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Overseas Sorsoganons can be the “Last Generation’ that has enough time (and resources) to deal with (ecosystem) problems”

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Part IX of a Series on “Saving Our Sorsogon (SOS) Bay”

{xtypo_quote} We now face losing marine species and entire marine ecosystems, such as coral reefs, within a single generation. And we are also probably the last generation that has enough time to deal with the problems. – Daniel Laffoley, head of the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s (IUCN) World Commission on Protected Areas {/xtypo_quote}

M other Earth is in “deep sh_t,” to use a colloquial American-English idiom. To read more details about the report of the IUCN, please click on this hyperlink:

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http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110620/sc_afp/environmentclimatewarmingoceansextinction_20110620160302

This writer has been writing for almost three decades now about the need to protect the environment by rescuing endangered species like the “layagan” monitor lizard of Sorsogon. Lately, he has come up with a “Saving Our Sorsogon (SOS) Bay” series, of which this article is Part IX. Sorsogon Bay is the biggest ecological treasure of Sorsogon Province. Any effort to protect and promote the environment must naturally include Sorsogon Bay.

Answers have been provided on how to develop and/or redevelop private-and-public lands in Sorsogon Province. Here is one article on how to do it while more-than complying with environmental-impact study requirements:

[How to Make a Biblical-based Real-estate Redevelopment the Answer to Global Warming, Starting in Sorsogon](#)

The World May Suffer Ecological Catastrophe in Less-than a Century

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{xtypo_quote} Experts have a stark warning: that unless we change course, the ‘perfect storm’ of population growth, [dwindling resources](#) and [climate change](#) has the potential to converge in the next century with catastrophic results. – Alexa Danner of ABC News {/xtypo_quote}

To read the ABC News report on “Earth 2100,” please click this link:

<http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/Earth2100/story?id=7697237&page=1>

In line with the predictions reported in “Earth 2100,” I wrote this highly-optimistic forecast about Sorsogon Province more-than a century from last Advent Season:

[Celebrating Christmas in the Philippines in 2112 \(Year 12 of the 22nd Century\)](#)

But the bright future that this writer has predicted can and would only happen if the present crop of public officials and private-industry leaders would help themselves and their people in protecting Mother Earth by first changing for the better the environment of their respective

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communities. The Overseas Sorsoganons – being familiar with the various ecological movements in their respective countries of new domicile – can become the catalysts of a new push to protect Planet Earth.

“Luzon: Expedition discovers 300 species on island”

This writer has been way ahead of even American scientists in writing about the flora and fauna of Sorsogon Province and the Bicol Region. He has written this article for instance that describes how Sorsogon can use plants to manufacture natural-product medicine:

[How Sorsogon Can Be the Botanical \(and Natural-product Medicine\) Capital of the Philippines, If Not of Southeast Asia](#)

Now, as if on cue, here are excerpts from a report published this month of June 2011:

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Scientists exploring the island of Luzon in the Philippines have discovered more than 300

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species of land animals, plants and deep-sea creatures that may prove to be entirely new to science.

A six-week expedition by scientists from the California Academy of Sciences and various Philippine scientific institutions found the previously unknown species "during nearly every dive and hike as we surveyed reefs, rain forests and the ocean floor," said expedition leader Terry Gosliner, an invertebrate zoologist and dean of science at the academy.

The expedition's scientists on Luzon included half from the academy and half from Philippine institutions. Specialists jointly surveyed all the island's plant and animal life from the upper slopes of Mont Isarog, a potentially active volcano 6,450 feet high, through the island's rain forests, and along the shallow shores to the seafloor at depths up to 7,550 feet, Gosliner said.

It will take months and even years before all the plants and animals the scientists collected can be identified, described scientifically, and classified as new or old species.

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To read more: <http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2011/06/24/MNP21K2CL1.DTL#ixzz1QPOeysR2>

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Here’s another URL about the same article:

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=%2Fc%2Fa%2F2011%2F06%2F25%2FMNP21K2CL1.DTL>

In the final analysis, it makes sense to “Save Our Sorsogon (SOS) Bay” and other ecological treasures in the province because life – as we know it – is in great danger. We have not other planet except Earth. If we don’t take care of our world, humanity may become extinct. How’s that for a motivation? # # #

E ditor’s Note: Here are links to the previous articles in this series:

[The “Save Our Sorsogon \(SOS\) Bay” Initiative](#) (Part I)

URL: <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/ecology-and-the-environment/the-save-our-sorsogon-sos-bay-initiative>

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[Sorsogon Bay: “So Near, Yet So FBAR.” The “Red Tide” Ban by the BFAR Must Be Lifted](#) (Part II)

URL: <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/ecology-and-the-environment/sorsogon-bay-so-near-yet-so-fbar-the-red-tide-ban-by-the-bfar-must-be-lifted>

[“Back to BacMan,” Tracing to the Geothermal Plant an Apparent Cause of Pollution in Sorsogon Bay](#) (Part III)

URL: <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/ecology-and-the-environment/back-to-bacman-tracing-to-the-geothermal-plant-an-apparent-cause-of-pollution-in-sorsogon-bay>

[Ultimatum Given to BacMan Geothermal Plant to Treat Waste Water Before Emptying It into a Sorsogon-Bay Tributary](#) (Part IV)

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[Sorsoganons Got Guts and Know How to Face Death Honorably](#) (Part V)

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[More On the “Save Our Sorsogon \(SOS\) Bay” Advocacy: “Arin si Brockovich?”](#) (Part VI)

URL: <http://www.mabuhayradio.com/ecology-and-the-environment/more-on-the-save-our-sorsogon-sos-bay-advocacy-arin-si-brockovich>

[Sorsogon Public Officials Don’t Know How to Google for Geothermal Energy’s Environmental Issues](#) (Part VII)

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[Sorsogon Must Go for the Jugular Against the EDC, the Lopez Conglomerate and the PNOC, Et Al, for the Ecological Rape of Sorsogon Bay \(Part VIII\)](#)

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