Brigade (BBB) members from Barangay Patag had the field techniques and species identification hands-on training in the field (Fig 10). Two forestry students from the West Visayas State University (WVSU) in Iloilo City underwent a week long hands-on training on field techniques and species identification.



Figure 9. Students and NFEFI volunteers' training on field techniques and species identification

The two WVSU students were trained by the BBB volunteers who were trained earlier by the team.



Figure 10. Hands-on field techniques training at North Negros Natural Park, Negros Island, Philippines

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

<u>Birds</u>

Using the MacKinnon Lists Technique, 38 lists were completed for this survey. A total of 90 species of birds were recorded. Sixty-five species were recorded in Alipasyao study area while 68 species were recorded in Patpatao study area. Of the 90 species listed, there are 37 endemic species and 57 endemic subspecies (Table 2). Six threatened species were listed in the study areas, of which 3 species are Endangered (Visayan tarictic hornbill, White-throated jungle flycatcher and the Flame-templed babbler), 2 species are Vulnerable (Visayan flowerpecker and White-winged cuckoo-shrike) and 1 species is Nearthreatened (Philippine needletail).



virgatus netted at Alipasyao, North Negros Natural Park.

Table 2. Summary of birds recorded in the study areas in North Negros Natural Park using MacKinnon List Technique from May 8-May 28, 2008, Negros Island, Philippines.

Таха	Common Name	Alipasyao Study Area and adjacent areas	Patpatao Study Area and adjacent areas
Haliastur indus	Brahminy kite	Χ	X
Accipeter virgatus	Besra	X	
Spilornis cheela holospilus	Crested serpent eagle	Χ	X
Falco peregrinus ernesti	Peregrine falcon	Χ	X
Coturnix chinensis lineata	Blue breasted quail		X
Turnix suscitator nigrescens	Barred buttonquail		Х
Gallirallus torquatus torquatus	Barred rail	X	X
Treron pompadora canescens	Pompadour pigeon	X	X
Phapitreron leucotis nigrorum	White-eared brown dove	X	Χ
Phapitreron amethystina			
maculipectus	Amethyst brown dove	Χ	X
Ptilinopus occipitalis occipitalis	Yellow-breasted fruit dove	X	X
Ptilinopus leclancheri	Black chinned fruit dove	Χ	X
	Pink-bellied imperial		
Ducula poliocephala	pigeon	X	
Ducula aenea aenea	Green imperial pigeon	Χ	Χ
Columba vitiensis griseogularis	Metallic pigeon		Х
Macropygia tenuirostris tenuirostris	Philippine Cuckoo-dove	Χ	X
Chalcophaps indica	Emerald dove	X	X
Streptopelia chinensis	Spotted dove		X

Таха	Common Name	Alipasyao Study Area and adjacent areas	Patpatao Study Area and adjacent areas
Geopelia striata	Zebra dove		X
Prioniturus discurus whiteheadi	Blue crowned racquet tail	X	
Loriculus philippensis regulus	Colasisi	Х	
Cuculus pectoralis	Philippine hawk cuckoo	X	
Cacomantis merulinus	Plaintive cuckoo		Χ
Cacomantis variolosus	Brush cuckoo	X	
Eudynamys scolopacea	Common Koel		X
Centropus viridis viridis	Philippine coucal	X	X
Ninox philippensis centralis	Philippine hawk owl	X	X
Batrachostomus septimus menagei	Philippine frogmouth	X	
Caprimulgus manillensis manillensis	Philippine nightjar		X
Collocalia mearnsia	Philippine swiftlet	X	X
Collocalia esculenta marginata	Glossy swiftlet	Х	
Collocalia troglodytes	Pygmy swiftlet	Х	
Mearnsia picina ^{N™}	Philippine needletail ^{NT}	Х	
Hemiprocne comata major	Whiskered tree swift		Х
Actenoides lindsayi moseleyi	Spotted wood kingfisher	X	Χ
Penelopides panini panini ^E	Visayan tarictic hornbill ^E	X	X
Megalaima haemacephala	Coppersmith barbet	Х	Χ
	Philippine Pygmy		
Dendrocopus maculatus maculatus	woodpecker	X	Χ
Dryocopus javensis philippinensis	White bellied woodpecker	X	X
Pitta sordida sordida	Hooded pitta		X
Coracina striata panayensis	Bar bellied cuckoo-shrike	X	X
Coracina ostenta ^v	White-winged cuckoo- shrike ^v		X
Lalage nigra	Pied triller		Х
Hypsipetes philippinus guimarasensis	Philippine bulbul	Χ	Χ
Dicrurus balicassius mirabilis	Balicassiao	Χ	Χ
Oriolus chinensis yamamurae	Black-naped oriole	Х	Χ
Corvus macrorhynchus philippinus	Large billed crow		Х
Parus elegans albescens	Elegant tit	X	Χ
Sitta oenochlamys oenochlamys	Velvet fronted nuthatch	Х	
Rhabdornis mystacalis mystacalis	Stripe-headed rhabdornis	Х	
Dasycrotopha speciosa ^E	Flame-templed babbler ^E		Х
Brachypteryx montana brunneiceps	White browed shortwing	Х	
Copsychus luzonensis superciliaris	White browed shama	X	Χ
Saxicola caprata randi	Pied bushchat		Х
Turdus poliocephalus nigrorum	Island thrush	Χ	Χ

Таха	Common Name	Alipasyao Study Area and adjacent areas	Patpatao Study Area and adjacent areas
Phylloscopus olivaceus	Philippine leaf warbler		X
	Lemon throated leaf		
Phylloscopus cebuensis cebuensis	warbler	Х	
Orthotomus castaneiceps rabori	Philippine tailorbird	X	X
	White throated jungle		
Rhinomyias albigularis ^E	flycatcher ^E	X	X
Muscicapa griseisticta	Grey streaked flycatcher	X	
	Mountain verditer		
Eumyias panayensis panayensis	flycatcher	X	X
Cyornis rufigastra philippinensis	Mangrove blue flycatcher	Χ	Χ
Culicicapa helianthea panayensis	Citrine canary flycatcher	Χ	X
Rhipidura javanica nigritorquis	Pied fantail	X	X
Rhipidura cyaniceps albiventris	Blue headed fantail	X	X
Pachycephala homeyeri	White vented whistler	X	X
Motacilla cinerea	Grey wagtail	Х	
Motacilla alba	White wagtail	Х	
Anthus novaeseelandiae lugubris	Richard's pipit		Х
Anthus hodgsoni	Olive tree pipit		Х
Anthus gustavi	Pechora's pipit		Х
	White breasted		
Artamus leucorhynchus	woodswallow		X
Lanius schach nasutus	Long tailed shrike		Х
Lanius cristatus	Brown shrike	X	X
Aplonis panayensis	Asian glossy starling	Χ	Х
Sarcops calvus melanonotus	Coleto	X	X
Acridotheres cristatellus	Crested myna		Х
Anthreptes malacensis chlorigaster	Plain throated sunbird	X	X
Nectarinia jugularis jugularis	Olive backed sunbird	X	X
Nectarinia separata trochilus	Purple throated sunbird	Χ	Х
Aethopyga flagrans daphoenonota	Flaming sunbird	Х	
Aethopyga siparaja magnifica	Crimson sunbird	X	Χ
Dicaeum haematostictum ^v	Visayan flowerpecker ^v	X	Χ
	Orange bellied		
Dicaeum trigonostigma	flowerpecker	X	X
Dicaeum pygmaeum pygmaeum	Pygmy flowerpecker	X	X
Zosterops nigrorum nigrorum	Yellowish white eye	X	X
Zosterops montanus pectoralis	Mountain white eye	X	X
Lonchura leucogastra manueli	White bellied munia		Х
Lonchura punctulata cabanisi	Scaly breasted munia		X

Таха	Common Name	Alipasyao Study Area and adjacent areas	Patpatao Study Area and adjacent areas
Lonchura malacca	Chesnut munia		X
		65 species	68 species

X – species found in both study areas

E - Endangered species = 3

V - Vulnerable species = 2

NT- Near Threatened specie =: 1

Total number of species = **90**

Total number of endemic species = 37

Total number of endemic subspecies = 57

There are 49 species that are common to both study area. These are the Brahminy kite, Crested serpent eagle, Peregrine falcon, Barred rail, Pompadour pigeon, White-eared brown dove, Amethyst brown dove, Yellow-breasted fruit dove, Black-chinned fruit dove, Green imperial pigeon, Philippine Cuckoo-dove, Emerald dove, Philippine coucal, Philippine hawk owl, Philippine nightjar, Philippine swiftlet, Whiskered tree swift, Spotted wood kingfisher, Visayan tarictic hornbill, Coppersmith barbet, Philippine Pygmy woodpecker, White-bellied woodpecker, Bar-bellied cuckoo-shrike, Philippine bulbul, Balicassiao, Black-naped oriole, Elegant tit, White-browed shama, Island thrush, Philippine tailorbird, White-throated jungle flycatcher, Mountain verditer flycatcher, Mangrove blue flycatcher, Citrine canary flycatcher, Pied fantail, Blueheaded fantail, White-vented whistler, Brown shrike, Asian glossy starling, Coleto, Plainthroated sunbird, Olive-backed sunbird, Purple-throated sunbird, Crimson sunbird, Visayan flowerpecker, Orange-bellied flowerpecker, Pygmy flowerpecker, Yellowish white-eye and Mountain white-eye.

The species discovery curves of both Alipasyao and Patpatao study areas indicate that discovery of more species is likely to occur as the graph shows an increasing pattern and has not yet reach a plateau (Fig. 12).

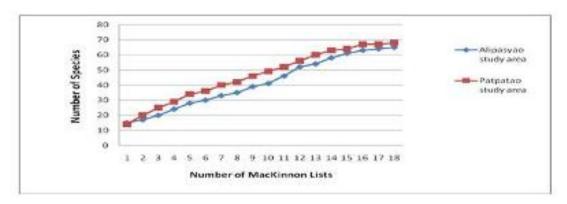


Figure 12. Species discovery curve of Alipasyao and Patpatao study areas

On the other hand, 11 species of birds were mist netted in Alipasyao and Patpatao study areas, 5 species were caught in Alipasyao and 7 species were caught in Patpatao (Table 3). The low netting success was attributed to high precipitation during the conduct of the study. Three species netted (Balicassiao *Dicrurus balicassius*, Philippine bulbul *Hypsipetes philippinus*, and Lemon throated warbler *Pachycephala cebuensis*) were common to both study areas. The Philippine bulbul had the highest netting success in Alipasyao study area and the Blue-headed fantail in Patpatao study area. The most dominant bird species documented in Alipasyao area is the Philippine bulbul followed by the Lemon throated warbler while in Patpatao study area are the Blue headed fantail, followed by the Lemon throated warbler.

Visits to some areas in NNNP such as Gawahon in Victorias City and the Patag Dam Area and Sibato in Silay City, have increased the number of bird species observed within NNNP. There are species in other areas within NNNP that were not observed in the study areas. These were included in the list of birds found in NNNP (Appendix 1). Results of the community interviews were also integrated in the list.

Table 3. List of bird captured in Alipasyao and Patpatao study areas in North Negros Natural Park from May 8-28, 2008.

Species	Number of in captured	ndividuals
	Alipasyao	Patpatao
Accipeter virgatus	1	
Brachypteryx montana	1	
Dicrurus balicassius	2	1
Hypsipetes philippinus	8	3
Phylloscopus cebuensis	3	1
Pachycephala homeyeri		2
Chalcophaps indica		2
Dicaeum trigonostigma		1
Dryocopus javensis		2
Rhipidura cyaniceps		5
Sitta oenochlamys		1
Number of individuals caught	15	18

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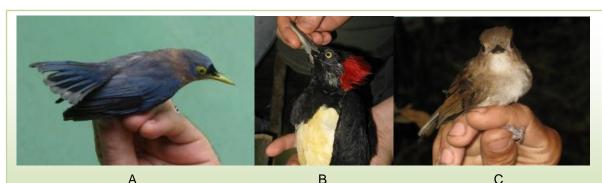


Figure 13. Birds netted during the survey at North Negros Natural Park, Negros Island, Philippines (A) Velvet fronted nuthatch Sitta oenochlamys oenochlamys (B) White bellied woodpecker Dryocopus javensis philippinensis (C) White vented whistler Pachycephala homeyeri

Mammals

The hypothesis by Heaney *et al* (1998) that the colonization success of non-native small non-flying mammals on natural habitats is dependent on the presence of native (and endemic) small non-flying mammals is exemplified by the data from Mt. Guinsayawan, Southern Negros. Only two species of native small non-volant mammals are recorded for the whole island of Negros, the Negros shrew (*Crocidura negrina*) and an undescribed forest mouse (*Apomys* sp. A). These species were collected in Mt. Guinsayawan and were recorded in low numbers in lowland forest and had increased slightly in numbers up to 1400 m a s l whereas the non native species were significantly more dominant all throughout the altitudinal range of Mt. Guinsayawan.

Only two species of rodents were captured in study sites, the Oriental house rat *Rattus tanezumi* and Polynesian rat *Rattus exulans*. In Patpatao study area, one species of insectivore, the Asian house shrew *Suncus murinus* was observed but not captured. This species were reported by Heaney *et al.* (1993) to occur from sea level up to 1650 m a s l in southern Negros.

Scats of the Visayan leopard cat *Prionailurus bengalensis rabori* and civets (Common palm civet *Paradoxurus hermaphroditus* and Malay civet *Viverra tangalunga*) were observed along trails. Civets scats were mostly with seeds while leopard cat scats were found to have more of hairs, shells and sometimes small bones.



Tracks and feeding signs of the Visayan warty pig *Sus cebifrons* were observed in a ravine adjacent a stream going to Patpatao area (Fig. 14). This area was dominated by a tuber species which is a treat to the warty pigs. The forest guards claimed that the warty pigs eat the tuber of this plant.

The Visayan spotted deer was reported by locals to occur in Patpatao and Alipasyao areas but it was not observed in both study areas during the survey. A few hunters claimed that the deer still occur in the hinterlands of NNNP.

Troops of Long-tailed macaques *Macaca fascicularis* were also observed within NNNP. One troop was observed on a ridge very near the community in Patag, Silay and also one

troop was observed in Gawahon, Victorias.

A total of 8 species of bats were netted representing 6 fruit bats and 2 insectivorous bats. The two most frequently netted bats were the Philippine pygmy fruit bat *Haplonycteris fischeri* and the Musky fruit bat *Ptenochirus jagori* (Table 4). Comparing the 2 study areas, Alipasyao has the higher number of species (5 fruit bats and 2 insectivorous bats) as compared to Patpatao (6 fruit bats).



Table 4. List of mammals captured in Alipasyao and Patpatao study areas in North Negros Natural Park from May 8-28, 2008.

Species	Common Name	Number of inc	dividuals
		captured	Т_
		Alipasyao	Patpatao
<u>Pteropodidae</u>	Common short-nosed fruit		
Cynopterus brachyotis	bat	1	3
Haplonycteris fischeri	Philippine pygmy fruit bat	44	35
Harpyionycteris whiteheadi	Harpy fruit bat	4	1
Macroglossus minimus	Dagger-toothed flower bat	3	8
Nyctimene rabori	Philippine tube-nosed fruit	0	1
	bat		
Ptenochirus jagori	Musky fruit bat	29	99
<u>Rhinolophidae</u>	Philippine forest roundleaf		
Hipposideros obscurus	bat	1	0
<u>Vespertilionidae</u>	Thick-thumbed pipistrelle		
Glischropus tylopus		1	0
<u>Muridae</u>	Oriental house rat		
Rattus exulans		4	2
Rattus tanezumi	Polynesian rat	6	1
Number of individuals caught		93	150

Species in **boldface** are endemic species

Of the 8 species of bats netted, 5 species are endemic (Philippine pygmy fruit bat, Harpy fruit bat, Philippine tube-nosed fruit bat, Musky fruit bat and Philippine forest roundleaf bat). The thick-thumbed pipistrelle *Glischropus tylopus* (Fig. 15) caught in a harp trap in Alipasyao is a new record to the island. The same species was later caught in southern Negros (Carino *et al.*, in prep). This brings to an overall total of 55 mammals listed in the island of Negros (Appendix 2). Thirty of the 55 species of terrestrial mammals recorded within the island are found in NNNP.

Almost 33% (18 species) of the 55 species of mammals found in Negros are endemic, whilst NNNP has 37% (11 species) endemicity among the 30 mammalian species recorded in the park.

Amphibians and Reptiles

Philippines has 104 species of amphibians, 79% are endemic and 48 species are threatened (IUCN, 2009). About 18 species of amphibians are recorded in Negros Island (Appendix 3), of which 4 are threatened species. Of the 18 species of amphibians in Negros, 8 are recorded in NNNP, 6 are recorded in the study sites while 2 are observed outside the study areas but within NNNP. These are the Giant South American toad *Bufo marinus*, Giant Philippine woodland frog *Limnonectes visayanus*, Small-headed frog *Occidozyga laevis visayanus*, Rough-backed forest frog *Platymantis corrugatus*, Common forest ground frog *Platymantis dorsalis*, Negros forest frog *Platymantis negrosensis*, Common tree frog *Polypedates leucomystax quadrilineatus* and the Truncate-toed Chorus Frog *Kaloula conjuncta negrosensis*.

There are 11 endemic species of amphibians listed in Negros, 7 are Philippine endemic, 4 are Negros-Panay endemic and one Negros endemic.



About 71 species of reptiles are recorded in the island of Negros (Appendix 4) and four of which are threatened namely: the Sailfin water lizard, Variable monitor lizard, Malayan freshwater turtle and the Philippine crocodile. Only 18 species were recorded in this survey, 10 species were recorded in the study areas while 8 species are observed outside the study areas but within NNNP. The 18 species of reptiles recorded in NNNP are the following: Common flying lizard *Draco spilopterus*, Dark-spotted anglehead *Gonocephalus sophiae*, Sailfin water lizard *Hydrosaurus postulates*, Flat-bodied house gecko *Cosymbotus platyurus*, Philippine bent-toed gecko *Cyrtodactylus philippinicus*, Tender-skinned house gecko *Gehyra mutilate*, Toko Narrow-disked Gecko *Gekko gecko*, Common House Gecko *Hemidactylus frenatus*, Spotted green tree skink *Lamprolepis smaragdina*, Two-striped mabouya *Eutropis multicarinata borealis*, Common mabouya *Eutropis multifasciata*, Steere's Sphenomorphus *Sphenomorphus steerei*, Variable monitor lizard *Varanus nuchalis*, Elongate-headed tree snake *Ahaetulla prasina preocularis*,

Common Wolf Snake *Lycodon aulicus capucinus*, Dark-spotted Mock Viper *Psammodynastes pulverulentus* (Fig. 16), Smooth-scaled Mountain Rat Snake *Zaocys luzonensis* and Reticulated Python *Python reticulatus*.

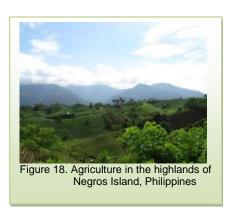
There are 38 endemic species of reptiles listed in Negros, 33 are Philippine endemic, two are Negros-Panay endemic and 3 are island endemics.

Threats and conservation

Active protection of NNNP has started with the creation of the Bantay Bukid Brigade (BBB), a group of local volunteers who are financially assisted by the provincial government and its local municipality or city. The BBB reports to the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO) or City Environment and Natural Resources Officer (CENRO) and coordinates with and sometimes reports directly to the Task Force Ilahas for any apprehensions. Task Force Ilahas is a province-wide police task force formed to fight against illegal logging, hunting, forest products collection and any other illegal activities relating to the environment.



Figure 17. A snare trap in for leopard cat, civets and ground birds found in Patpatao study area, NNNP.



Hunting, poaching, agricultural encroachment and charcoal making are the major threats to the biodiversity of NNNP.

Hunting of Visayan warty pig and Visayan spotted deer were most common in the early 90's mostly for its meat. Captures which were not hurt usually the orphans of the hunter-killed animals were sold to affluent local buyers or to local politicians.

Snares which are installed in small trails were observed within the park (Fig. 17). These snares target the leopard cat, civets and ground birds. It captures one of the forelimbs or hind limbs of the mammals or the tarsus of the ground bird. This is bad news for the all the ground birds including the Negros bleeding-heart pigeon.

Agricultural expansions in the highlands of Negros (Fig. 18) remain a major threat to the overall biodiversity of the island with only 4% forest cover remaining.

Charcoal making has been a livelihood to many in the upland communities. This has become a big industry as the demand for charcoal has increased with the booming barbecue business in major cities of Negros (Fig. 19). With this, illegal cutting of trees inside park has been reported in almost all of the cities and municipalities that comprise NNNP.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Conservation education

A massive awareness campaign on biodiversity conservation is very important for Negros to be able to halt the continuing process of habitat loss and other anthropogenic activities that threatens the biodiversity of NNNP and the whole island of Negros.

Conservation education program targeting local community, BBB volunteers and students on the importance of the biodiversity conservation should be done. There should be collaboration among NGOs [Negros Forest and Ecological Foundation, Inc (NFEFI), Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc (PBCFI), etc] and the government [Provincial Environment and Management Office (PEMO), local government units].

Habitat rehabilitation

There are areas in the park with clearings, forest gaps and forest edges which will need rehabilitation. There is an abundant supply of endemic and / or native wildlings within the park, these wildlings can be use to rehabilitate clearings forest gaps and edges.

Establishment of a native/endemic nursery in strategic locations and involvement of the community in reforestation or rehabilitation projects is encouraged.

Alternative livelihood

Charcoal making is one of the major problems in the park and should be given immediate attention. There has been action from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources,

provincial and some local government in solving this problem such as issuance of permit to cut planted trees in their own land, yet it is difficult to stop this destructive activity as this has become a source of livelihood to many who are dwelling inside and adjacent to the park. With the increasing demand of charcoal in the cities and depleted supply of planted trees for charcoal, more trees inside the park are currently being cut for charcoal.

Alternative livelihood should be given charcoal making communities that are adjacent to the park. A community nursery will be a good project to these communities. This will make people love trees and take care of the forest instead of cutting it for charcoal. Planting materials are sold to all areas within Negros. These will also give local governments and others civic organizations the option of planting endemic/native species in all their reforestation/tree planting projects.

<u>Active Protection</u>

Active protection has been a priority program of the provincial and local government involving the police force and must remain a priority at all times. The creation of the Bantay Bukid Brigade (BBB) by the provincial government which was adapted by the local governments within the NNNP signifies the interest of the government to protect the biodiversity of NNNP. But there is also a constant problem within the system involving the BBB as every time there is a local election and change of officials in the local government, there is also a change of BBB members which needs to be deputized by the DENR. Thus the need to conduct proper training prior to deputation to equip them with the knowledge of the basic forest and wildlife ecology, and the laws governing its utilization, protection and conservation as well as enabling them to enforce the law.

Research

NNNP may still have more terrestrial species of birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians that have not been recorded in this survey thus a continuous research on the terrestrial vertebrate species as well as invertebrate species should be done. An extensive herpetofaunal inventory is highly recommended to gain more knowledge on the herpetofaunal species richness of NNNP.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1. Summary list of birds of Negros Island and the birds recorded in North Negros Natural Park (NNNP).

				NNNP	2009 IUCN
Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Little Grebe	Tachybaptus	ruficollis	philippensis		
Tahiti Petrel	Pterodroma	rostrata	rostrata		
Dark-rumped Petrel	Pterodroma	phaeopygia	sandwichensis		
Streaked Shearwater	Calonectris	leucomelas			
White-tailed Tropicbird	Phaethon	lepturus	dorotheae		
Darter	Anhinga	melanogaster	melanogaster		
Red-footed Booby	Sula	sula	rubripes		
Brown Booby	Sula	leucogaster	plotus		
Great Frigatebird	Fregata	minor	minor		
Lesser Frigatebird	Fregata	ariel	ariel		
Great-billed Heron	Ardea	sumatrana			
Purple Heron	Ardea	purpurea	manilensis		
Great Egret	Egretta	alba	modesta		
Eastern Reef-Egret	Egretta	sacra	sacra		
Intermediate Egret	Egretta	intermedia			
Little Egret	Egretta	garzetta	garzetta		
Chinese Pond-Heron	Ardeola	bacchus			
Malayan Night-Heron	Gorsachius	melanolophus	kutteri		
Japanese Night-Heron	Gorsachius	goisagi			
Little Heron	Butorides	striatus	carcinophilus		
Cattle Egret	Bubulcus	ibis	coromandus	Х	
Rufous Night-Heron	Nycticorax	caledonicus	major	Х	
Schrenck's Bittern	Ixobrychus	eurhythmus			
Yellow Bittern	Ixobrychus	sinensis			
Cinnamon Bittern	Ixobrychus	cinnamomeus			

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				NNNP	IUCN
Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Black Bittern	Dupetor	flavicollis	flavicollis		
Wandering Whistling-Duck	Dendrocygna	arcuata	arcuata	O, Ethno	
Philippine Duck	Anas	luzonica		X, Ethno	V
Garganey	Anas	querquedula			
Osprey	Pandion	haliaetus	haliaetus	X	
Oriental Honeybuzzard	Pernis	ptilorhynchus	philippensis	X	
			orientalis	Х	
Philippine Honeybuzzard	Pernis	steerei	steerei	Х	
Black-shouldered Kite	Elanus	caeruleus	hypoleucus		
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur	indus	intermedius	Х	
Black Kite	Milvus	migrans	lineatus		
White-bellied Sea-Eagle	Haliaeetus	leucogaster			
Grey-headed Fish-Eagle	Ichthyophaga	ichthyaetus			
Pied Harrier	Circus	melanoleucos			
Besra	Accipiter	virgatus	confusus	Х	
Chinese Goshawk	Accipiter	soloensis		0	
Crested Goshawk	Accipiter	trivirgatus	extimus	0	
Grey-faced Buzzard	Butastur	indicus			
Crested Serpent-Eagle	Spilornis	cheela	holospilus	Х	
Rufous-bellied Eagle	Hieraaetus	kienerii	formosus		
Changeable Hawk-Eagle	Spizaetus	cirrhatus	limnaeetus		
Pinsker's Hawk-Eagle	Nisaetus	pinskeri			
Philippine Falconet	Microhierax	erythrogenys	erythrogenys		
Eurasian Kestrel	Falco	tinnunculus	interstinctus		
Merlin	Falco	columbarius	pacificus		
Eurasian Hobby	Falco	subbuteo	subbuteo		
Oriental Hobby	Falco	severus	severus	0	

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				NNNP	IUCN
Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Peregrine Falcon	Falco	peregrinus	ernesti	X	
Tabon Scrubfowl	Megapodius	cumingii	pusillus	X, Ethno	
Red Junglefowl	Gallus	gallus	philippensis	X, Ethno	
Blue-breasted Quail	Coturnix	chinensis	lineata	O, Ethno	
Small Buttonquail	Turnix	sylvatica	nigrorum		
Barred Buttonquail	Turnix	suscitator	nigrescens	X	
Spotted Buttonquail	Turnix	ocellata	ssp.inn.		
Slaty-breasted Rail	Gallirallus	striatus	striatus		
Barred Rail	Gallirallus	torquatus	torquatus	X	
Slaty-legged Crake	Rallina	eurizonoides	eurizonoides		
Baillon's Crake	Porzana	pusilla	pusilla		
Ruddy- breasted Crake	Porzana	fusca	fusca		
White-browed Crake	Porzana	cinerea	ocularis		
Plain Bush-hen	Amaurornis	olivaceus		0	
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis	phoenicurus	javanica	0	
Watercock	Gallicrex	cinerea			
Common Moorhen	Gallinula	chloropus	lozanoi		
Eurasian Coot	Fulica	atra	atra		
Greater Painted-snipe	Rostratula	benghalensis	benghalensis		
Grey Plover	Pluvialis	squatarola			
Asian Golden-Plover	Pluvialis	fulva			
Little Ringed-Plover	Charadrius	dubius	dubius		
Kentish Plover	Charadrius	alexandrinus	alexandrinus		
			dealbatus		
Lesser Sand-Plover	Charadrius	mongolus	mongolus		
Greater Sand-Plover	Charadrius	leschenaultii			
Far Eastern Curlew	Numenius	madagascariensis			

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Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Eurasian Curlew	Numenius	arquata	orientalis		
Bar-tailed Godwit	Limosa	lapponica	baueri		
Black-tailed Godwit	Limosa	limosa	melanuroides		
Common Redshank	Tringa	totanus	eurhinus		
Common Greenshank	Tringa	nebularia			
Green Sandpiper	Tringa	ochropus			
Wood Sandpiper	Tringa	glareola			
Marsh Sandpiper	Tringa	stagnatilis			
Common Sandpiper	Actitis	hypoleucos			
Terek Sandpiper	Xenus	cinereus			
Grey-tailed Tattler	Heteroscelus	brevipes			
Ruddy Turnstone	Arenaria	interpres	interpres		
Swinhoe's Snipe	Gallinago	megala			
Great Knot	Calidris	tenuirostris			
Rufous-necked Stint	Calidris	ruficollis			
Little Stint	Calidris	minuta			
Long-toed Stint	Calidris	subminuta			
Curlew Sandpiper	Calidris	ferruginea			
Broad-billed Sandpiper	Limicola	falcinellus	sibirica		
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus	lobatus			
Oriental Pratincole	Glareola	maldivarum			
Black-winged Stilt	Himantopus	himantopus	himantopus		
			leucocephalus		
Gull-billed Tern	Gelochelidon	affinis	nilotica		
Black-naped Tern	Sterna	sumatrana			
Great Crested Tern	Sterna	bergii	cristatus		
Bridled Tern	Sterna	anaethetus	anaethetus		

					2009
				NNNP	IUCN
Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Little Tern	Sterna	albifrons	sinensis		
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias	leucopterus			
Whiskered Tern	Chlidonias	hybridus	hybridus		
Pompadour Green-Pigeon	Treron	pompadora	canescens	X, Ethno	
Pink-necked Green-Pigeon	Treron	vernans	vernans	X, Ethno	
White-eared Brown-Dove	Phapitreron	leucotis	nigrorum	X, Ethno	
Amethyst Brown-Dove	Phapitreron	amethystina	maculipectus	X, Ethno	
Yellow-breasted Fruit-Dove	Ptilinopus	occipitalis	occipitalis	X, Ethno	
Black-chinned Fruit-Dove	Ptilinopus	leclancheri	leclancheri	X, Ethno	
Negros Fruit-Dove	Ptilinopus	arcanus			
Pink-bellied Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula	poliocephala		X, Ethno	
Spotted Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula	carola	nigrorum		V
Green Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula	aenea	aenea	X, Ethno	
Pied Imperial-Pigeon	Ducula	bicolor	bicolor		
Metallic Pigeon	Columba	vitiensis	griseogularis	X, Ethno	
Philippine Cuckoo-Dove	Macropygia	tenuirostris	tenuirostris	Х	
Island Collared-Dove	Streptopelia	bitorquata	dusumieri		
Spotted Dove	Streptopelia	chinensis	tigrina	Х	
Zebra Dove	Geopelia	striata	striata	Х	
Common Emerald-Dove	Chalcophaps	indica	indica	Х	
Negros Bleeding-heart	Gallicolumba	keayi		O, Ethno	CE
Nicobar Pigeon	Caloenas	nicobarica	nicobarica		
Philippine Cockatoo	Cacatua	haematuropygia			CE
Blue-naped Parrot	Tanygnathus	lucionensis	salvadorii	X, Ethno	NT
Blue-backed Parrot	Tanygnathus	sumatranus	everetti		
Blue-crowned Racquet-tail	Prioniturus	discurus	whiteheadi	X, Ethno	
Colasisi	Loriculus	philippensis	regulus	X, Ethno	

					2009
				NNNP	IUCN
Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Large Hawk-Cuckoo	Cuculus	sparverioides	sparverioides		
Philippine Hawk-Cuckoo	Cuculus	pectoralis		X	
Oriental Cuckoo	Cuculus	saturatus	saturatus		
Indian Cuckoo	Cuculus	micropterus	micropterus		
Plaintive Cuckoo	Cacomantis	merulinus	merulinus	X	
Brush Cuckoo	Cacomantis	variolosus	sepulcralis	X	
Gould's Bronze-Cuckoo	Chrysococcyx	aheneus	russatus		
Philippine Drongo-Cuckoo	Surniculus	velutinus	chalybaeus		
Common Koel	Eudynamys	scolopacea	mindanensis	X, Ethno	
Lesser Coucal	Centropus	bengalensis	philippinensis		
Philippine Coucal	Centropus	viridis	viridis	X	
Grass Owl	Tyto	capensis	amauronota	O, Ethno	
Philippine Scops-Owl	Otus	megalotis	nigrorum	0	
Brown Hawk-Owl	Ninox	scutulata	randi	0	
			japonica		
Philippine Hawk-Owl	Ninox	philippensis	centralis	X	
Philippine Frogmouth	Batrachostomus	septimus	menagei	X	
Grey Nightjar	Caprimulgus	indicus	jotaka		
Philippine Nightjar	Caprimulgus	manillensis	manillensis	X	
Savanna Nightjar	Caprimulgus	affinis	griseatus		
Whitehead's Swiftlet	Collocalia	whiteheadi	ssp.inn.		
Philippine Swiftlet	Collocalia	mearnsi		0	
Glossy Swiftlet	Collocalia	esculenta	marginata	Х	
Pygmy Swiftlet	Collocalia	troglodytes		X	
Philippine Needletail	Mearnsia	picina		Х	NT
Purple Needletail	Hirundapus	celebensis			
Fork-tailed Swift	Apus	Pacificus	pacificus	0	

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Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
House Swift	Apus	affinis	subfurcatus		
Asian Palm-Swift	Cypsiurus	balasiensis	pallidior		
Whiskered Treeswift	Hemiprocne	comata	major	0	
Dollarbird	Eurystomus	orientalis	cyanocollis	O, Ethno	
Common Kingfisher	Alcedo	atthis	bengalensis	O, Ethno	
Indigo-banded Kingfisher	Alcedo	cyanopecta	nigrirostris	O, Ethno	
Variable Dwarf-Kingfisher	Сеух	lepidus	margarethae		
Stork-billed Kingfisher	Halcyon	capensis	gigantea		
Ruddy Kingfisher	Halcyon	coromanda	bangsi		
White-throated Kingfisher	Halcyon	smyrnensis	gularis	0	
Rufous-lored Kingfisher	Halcyon	winchelli	nigrorum		٧
White-collared Kingfisher	Halcyon	chloris	collaris	0	
Spotted Wood-Kingfisher	Actenoides	lindsayi	moseleyi	X	
Blue-throated Bee-eater	Merops	viridis	americanus	0	
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops	philippinus	philippinus	0	
Tarictic Hornbill	Penelopides	panini	panini	X, Ethno	E
Walden's Hornbill	Aceros	waldeni		O, Ethno	CE
Coppersmith Barbet	Megalaima	haemacephala	intermedia	X	
Philippine Pygmy Woodpecker	Dendrocopos	maculatus	maculatus	Х	
White-bellied Woodpecker	Dryocopus	javensis	philippinensis	X	
Greater Flameback	Chrysocolaptes	lucidus	xanthocephalus		
Red-bellied Pitta	Pitta	erythrogaster	erythrogaster	0	
Hooded Pitta	Pitta	sordida	sordida	Х	
Plain Martin	Riparia	paludicola	tantilla		
Barn Swallow	Hirundo	rustica	gutturalis	0	
Pacific Swallow	Hirundo	tahitica	javanica		
Red-rumped Swallow	Hirundo	daurica	striolata	0	

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Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Singing Bushlark	Mirafra	javanica	mindanensis		
Oriental Skylark	Alauda	gulgula	wolfei		
Bar-bellied Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina	striata	panayensis	X	
White-winged Cuckoo-shrike	Coracina	ostenta		X	V
Pied Triller	Lalage	nigra	chilensis	X	
Ashy Minivet	Pericrocotus	divaricatus	divaricatus		
Scarlet Minivet	Pericrocotus	flammeus	novus		
Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus	goiavier	goiavier	0	
Yellow-wattled Bulbul	Pycnonotus	urostictus	ssp.inn.	0	
Philippine Bulbul	Hypsipetes	philippinus	guimarasensis	Х	
Balicassiao	Dicrurus	balicassius	mirabilis	Х	
Philippine Oriole	Oriolus	steerii	steerii		
Black-naped Oriole	Oriolus	chinensis	yamamurae	Х	
Large-billed Crow	Corvus	macrorhynchos	philippinus	X	
Elegant Tit	Parus	elegans	albescens	Х	
Sulphur-billed Nuthatch	Sitta	oenochlamys	oenochlamys	Х	
Stripe-headed Rhabdornis	Rhabdornis	mystacalis	mystacalis	Х	
Stripe-breasted Rhabdornis	Rhabdornis	inornatus	rabori		
Flame-templed Babbler	Dasycrotopha	speciosa	speciosa	Х	E
Negros Striped-Babbler	Stachyris	nigrorum		0	E
White-browed Shortwing	Brachypteryx	montana	brunneiceps	X	
Siberian Rubythroat	Luscinia	calliope			
Oriental Magpie-Robin	Copsychus	saularis	mindanensis	0	
White-browed Shama	Copsychus	luzoniensis	superciliaris	Х	
Pied Bushchat	Saxicola	caprata	randi	Х	
Blue Rock-Thrush	Monticola	solitarius	philippensis	0	
Sunda Ground-Thrush	Zoothera	andromedae		0	

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Island Thrush	Turdus	poliocephalus	nigrorum	Χ	
Eyebrowed Thrush	Turdus	obscurus			
Golden-bellied Flyeater	Gerygone	sulphurea	simplex		
Arctic Warbler	Phylloscopus	borealis	borealis	Χ	
			hylebata		
			transbaicalicus		
			xanthodryas		
			kennicotti		
Philippine Leaf-Warbler	Phylloscopus	olivaceus		Χ	
Lemon-throated Leaf-Warbler	Phylloscopus	cebuensis	cebuensis	Χ	
Mountain Leaf-Warbler	Phylloscopus	trivirgatus	nigrorum	0	
Oriental Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus	orientalis			
Streaked Reed-Warbler	Acrocephalus	sorghophilus			
Tawny Grassbird	Megalurus	timoriensis	tweeddalei	0	
Striated Grassbird	Megalurus	palustris	forbesi	0	
Gray's Grasshopper-Warbler	Locustella	fasciolata			
Middendorff's Grasshopper-Warbler	Locustella	ochotensis			
Philippine Tailorbird	Orthotomus	castaneiceps	rabori	Χ	
Bright-capped Cisticola	Cisticola	exilis	semirufa	0	
Zitting Cisticola	Cisticola	juncidis	tinnabulans	0	
Oriental Bush-Warbler	Cettia	diphone	canturians		
White-throated Jungle-Flycatcher	Rhinomyias	albigularis		Χ	E
Ashy-breasted Flycatcher	Muscicapa	randi		0	V
Grey-streaked Flycatcher	Muscicapa	griseisticta		Χ	
Mountain Verditer-Flycatcher	Eumyias	panayensis	panayensis	Х	
Narcissus Flycatcher	Ficedula	narcissina	narcissina		
Mugimaki Flycatcher	Ficedula	mugimaki			

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Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Snowy-browed Flycatcher	Ficedula	hyperythra	nigrorum	0	
Little Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula	westermanni	rabori	0	
Blue-and-white Flycatcher	Cyanoptila	cyanomelana	cyanomelana	0	
Mangrove Blue Flycatcher	Cyornis	rufigastra	philippinensis	X	
Citrine Canary-Flycatcher	Culicicapa	helianthea	panayensis	X	
Pied Fantail	Rhipidura	javanica	nigritorquis	X	
Blue-headed Fantail	Rhipidura	cyaniceps	albiventris	X	
Rufous Paradise-Flycatcher	Terpsiphone	cinnamomea	unirufa		
Black-naped Monarch	Hypothymis	azurea	azurea	0	
Celestial Monarch	Hypothymis	coelestis	rabori	X	V
White-vented Whistler	Pachycephala	homeyeri	winchelli	X	
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla	cinerea	robusta	X	
Yellow Wagtail	Motacilla	flava	simillima	0	
White Wagtail	Motacilla	alba	ocularis	X	
Forest Wagtail	Dendronanthus	indicus			
Richard's Pipit	Anthus	novaeseelandiae	lugubris	X	
Olive Tree-Pipit	Anthus	hodgsoni	hodgsoni	X	
Pechora Pipit	Anthus	gustavi	gustavi	Х	
White-breasted Wood-Swallow	Artamus	leucorynchus	leucorynchus	X	
Long-tailed Shrike	Lanius	schach	nasutus	Х	
Brown Shrike	Lanius	cristatus	lucionensis	Х	
Asian Glossy Starling	Aplonis	panayensis	panayensis	Х	
Chestnut-cheeked Starling	Sturnus	philippensis			
Coleto	Sarcops	calvus	melanonotus	Х	
Crested Myna	Acridotheres	cristatellus	cristatellus	Х	
Plain-throated Sunbird	Anthreptes	malacensis	chlorigaster	Х	
Olive-backed Sunbird	Nectarinia	jugularis	jugularis	Х	

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Common Name	Genus	Species	Subspecies		Status
Purple-throated Sunbird	Nectarinia	sperata	trochilus	Χ	
Flaming Sunbird	Aethopyga	flagrans	daphoenonota	Χ	
Lovely Sunbird	Aethopyga	shelleyi	bonita	0	
Crimson Sunbird	Aethopyga	siparaja	magnifica	Χ	
Striped Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	aeruginosum	aeruginosum		
Bicolored Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	bicolor	viridissimum	0	
Visayan Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	haematostictum		Х	V
Scarlet-collared Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	retrocinctum			V
Orange-bellied Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	trigonostigma	dorsale	Χ	
Fire-breasted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	ignipectus	аро		
Pygmy Flowerpecker	Dicaeum	pygmaeum	pygmaeum	Χ	
Yellowish White-eye	Zosterops	nigrorum	nigrorum	Χ	
Mountain White-eye	Zosterops	montanus	pectoralis	Χ	
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer	montanus	saturatus	Χ	
Green-faced Parrotfinch	Erythrura	viridifacies			V
Java Sparrow	Padda	oryzivora			
White-bellied Munia	Lonchura	leucogastra	manueli	Х	
Scaly-breasted Munia	Lonchura	punctulata	cabanisi		
	Lonchura	malacca	jagori	Х	

Total number of birds in NNNP: 144 species

The Negros Island bird species list is based on Kennedy, et al., 2000. A Guide to the birds of the Philippines; Dickinson, et al., 1991. The birds of the Philippines, An Annotated check list and this study.

Black font – Resident genus, species or subspecies

Red font - Endemic genus, species or subspecies

Gray font – Introduced genus, species or subspecies

Blue font- Migrant genus, species or subspecies

O – Species observed outside the study area or species previously recorded by other studies but within NNNP

Ethno – Ethnobiological interview

X- species observed in the study area

Critically Endangered (CE) = 3 species

Endangered (E) = 4 species

Vulnerable species (V) = 9 species

Near Threatened (NT) = 2 species

Appendix 2. Summary list of mammals of Negros Island and the mammals recorded in North Negros Natural Park (NNNP).

Species	Common name	NNNP	2009 IUCN Status
Insectivora			
Crocidura negrina	Negros shrew		Е
Suncus murinus	Asian house shrew	Х	
Chiroptera			
Acerodon jubatus	Golden crowned flying fox		Е
Cynopterus brachyotis	Common short-nosed fruit bat	Х	
Dobsonia chapmani	Philippine naked fruit bat		CE
Eonycteris robusta	Philippine nectar bat		NT
Eonycteris spelaea	Common nectar bat	Х	
Haplonycteris fischeri	Philippine pygmy fruit bat	Х	
Harpyionycteris whiteheadi	Harpy fruit bat	Χ	
Macroglossus minimus	Dagger-toothed flower bat	Х	
Nyctimene rabori	Philippine tube-nosed fruit bat	Χ	Е
Ptenochirus jagori	Musky fruit bat	Χ	
Pteropus hypomelanus	Common island flying fox	Х	
Pteropus pumilus	Little golden mantled flying fox	Х	NT
Pteropus vampyrus	Large flying fox		NT
Rousettus amplexicaudatus	Common rousette		
Emballonura alecto	Philippine sheath-tailed bat		
Saccolaimus saccolaimus	Pouched bat		
Taphozous melanopogon	Black bearded tomb bat		
Megaderma spasma	False vampire bat		
Hipposideros ater	Dusky roundleaf bat		
Hipposideros diadema	Diadem roundleaf bat		
Hipposideros obscurus	Philippine roundleaf bat	Χ	
Hipposideros pygmaeus	Philippine pygmy roundleaf bat		
Rhinolophus arcuatus	Arcuate horseshoe bat	Х	
Rhinolophus inops	Philippine horseshoe bat		
Rhinolophus macrotis	Big-eared horseshoe bat		
Rhinolophus philippinensis	Enormous-eared horseshoe bat	Χ	
Rhinolophus virgo	Yellow-faced horseshoe bat	X	
Glischropus tylopus	Thick-thumbed pipistrelle	X	
Harpiocephalus harpia	Hairy-winged bat		
Miniopterus australis	Little bent-winged bat	Χ	
Miniopterus schreibersi	Common bent-winged bat		
Miniopterus tristis	Greater bent-winged bat		
Myotis horsfieldii	Common Asiatic myotis	Χ	
Myotis macrotarsus	Philippine large-footed myotis	Х	
Myotis muricola	Whiskered myotis		
Myotis rufopictus	Orange fingered myotis		

Species	Common name	NNNP	2009 IUCN Status
Philetor brachypterus	Short winged pipistrelle		Status
Pipistrellus javanicus	Javan pipistrelle	Х	
Pipistrellus tenuis	Least pipistrelle		
Scotophilus kuhlii	Lesser Asian house bat		
Chaerophon plicata	Wrinked-lipped bat		
Cheiromeles parvidens	Lesser naked bat		
Primates			
Macaca fascicularis	Long-tailed macaque	Х	
Rodentia			
Apomys sp. A	Western Visayan forest mouse	X	
Mus musculus	House mouse	Х	
Rattus argentiventer	Rice field rat	X	
Rattus exulans	Polynesian rat	Х	
Rattus tanezumi	Oriental house rat	X	
Carnivora			
Prionailurus bengalensis rabori	Visayan leopard cat	X	V
Paradoxurus hermaphroditus	Common palm civet	X	
Viverra tangalunga	Malay civet	Х	
Artiodactyla			
Sus cebifrons	Visayan warty pig	X	CE
Cervus alfredi	Visayan spotted deer	X	E

Total number of mammalian species recorded in Negros Island (Endemic species) = 55 (18) Total number of mammalian species recorded in NNNP (Endemic species) = 30 (11)

Species in red font are endemic species

Species in brown font is a new island record

The Negros island list of mammals is based on Heaney *et al.*, 1998, 2002; Tamblyn *et al.*, 2005; and this study.

Appendix 3. List of herpetofauna recorded in Negros Island and the herpetofauna recorded in North Negros Natural Park (NNNP), Philippines.

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	NNNP	2009 IUCN Status
AMPHIBIANS			
Bufo marinus	Giant South American Toad	0	
Fejervarya cancrivora	Asian Brackish Water Frog		
Limnonectes leytensis*	Swamp Frog		
Limnonectes visayanus**	Giant Philippine Woodland Frog	Х	V
Occidozyga laevis visayanus*	Small-headed Frog	Х	
Platymantis corrugatus*	Rough-backed Forest Frog	Х	
Platymantis dorsalis*	Common Forest Ground Frog	Х	
Platymantis hazelae*	Hazel's Forest Frog		EN
Platymantis negrosensis**	Negros Forest Frog	Х	EN
Platymantis spelaeus***	Negros Cave Frog		EN
Rana erythraea	Common Green Frog		
Hylarana (=Rana) everetti*	Everett's Frog		
Polypedates leucomystax quadrilineatus	Common Tree Frog	0	
Rhacophorus appendiculatus	Rough-armed Tree Frog		
Rhacophorus pardalis pardalis	Gliding Tree Frog		
Kaloula conjuncta negrosensis**	Truncate-toed Chorus Frog	Х	
Kaloula picta*	Slender-digit Chorus Frog		
Bronchocela cristatella (Calotes			
cristatellus)	Indonesian Calotes		
Bronchocela (=Calotes) marmoratus	Philippine Calotes		
Draco spilopterus	Common Flying Lizard	Х	
Gonocephalus sophiae	Negros forest dragon	Χ	
Hydrosaurus postulatus	Sailfin Water Lizard	X, Ethno	V
Dibamus argenteus	Philippine Blind-Earless Lizard		
Dibamus novaeguineae	Blind-Earless Lizard		
Cosymbotus platyurus	Flat-bodied House Gecko	Χ	
Cyrtodactylus annulatus*	Small Bent-toed Gecko		
Cyrtodactylus philippinicus*	Philippine Bent-toed Gecko	0	
Gehyra mutilata	Tender-skinned House Gecko	0	
Gekko gecko	Toko Narrow-disked Gecko	Х	
Gekko mindorensis	Mindoro Narrow-disked Gecko		
Hemidactylus frenatus	Common House Gecko	0	
Hemidactylus garnoti	Large Hemidactylid Gecko		
Hemiphyllodactylus typus	Small Smooth-scaled Gecko		

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	NNNP	2009 IUCN Status
	Negros Broad-tailed Smooth-		
Lepidodactylus christiani***	scaled Gecko		
Lepidodactylus herrei herrei*	White-lined Smooth-scaled Gecko		
Lepidodactylus lugubris	Mangrove Smooth-scaled Gecko		
Luperosaurus cornfield**			
Luperosaurus cumingi*	Cuming's Flap-legged Gecko		
Pseudogekko brevipes*	Orange-spotted Smooth-scaled Gecko		
Brahymeles boulengeri taylori*	Common Burrowing Skink		
Brachymeles talinis*	Large Striped Burrowing Skink		
Brachymeles tridactylus*	Negros Three-digit Worm Skink		
Lamprolepis smaragdina	Spotted Green Tree Skink	Χ	
Emoia atrocostata	Gray Swamp Skink		
Lipinia auriculata*	Bronze Slender Tree Skink		
Lipinia pulchellum taylori*	Yellow-striped Slender Tree Skink		
Lipinia rabori*	Black Slender Tree Skink		
Lipinia quadrivittata*	Black-striped Slender Tree Skink		
Eutropis (Mabuya) indeprensa*	Mabouya		
Eutropis (Mabuya) multicarinata borealis	Two-striped Mabouya	Х	
Eutropis (Mabuya) multifasciata	Common Mabouya	Χ	
Sphenomorphus arborens*	Negros Sphenomorphus		
Sphenomorphus jagori grandis*	Jagor's Sphenomorphus		
Sphenomorphus steerei*	Steere's Sphenomorphus	Χ	
Tropidophorus grayi*	Spiny Waterside Skink		
Varanus nuchalis*	Variable Monitor Lizard	0	NT
Acrochordidae granulatus	Small Wart Snake		
Ahaetulla prasina preocularis	Elongate-headed Tree Snake	Χ	
Boiga angulata*	Philippine Blunt-headed Tree Snake		
Calamaria gervaisi iridescens*	Gervais' Worm Snake		
Cerberus (Hurria) rynchops	Dog-faced Water Snake		
Chrysopelea paradisi	Paradise Snake		
Cyclocorus lineatus alcalai*	Northern Triangle-spotted Snake		
Dendrelaphis caudolineatus terrificus*	Lined Slender Arboreal Snake		
Dendrelaphis pictus	Common Bronze-backed Snake		
Dryophiops philippina*	Philippine Dryophiops		
Elaphe erythrura psephenoura*	Common Rat Snake		
Gonyosoma oxycephala*	Arboreal Rat Snake		
Lycodon aulicus capucinus	Common Wolf Snake	0	

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	NNNP	2009 IUCN Status
	Spotted-bellied Short-headed		
Oligodon modestum*	Snake		
	Banded Philippine Burrowing		
Oxyrhabdium leporinum visayanum*	Snake		
	Non-banded Philippine Burrowing		
Oxyrhabdium modestum*	Snake		
Psammodynastes pulverulentus	Dark-spotted Mock Viper	Х	
Pseudorabdion mcnamarae*	Mcnamara's Burrowing Snake		
Pseudorabdion montanum***	Mountain Burrowing Snake		
	Negros Light-scaled Burrowing		
Pseudorabdion oxycephalum*	Snake		
Tropidonophis negrosensis	Spotted Water Snake		
	Smooth-scaled Mountain Rat	0	
Zaocys luzonensis*	Snake		
Calliophis calligaster gemianulis**	Barred Coral Snake		
Ophiophagus hannah	King Cobra		
Python reticulatus	Reticulated Python	0	
Trimeresurus wagleri	Wagler's Pit Viper		
Rhamphotyphlops brahminus	Brahminy Blind Snake		
Typhlops canlaonensis***	Canlaon Blind Snake		
Typhlops cumingi	Cuming's Blind Snake		
Typhlops luzonensis*	Luzon Blind Snake		
Cuora amboinensis	Malayan Freshwater Turtle		V
Crocodylus mindorensis*	Philippine Crocodile		CE

IUCN - International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources

X – Species recorded in the study areas

O – Species recorded within the NNNP

Ethno – Ethnobiological interview

Philippine endemic*

Negros-Panay endemic**

Negros Island endemic***

Appendix 4. List of tree species recorded in North Negros Natural Park by Hamman et al., 1999.

Family	Species
Aceraceae	Acer niveum Bl.
Actinidiaceae	Saurauia polysperma (Blco.) Merr
Anacardiaceae	Semecarpus glauciphyllus Elm.
Araliaceae	Schefflera octophyllum (Thunb.) Nakai
Araucariaceae	Agathis philippinensis Warb.
Burseraceae	Canarium asperum Bth.
	Canarium villosum Bth. & Hook
Celastraceae	Siphonodon celastrineus Griff.
Compositae	Vernonia arborea BuchHam.
Cunoniaceae	Caldcluvia celebica (Bl.) Hoogl.
	Weinmania camiguinensis Elm.
Dilleniaceae	Dillenia philippinensis Rolfe
	Dillenia reifferscheidia Elm.
Dipterocarpaceae	Parashorea malaanoan (Blco.) Merr.
	Shorea contorta Vid.
	Shorea almon Foxw.
	Shorea polysperma (Blco.) Merr.
Elaeocarpaceae	Elaeocarpus cumingii Turcz.
	Elaeocarpus sp. 15
Euphorbiaceae	Bischhofia javanica Bl.
	Claoxylon brachyandrum Pax & Hofm.
	Homalanthus alpinus Elm.
	Homalanthus rotundifolius Merr.
	Macaranga bicolor MuellArg.
	Macaranga tanarius (L.) M.A.
	Macaranga sp. 03
	Mallotus molissima (Geisel) A. Shaw
Fagaceae	Lithocarpus sp. 17
Guttiferae	Calophyllum blancoi Pl. & Tr.
	Garcinia binucao Merr.
	Garcinia brevirostris Merr.
	Garcinia sp. 22
Icainaceae	Platea excelsa Bl. var. borneensis (Heine) Sleum.
Lauraceae	Actinodaphne sp. 01
	Cinnamomum mercadoi
	Litsea luzonica FVill.
	Litsea quercoides Elm.
	Litsea tomentosa Bl.
	Litsea sp. 40
Legumenosae	Archidendron clypearia (Jack) Nielsen

Loganiaceae	Fagraea ceilanica Thunb.
Melastomaceae	Astronia stapfii Kord.
	Memecylon brachybotris Merr.
	Memecylon cumingii Naud.
	Memecylon lanceolatum Blco.
	Memecylon sp. 09
Meliaceae	Aglaia rimosa (Bl.) Merr.
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Moraceae	Ficus benjamina L.
	Ficus congesta Roxb.
	Ficus chrysolepis
	Ficus heteropleura Bl.
	Ficus heteropoda Miq.
	Ficus irisana Elm.
	Ficus minahassae Mig.
	Ficus septica Burm. f.
	Ficus ulmifolia Lam.
	Ficus variegata Bl.
	Ficus sp. 18
	Ficus sp. 19
	Strebus glaber (Merr.) Corner
Myristicaceae	Myristica ceylanica A. DC.
Myrtaceae	Syzygium garciae (Merr.) Merr. & Perr.
	Syzygium gracile (Korth.) Amsh.
	Syzygium sp. 27
	Syzygium sp. 67
Podocarpaceae	Podocarpus imbricatus Foxw.
Polygalaceae	Xantophyllum discolor Chodat.
Rhamnaceae	Alphitonia excelsa (Fenzl) Reiss. ex. End
Rosaceae	Prunus fragrans (Elm.) Kalkm.
Rubiaceae	Nauclea lanzeolata (Bl.) Merr. var. gracilis Ridsd.
	Neonauclea calycina (Bartl.) Merr.
	Neonauclea sp. 10
	sp. 02
	sp. 13
Rutaceae	Melicope triphylla (Lam.) Merr.
Sapindaceae	Guioa pleuropteris (Bl.) Radlk.
	Pometia pinnata J.R. & G. Forst
Sapotaceae	Palaquium sp. 85
	Palaquium sp. 33
	Pouteria sp. 30
Saxifragaceae	Polyosma verticilliata Merr.

Staphyliaceae	Turpinia ovalifolia Elm.
	Symplocus cochinchinensis (Lour.) Moore ssp. cochinchinensis var.
Symplocaceae	philippinensis
	Symplocus ophirensis Clarke
Theaceae	Eurya acuminata D.C.
	Ternstroemia megacarpa Merr.
Tiliaceae	Microcus stylocarpa (Warb.) Burret
	Grewia multiflora Juss.
Urticaceae	Dendrocine stimulans (L.f.) Chew
	Leucosyke capitellana (Poir.) Wedd.
Verbenaceae	Clerodendron brachyanthum Schauer

ANNEX

Photo-documentation

Plants, Habitats and Landscapes of North Negros Natural Park





Terrestrial vertebrate species of North Negros Natural Park



Platymantis corrugatus



Kaloula conjuncta negrosensis



Platymantis dorsalis



Occidozyga laevis



Dicaeum trigonostigma



Rhipidura cyaniceps



Sitta frontalis



Hypsipetes philippinus



Haplonycteris fischeri



Nyctimene rabori



Harpyionycteris whiteheadi



Ahaetulla prasina prasina



Psammodynastes pulverulentus

Some invertebrate species of NNNP



The team in the field











