



## Upper Pulangi Watershed, Bukidnon



Address: Bukidnon

Description: As the Philippines's second largest watershed, Pulangi owns the forests that support the vast Pulangi River Basin, which in turn provides 30% of the total hydropower generated for the whole Mindanao grid. This priority site is also a nesting area of the Philippine eagle (*Pithecophaga jefferyi*) and ancestral domain of Bukidnon's Higaonon tribe.

Status: Closed

### Site Profile Summary

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| Ecosystem Types               | Lowland Forest  |
| Protection Status             | Ancestral Domain (Indigenous Peoples Rights Act (IPRA))   |
| Area                          | 27, 025 hectares  |
| Biogeographic Features        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is the Philippine's second largest watershed, covering an area of 1.8 million hectares.</li> <li>- Its forests are ecologically important to the vast Pulangi River Basin (a.k.a., Rio Grande de Mindanao), which supports 30% of total hydro-irrigation requirements of at least 100,000 hectares of rice lands, and the potable water needs of two cities and 22 municipalities in Bukidnon.</li> </ul> |
| Flora                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is also known for its dipterocarps (e.g., apitong, lauan and almaciga), pitcher plant, ferns and wild abaca</li> </ul>  |
| Fauna                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It has also been recognized as one of the nesting areas of the critically endangered Philippine Eagle (<i>Pithecophaga jefferyi</i>), and other endangered wildlife including several species of deers, pigs, hornbills, tarsiers, owls, freshwater eels</li> </ul>  |
| Livelihood Resources          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Farming</li> <li>- Hunting</li> </ul>  |
| Other Matters of Significance | Pulangi is the ancestral domain of the Higaonon tribe of Bukidnon.  |

