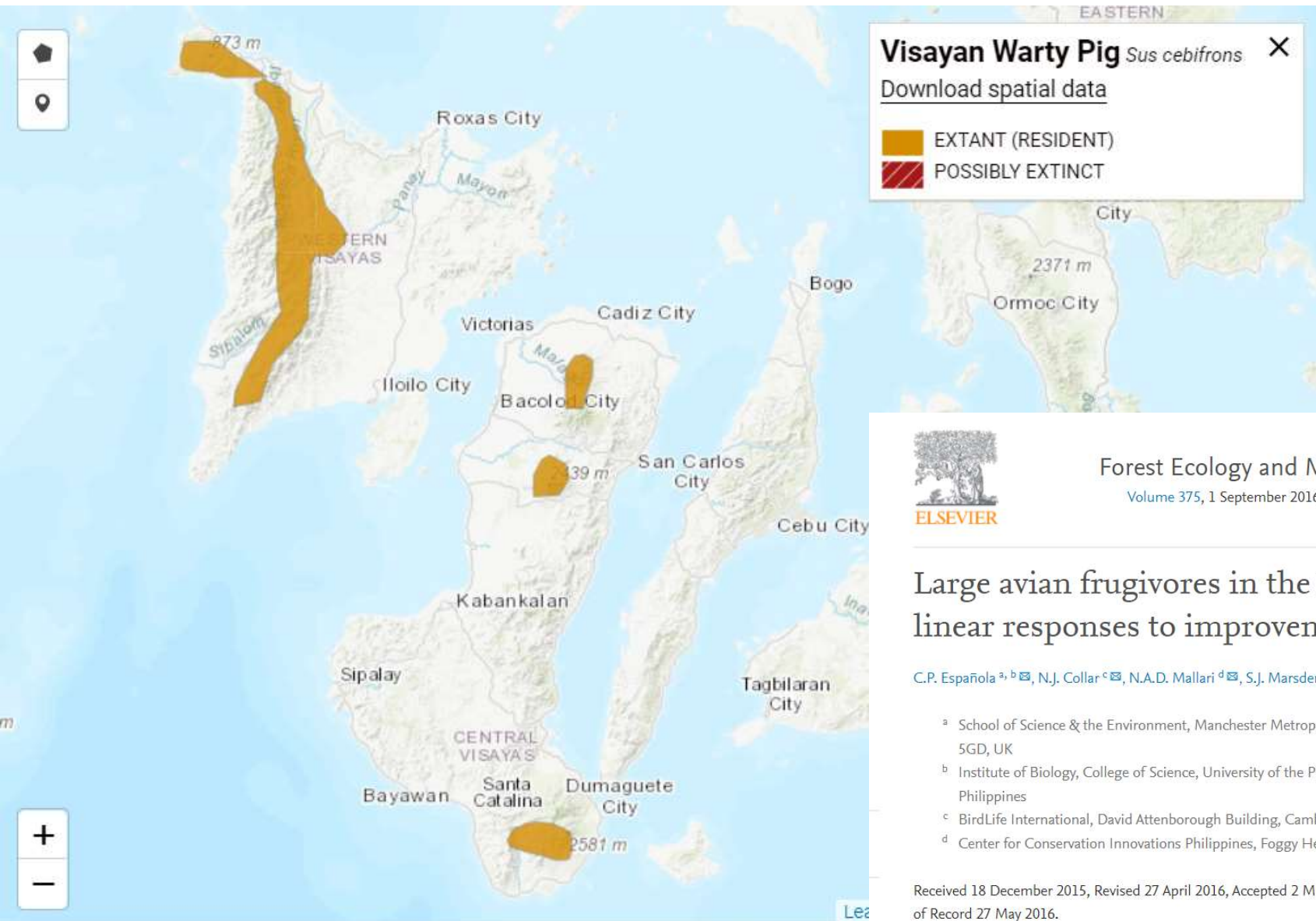




The West Visayas Species Recovery Project

Talarak Foundation Inc.





Visayan Warty Pig *Sus cebifrons* ✕

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 POSSIBLY EXTINCT



Large avian frugivores in the Philippines show linear responses to improvements in forest quality

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AGENDA

- History of Talarak Foundation
- Key Species
- Project Goals
- Bayawan Nature Reserve
- Negros Island Assessment
- Next Steps

Talarak Foundation Inc.

Established in 2010 by Fernando Gutierrez as a conservation breeding center in Kabankalan City, Negros Island, Philippines.

Managing the Negros Forest Park biodiversity conservation center in Bacolod City, and the Bayawan Nature Reserve reintroduction site in Bayawan City, Negros Island.

Focus on the endemic and endangered fauna of the West Visayas (Negros, Panay, Masbate, Guimaras and Cebu).





VISAYAN SPOTTED DEER

Rusa alfredi

Endangered

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VISAYAN WARTY PIG

Sus cebifrons negrinus

Critically Endangered

**WEST VISAYAN
UNGULATES**



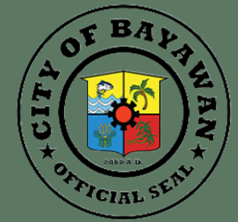
Project Goals

- Asses the **population status, size, and distribution** of the Visayan Warty Pig and Visayan Spotted Deer on Negros Island.
- Identify the requirements and necessity for **conservation translocations or protection** for spotted deer and warty pigs in assessed forests.
- Conduct **ecological and natural history research** on *in situ* and *ex situ* populations.
- Conduct **outreach and education** for native Negros wildlife conservation.

Camera trap footage of the Visayan Spotted Deer in North Negros National Park by Neil D'Cruze (2012)



Bayawan Nature Reserve



2020 -2021

A total of **28 Visayan Spotted Deer** (14:14) and **19 Visayan Warty Pigs** (10:9) have been introduced into the reserve.



**ANIMAL
RELEASES**



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2021 -2022
12 new **Warty Piglets**
have and **5** new
Spotted Deer fawns
have been recorded.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

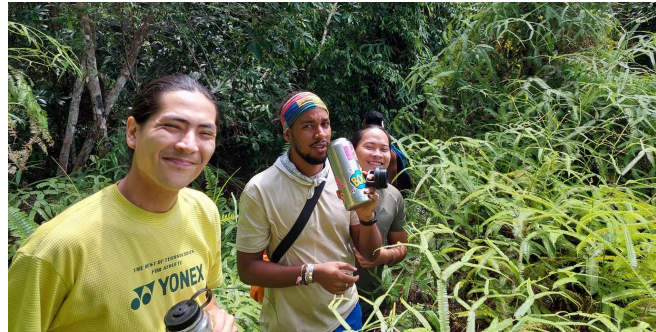
Tracking spotted deer and warty pigs

- Radio telemetry
- GPS telemetry

Post-release habitat and biodiversity monitoring assessments

Camera trapping for behavior, ecology and space-use

Community engagement and education



A photograph of a lush, dense tropical forest. The scene is filled with various types of green vegetation, including tall trees with thin trunks, thick branches, and a dense undergrowth of ferns and other plants. The lighting is soft and diffused, suggesting a canopy that filters sunlight. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of green, from bright lime to deep forest greens.

Negros Island Assessment



ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

- Identify forest patches (>500ha) or remaining populations.
- Use habitat and wildlife transects, point counts and camera traps to record species presence, threats and habitat suitability.
- Engage with the community to identify perception, local knowledge and threats.
- Prioritize sites for conservation activities such as reintroductions or site protection.

Visayan Warty Pigs have been recorded but **NO Visayan Spotted Deer**.



Good quality or suitable habitat is fragmented. Even in protected areas there is degradation and encroachment.



All sites recorded evidence of **poaching, traps, invasive species** or **community threats and encroachment**.



FINDINGS SO FAR...

WHAT'S NEXT...

Collect data on **"wild" population space-use and anthropogenic conflict.**

To **supplement island assessment** data, **provide baseline** for the reintroduced animal data, and **fill knowledge gaps** in conservation plans.



WHAT'S NEXT...

Establish **monitoring teams/personnel** for known wild populations.

Made up from **community members** who act as **ambassadors to conservation**.



WHAT'S NEXT...

Continue monitoring reintroduced group in Bayawan Nature Reserve.

Study their **space-use, habitat preferences, social behavior and ecology**, and possible **deterrent methods**.



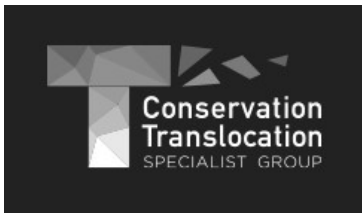


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