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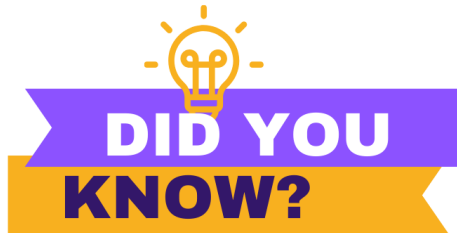
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Environmental nonprofits in the Philippines have been actively involved in promoting and advocating for the rights of nature. They have played a significant role in shaping policies and policy proposals related to the rights of nature movement in the country. These nonprofits have been instrumental in raising awareness about the importance of protecting nature and have been actively involved in pushing for legislation and policy changes to recognize and enforce the rights of nature. Through their efforts, they have contributed to the introduction of national rights of nature legislation in the Filipino Congress in 2019.



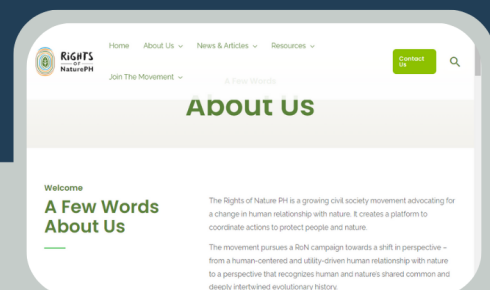
WHAT IS NATIONAL RIGHTS OF NATURE LEGISLATION?

Center for Democratic and Environmental Rights is at the forefront of advocating for the national rights of nature legislation. The proposed legislation, which was introduced in the Filipino Congress in 2019 and is expected to be reintroduced in the next Congress, recognizes the rights of nature to exist, maintain vital cycles and functions, and be renewed and restored. It also empowers the Filipino people to act on behalf of nature and protects their individual right to defend nature.

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This movement is supported by a coalition in the Philippines called "The Rights of Nature PH," which aims to change the human relationship with nature and coordinate efforts towards this cause. The bill seeks to grant legal personhood to nature, shifting the focus of environmental laws from being human-centered to nature-centered. It is inspired by similar initiatives in Latin American countries and aims to make individuals, governments, and corporations more accountable for environmental abuses.

WHAT IS RIGHTS OF NATURE PH?



The Rights of Nature movement is gaining momentum in the Philippines, empowering young people to make a difference in environmental conservation. The concept of Rights of Nature is rooted in traditional indigenous knowledge and has been developing since the publication of a seminal article in 1972. The movement aims to establish legal systems that recognize nature as a fundamental entity with rights, rather than mere property.

