

PHILIPPINES

RAMSAR CONVENTION CAME INTO FORCE 1994

NUMBER OF RAMSAR SITES DESIGNATED (at 31 August 2005) 4

AREA OF RAMSAR SITES DESIGNATED (at 31 August 2005) 68,404 ha

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY FOR RAMSAR CONVENTION Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau,
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

RAMSAR DESIGNATION IS:

Complete in 2 IBAs

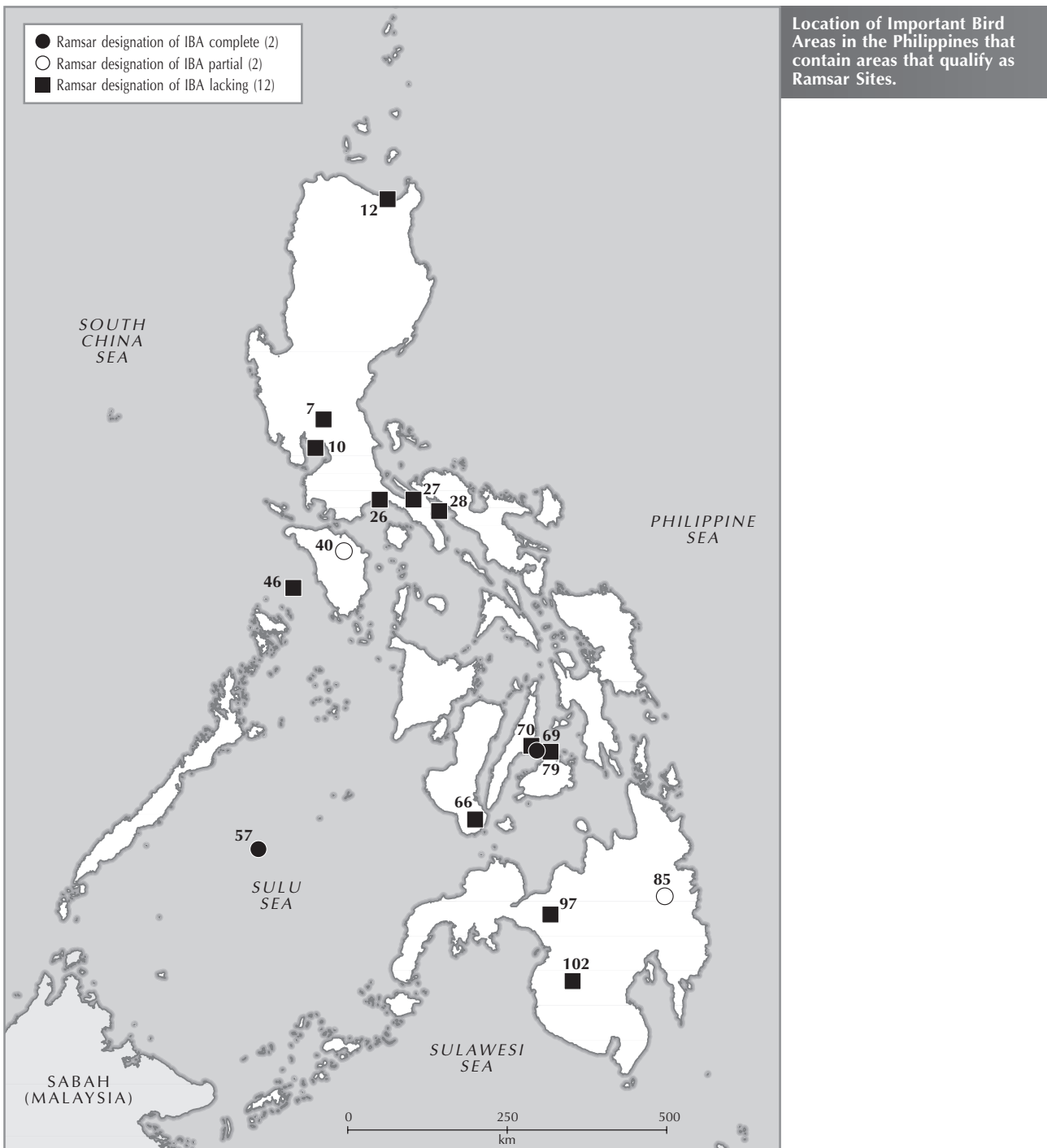
Partial in 2 IBAs

Lacking in 12 IBAs

The extensive wetlands in the Philippines are rich in biodiversity, and include c.114,000 ha of freshwater lakes, c.527,000 ha of swamp and estuaries, c.176,000 ha of brackish ponds and c.130,000 ha of man-made reservoirs (Scott 1989, DENR and UNEP 1997). They support many breeding, passage and wintering wetland-dependent species, including the threatened Chinese Egret *Egretta eulophotes*, Philippine Duck *Anas luzonica* (a national endemic)

and Streaked Reed-warbler *Acrocephalus sorghophilus* (only known to winter in the Philippines). A National Wetlands Action Plan was published in 1996 by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and Protected Areas and Wildlife.

Four Ramsar Sites have been designated in the Philippines, all of which overlap with IBAs, and an additional 11 potential Ramsar Sites have been identified.



Summary of Important Bird Areas that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites in the Philippines.

Ramsar designation of IBA complete (2 IBAs)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
57	Tubbataha reef	33,200	Tubbataha Reefs National Marine Park	33,200	✓	✓		✓
69	Olango Island	5,800	Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary	5,800	✓	✓	✓	✓

Ramsar designation of IBA partial (2 IBAs)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
40	Lake Naujan	10,875	Naujan Lake National Park	14,568	✓	✓		✓
85	Agusan marsh	19,197	Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary	14,836	✓	✓		✓

Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (12 IBAs)

IBA	IBA name	IBA area (ha)		Ramsar criteria			
				2	4	5	6
7	Candaba swamp	32,000		✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Manila Bay	130,465		✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Buguey wetlands	14,400		✓	✓		✓
26	Pagbilao and Tayabas Bay	10,000		✓	✓		✓
27	Lalaguna marsh	500		✓	✓		✓
28	Ragay Gulf	10,000		✓	✓		✓
46	Apo Reef Marine Natural Park	15,827				✓	✓
66	Cuernos de Negros	30,000		✓			
70	Mactan, Kalawisan and Cansaga Bays	18,000		✓	✓		✓
79	Calituban and Tahong-tahong Islands	12		✓	✓		✓
97	Lake Lanao	34,700		✓		✓	✓
102	Liguasan marsh	280,000		✓		✓	✓

Summary of the occurrence of globally threatened wetland-dependent bird species within the selected IBAs in the Philippines.

IBA	Spot-billed Pelican <i>Pelecanus philippensis</i>	Chinese Egret <i>Egretta eulophotes</i>	Japanese Night-heron <i>Nycticorax nycticorax</i>	Philippine Duck <i>Anas luzonica</i>	Baer's Pochard <i>Aythya baeri</i>	Sarus Crane <i>Grus antigone</i>	Spotted Greenshank <i>Tringa guttifer</i>	Chinese Crested-tern <i>Sterna bergsteini</i>	Silvery Kingfisher <i>Alcedo argentata</i>	Streaked Reed-warbler <i>Acrocephalus soghophilus</i>	Total
7	✓			✓	✓					✓	4
10		✓		✓			✓	✓			4
12		✓		✓							1
26		✓		✓							2
27				✓							1
28		✓									1
40				✓							1
57		✓									1
66			✓	✓							2
69		✓		✓							2
70		✓									1
79		✓									1
85				✓		✓			✓		3
97	✓			✓							2
102	✓		✓						✓		3
Total	3	7	2	10	1	1	1	1	2	1	