

Philippines.....Do's and Don'ts....

- The recognition of ICCA should be comprehensive to respect the integrity and dignity of the whole territory.
- Never treat an ICCA as a “Project”. It has been around for thousands of years.
- Do not “designate” sites for ICCA recognition. The demand for support to protect and conserve the ICCA must come from the community itself.



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- Do not put artificial boundaries to “fence off” and separate people from their conservation zones. Indigenous Communities have sustainably interacted with their environment for thousands of years.
- *The indigenous peoples' capability to manage their ICCAs should be supported; do not invent new systems or processes from somewhere else that will undermine them.*
- *Invest time and resource in generating evidence to strengthen the community's control and ownership of the ICCA, and inform the greater public of the important role that Traditional Governance plays in the conservation of the environment.*

