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## **ESSC Web site reports on environmental and social justice news from the Philippines**

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ESSC News is a weekly news service of the Environmental Science for Social Change (ESSC), a Jesuit organization in the Philippines that works toward environmental sustainability and social justice.

Using text, images and maps, ESSC News reports on ESSC's response to

- ? threatened indigenous land tenure,
- ? human security needs,
- ? biodiversity loss,
- ? human migration and dislocation,
- ? human distress management
- ? climate change impact

ESSC is directed by environmental scientist Pedro Walpole, S.J. It works closely with local government, the business sector, religious and academic institutions, people's organizations and non-governmental organizations across the Philippines.

With these partners it seeks to contribute to a critical and holistic understanding of the dynamic relationship between biophysical and social processes for the appropriate management of the environment for human development.

Its Web site and newsletter produced by the Union of Catholic Asian News provide weekly updates on its efforts toward accomplishing this mission, social reflections and analyses, and digests of its technical reports and other documents stored in the official ESSC website.

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