

Hon. Amy Alvarez
Governor, Province of Palawan
Republic of the Philippines

Dear Governor Alvarez,

The international community expresses its deep concern regarding the ongoing transformation of Southern Palawan into a major mining destination - an outcome that poses serious and foreseeable risks to the socio-environmental integrity of the entire province, which is recognized globally as a UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve.

Despite the enactment of the Mining Moratorium under Provincial Ordinance No. 3646, mining activities continue to threaten pristine ecosystems and the livelihoods of thousands of Indigenous Peoples, farmers, and fisherfolk. In this context, we respectfully urge your office to address and thoroughly evaluate the following matters, which were previously raised by the Save Palawan Movement in its letter dated 12 March 2026:

- The continued filing and processing of applications for exploration permits and Mineral Production Sharing Agreements (MPSAs) in Narra, including those of Redmont Mining Company.
- The recent endorsement by the Municipal Government of Brooke's Point for the renewal of the business permit of Ipilan Nickel Corporation (INC), which would result in the cutting of approximately 32,000 trees in primary forest.
- The reported application for tree-cutting permits by Calmia Nickel, Inc. (CNI) in connection with proposed mining-related activities.
- The issuance to Berong Nickel Corporation (BNC) in Aborlan of a special tree-cutting and earth-balling permit dated 9 February 2026, authorizing the removal of an estimated 70,360 trees (26,617 for cutting and 43,743 for earth-balling) within a 2,177.34-hectare mining area. Notably, BNC's MPSA was granted on 15 July 2025, several months after the moratorium took effect.

- The urgent need to immediately convene the Mining Moratorium Council, as mandated under Provincial Ordinance No. 3646, so that it may begin fulfilling its responsibilities under the law.

We also wish to reiterate that the international community has already voiced its strong support for the protection of Palawan's forests. This includes an [online petition](#) with more than 73,000 signatures launched by Rainforest Rescue, as well as a joint letter endorsed by over 120 national and international organizations, calling on both the national and provincial governments to safeguard Palawan's remaining forest ecosystems.

We remain hopeful that your leadership will play a decisive role in ensuring the long-term protection of Palawan, particularly by halting open-pit mining and other activities that threaten the province's irreplaceable natural and cultural heritage.

Very truly yours,