

**Sa Balabac, Pagkakaisa, simula Na!  
(In Balabac, Unity has begun)  
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Balabac, Palawan, July 2011. United we stand! Several representatives from different law enforcement agencies in Balabac joined the **Seminar-Workshop On Wildlife Conservation and Law Enforcement** last July 6-7, 2011.



The impetus to strengthen law enforcement in Balabac through the conduct of the workshop is particularly strong after the breeding season of the Philippine cockatoo, a critically endangered species that is threatened by poaching. The police, army, coast guard, barangay tanods, tribal leaders and the local government of Balabac armed with sheer enthusiasm and commitment, actively participated in discussions covering pertinent environmental laws, its implications and application, in the hope to combat illegal activities particularly poaching of wildlife.

The activity was jointly organized by the Katala Foundation Inc., the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff - ECAN Zones Management and Enforcement Division and the Municipality of Balabac. This was mainly financed through the Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program in particular the funds from the USFWS Wildlife Without Borders.

At the end of the program was a commitment made to unite against perpetrators of illegal activities in the area. Communication lines were open for coordination.



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Editor's Note:

- The Philippine Cockatoo Conservation Program is implemented in the municipality of Babalac, Palawan since 2010 in particular in Bgy. Pandanan where a very good remnant population of the Philippine cockatoo is protected and conserved through the program. The project implementation is co-financed by the USFWS through its Wildlife Without Borders – Critically Endangered Animals Fund.