



NEWSLETTER

Philippine Crocodile Society

Finally ! After several Meetings it is done! the Philippine Crocodile Society (PCS) has been formally founded. The Aim of the PCS is to spearhead the Crocodile Industry in the Philippines and the Conservation of Crocodilians in the country. We are open to work with other individuals and organizations with the same goals and aspirations.

The Society will also work as consultants for government and non-government organizations, regulating agencies. The PCS will be the foundation of crocodile conservation and farming within the country.

Local and international groups and persons, interested in Crocodilians and their conservation, are welcome as new members.

Our Members are from all fields, such as Scientists, Conservationists, members of the regulating wildlife agencies and from the farming industry.

We believe in working hand in hand to safe our wildlife.

For the Love of Crocodilians

Yours
Mario Lutz
Secretary General
Philippine Crocodile Society

BOARD

Chairman

Philip (Sonny) Dizon

Vice Chairman

Vic P. Mercado

Secretary General

Mario Lutz

Treasurer

Raymond Camama

Attention:

The next Meeting of the Society will be hold at the Tower inn Hotel, Pasay Road, Makati on November 13, 2007 9.00 am





Tuesday, September 18, 2007
the formal Member Meeting of the PCS was hold at the Tower Inn Hotel, Pasay Road.

The Constitution & By-Laws of the Society has been accepted as published here. the Members has elected follow Officers on their Founding Meeting of the Philippine Crocodile Society:

Philip (Sonny) **Dizon** as Chairman
Vic P. **Mercado** as Vice-Chairman
Mario (Bo) **Lutz** as Secretary General
Raymond **Camama** as Treasurer

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE PHILIPPINE CROCODILE SOCIETY (PCS)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Philippine Crocodile Society (PCS), imploring the blessings of God, believing in the need to conserve the species of *Crocodylus mindorensis* and *Corodylus porosus* in the country, desiring to work with other individuals, societies, groups or juridical entities with the same goals and aspirations, do hereby promulgate this Constitution and By Laws.

The purpose of this society is to provide a venue for all individuals and other entities to express and act on concerns of the crocodile industry in the Philippines. These concerns are not limited to commercial production of crocodiles but all aspects of crocodile biology, research, conservation, legislation, and sustained utilization and treatment of crocodiles in captivity and the wild.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This venue may include the organization and undertaking of seminars, lectures, and workshops to educate and provide information to members and/or the public on all aspects of crocodile related topics which may include but not be limited to production and husbandry techniques, sustained utilization and conservation of crocodiles and wetlands habitats, and all aspects of legislation that impacts these concerns.

The name of the organization shall be:
PHILIPPINE CROCODILE SOCIETY (PCS)



ARTICLE III – ADDRESS AND CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS

The Society shall have its central headquarters at a location determined by convenience to the Society President and membership. This location can be changed as determined by a change in Society President or vote of the general membership. Place of business for record administrative purposes shall be

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Procedure in Acquiring Membership. Membership in the Society shall be open to all individuals and entities interested with the concerns of the crocodile industry in the Philippines, including but not limited to, commercial production of crocodiles and/or all aspects of crocodile biology, research, conservation, legislation, and sustained utilization and treatment of crocodiles in captivity and the wild. Members shall have to pay an annual fee unless exempted by majority vote as Honorary Members.

Section 2. Classification of Membership. The members shall be classified as a) individual, b) institutional, c) honorary, and d) observer. Members, except observer, are entitled to one vote each. No member may insinuate that membership in the Society can influence actions by the Society.

Section 3. Loss of Membership. Membership in the Society is a privilege and may be lost through resignation, non-payment of annual fee, infraction of any provisions of the Constitution, or conduct considered by the general membership through majority vote as unbecoming and detrimental to the reputation and/or goals of the Society.

Section 4. Due Process for Forfeiture of Membership. The Society Officers may *motu proprio* or by complaint of any member, investigate and recommend to the general membership, the expulsion of any member after affording said member all the opportunities to defend against the expulsion complaint. A vote of majority of the *quorum* of the Annual General Membership Meeting shall suffice to expel a member.

ARTICLE V – MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER SOCIETY FEES

Section 1. a. **Individual Membership.** The annual membership fee for individual membership of Philippine Nationals shall be **ONE HUNDRED PESOS** (PhP 100). For individual non-Filipino members this fee shall be **ONE THOUSAND PESOS** (PhP 1,000).

Section 1. b. **Institutional Membership.** The annual membership fee for Institutional Members shall be **ONE THOUSAND PESOS** (PhP 1,000) for entities registered within the Philippines. For non-Philippine registered institutions this fee shall be **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS** (PhP 5,000).

Section 1. c. **Honorary Membership.** Honorary members shall pay no fee. Honorary membership will include but not be limited to: Dr. Angel C. Alcala (Silliman University) in recognition for his contributions to crocodile conservation in the Philippines, and, the appointed Chairperson, IUCN, SSC, Crocodile Specialists Group. Other Honorary Members may be elected by the General Membership by majority vote.

Section 1. d. **Observer Members.** Observer members shall pay membership fees commensurate to those of Individual Members as outlined in Section 1. a. Observer members will include



but not be limited to, Government Officials which regulate wildlife or trade.

Section 2. A vote of majority of the *quorum* of the Annual General Membership Meeting may increase membership fees as the needs of the Society are reassessed and evolve over time.

Section 3. The membership at the Annual General Membership Meeting upon the recommendation of the Society’s officers may adopt other fees by majority vote as necessary.

**ARTICLE VI –
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE
SOCIETY**

Section 1. The Governing Council. The Governing Council shall be the policy determining body of the Society. Its decision may only be reversed or disapproved by a majority vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting. Policies developed by the Governing Council shall be disseminated to the general membership for comment in a timely manner. Each member of the Governing Council is entitled to a single vote.

Section 2. Society Officers and Composition of the Governing Council. The Governing Officers of the Society, by definition, shall be members of the Governing Council. Officers of the Society and other members of the Governing Council will be elected by majority vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting. The Governing Council will be composed of eight (8) members.

The members of the Council will serve a term of three years from their election unless removed sooner by a two thirds vote of the General Membership. The President of the Society will

concurrently be the presiding Chairperson of the Council.

The members of the Council can be elected to consecutive terms.

The members of the Council may not allocate Society funds for travel, hotel, or other expenses to attend meetings or conferences, or any other related or non-related activity (including Society meetings) without a two third vote of the General Membership and special allocation of funds through fees approved by the General Membership.

The members of the Council may not participate in any matters that specifically relate to their non-Society activities or where they might benefit materially. For this reason, Council members must pledge full disclosure, transparency, and avoid even the appearance of conflict of interest in Society related matters. Council members must excuse themselves physically from any discussion where their personal benefit may be involved so as to not impede independent and unrestrained discussion or influence the vote of others.

Members of the Council must have internet/email access.

Section 2. a. OFFICERS. The Society shall have the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary General, and Treasurer.

President: The President will have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Preside over all meetings of the Society and Council.
2. Represent the Society in its relations with other associations, societies and groups.
3. Assume responsibility of all Society records.



4. Perform other duties and functions as determined by the General Membership.

3. Prepares books of accounts of the Society for annual audit.

Vice President: The Vice President will have the following duties and responsibilities:

4. Other duties as required by the Council and General Membership.

1. Perform all duties and responsibilities of the President whenever the latter is absent.
2. Other duties as required by the Council and General Membership.

Section 2. b. COUNCIL MEMBERS.

In addition to Society Officers, four (4) members of the General Membership will be elected by majority vote of the General Membership to represent the membership on the Society Council. These Council Members will participate in all Council activities and have a single vote. They may volunteer to fulfill other Society functions as approved by the Council and Membership.

Secretary General: The Secretary General will have the following duties and responsibilities:

ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

1. Chief Executive Officer of the Society.
2. Implements decisions of the Council.
3. Prepares the Agenda of Society meetings.
4. Takes and prepares minutes of all Society meetings.
5. Other duties as required by the Council and General Membership.

Section 1. MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. The Society will have an annual membership meeting on the first Saturday of February at a place and time designated by the Council. All members are encouraged to provide current email and phone numbers to the Society for use of the Treasurer, Secretary General and President, in contacting them and giving notice of the meeting and dissemination of the meeting agenda and any other pertinent information. Date of the meeting may be amended with the consent of two thirds of the membership.

Treasurer: The Treasurer will have the following duties and responsibilities:

Section 2. AGENDA. The Council is responsible for preparing the Agenda for the Annual Membership Meetings.

1. Keeps and disburses funds of the Society in accordance with its annual budget and as directed by the Council. All disbursements of funds will be done with the knowledge and signature of the President and Secretary General of the Society.
2. Collects membership dues, fees, and other income of the Society and is responsible for presenting an annual list of members and contact addresses to the President and Secretary General.

Section 3. OTHER MEETINGS. The Society President may call meetings of the Council on a quarterly basis. The General membership must be informed of these meetings and are encouraged to attend. However, it is likely that a large amount of Society business can be conducted by electronic or other means and that a quarterly meeting may not be necessary.



Special Membership Meetings may be convened by the Society President and or Council in between the annual meetings, but not more than twice in any given year. This does not include seminars, workshops etc. which are organized by the Society and may be scheduled at any time by the President and Council.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a two thirds vote at the Annual General Membership Meeting.

Approved on September, 18 - 2007 in the City of Makati, Metro Manila.

Ratified by: