



STORIES

- PAINTINGS
ON CAVE
WALLS
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- WHAT CAN
WE DO?

Once upon a
time....

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Paintings
What was,
What is
and
What
Will be



Sunrise





Lotus
Lagoon

Washing Waves







Progress?
Pursuit of
Happiness?



Future?

1. It won't be pretty

2. We cannot paint the future with dried paint and worn-out brushes,



Thoughts - paint
Words - brushes

Environment

Development



Life- and Sources of Life
Land, Air and Water
LAW of Life
Vital Organs of Life on Earth
Trees and Forests
Land and Soil
Sea and Rivers



Development



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Pave living soil
with dead/hot
concrete
Poison the Land,
Air and Waters
GDP?



Man using Earth's resources too fast

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WASHINGTON—HUMANITY WOULD need five Earths to produce the resources needed if everyone lived as profligately as Americans, according to a report issued on Tuesday.

As it is, humanity each year uses resources equivalent to nearly one-and-a-half Earths to meet its needs, said the report by Global Footprint Network, an international think tank.

"We are demanding nature's services—using resources and creating CO2 emissions—at a rate 44 percent faster than what nature can regenerate and reabsorb," the document said.

"That means it takes the Earth just un-

EX-CON ECONOMICS
Mindless extraction and reckless
consumption: 9 Earths



CPR ECONOMICS: Conservation, Protection and Restoration

CPR of the Vital Organs
of Life on Earth

Restore:

- LAW of Life
- Connection with Nature
- Connection with each other
- Experience of Happiness
- The LAW of Life



War Stories



MEGADIVERSITY



Philippine Tarsier, endemic.



It is reasonable
to think of the
Philippines as
the Galapagos
Islands multi-
plied tenfold.

1900

1988

Paradigm of
extraction and
consumption (Ex
Convict)

One generation ago (27 years), a crazy young lawyer, alone and armed only with pure will power and no funding, Sued the govt on behalf of the children and of generations yet unborn. to stop all the logging in the country

Using an early Constitutional provision on the right of the people to a healthy environment.

Not so much to win but to tell a story

Dismissed outright. Went to the Supreme Court to clarify the question whether the children had the right to tell a story.

These rights need not even be written in the Constitution for they are assumed to exist from the inception of humankind.

- **If they are now specially mentioned in the fundamental law of the land, it is because ... unless it is written in the constitution itself,**



... the day would not be too far when all else would be lost, not only for this generation but also for succeeding generations, generations which stand to inherit nothing but a parched earth incapable of sustaining life.”



It took one generation after – 2012 for the story to be heard.

RP is world's center of marine biodiversity

The Philippine Islands, located in the Southeast Asian marine biodiversity golden triangle, has the richest concentration of marine life on the entire planet, according to a study conducted by Kent Carpenter, associate professor of biological sciences at Old Dominion University, Virginia, USA. The results of these findings will be published in the journal *Environmental Biology of Fishes* under the title, "The Center of the Center of Marine Shorefish Biodiversity: The Philippine Islands."

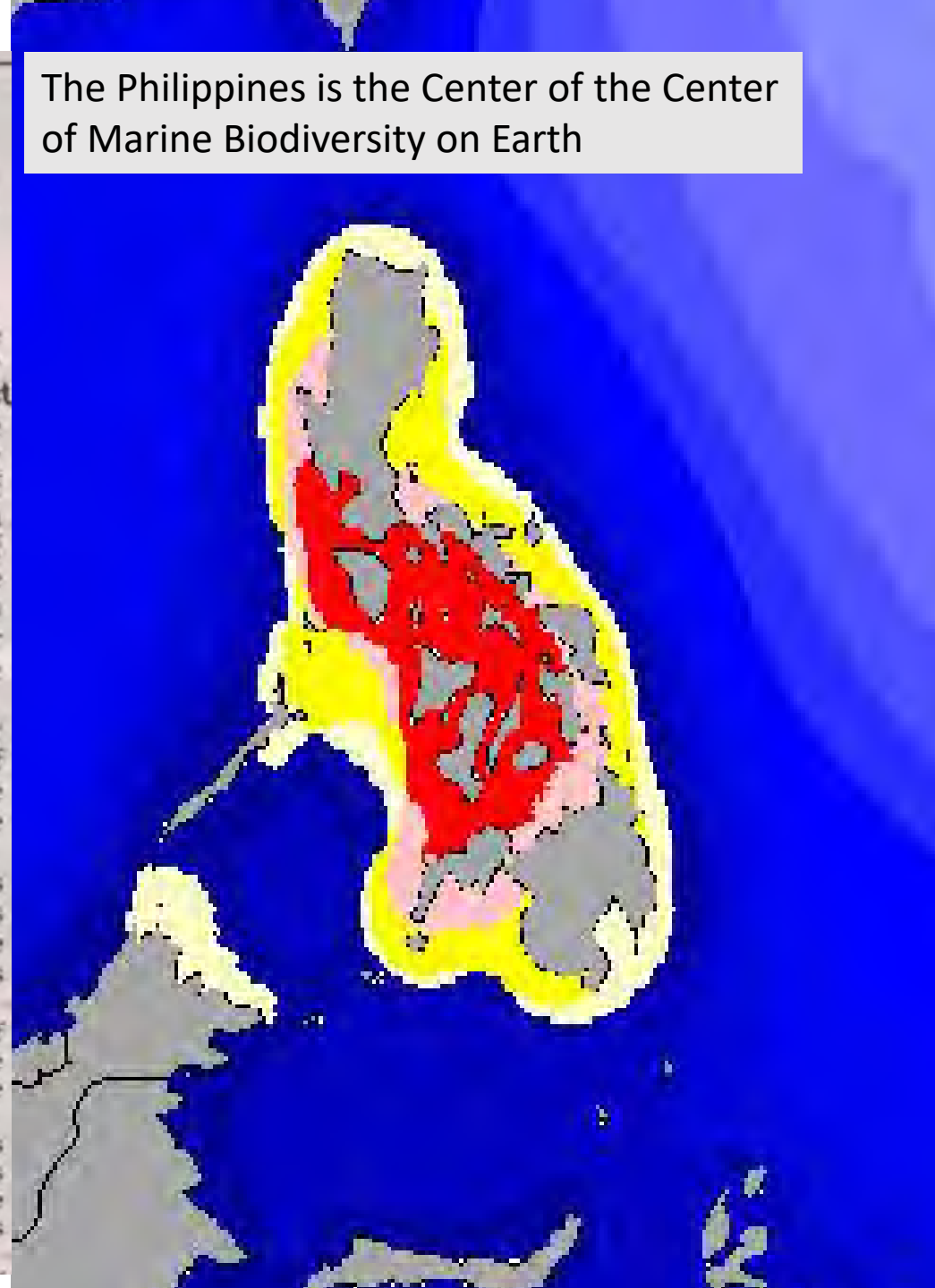
The article is co-authored by Victor Springer of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The computer analysis was done with the support of Conversation International.

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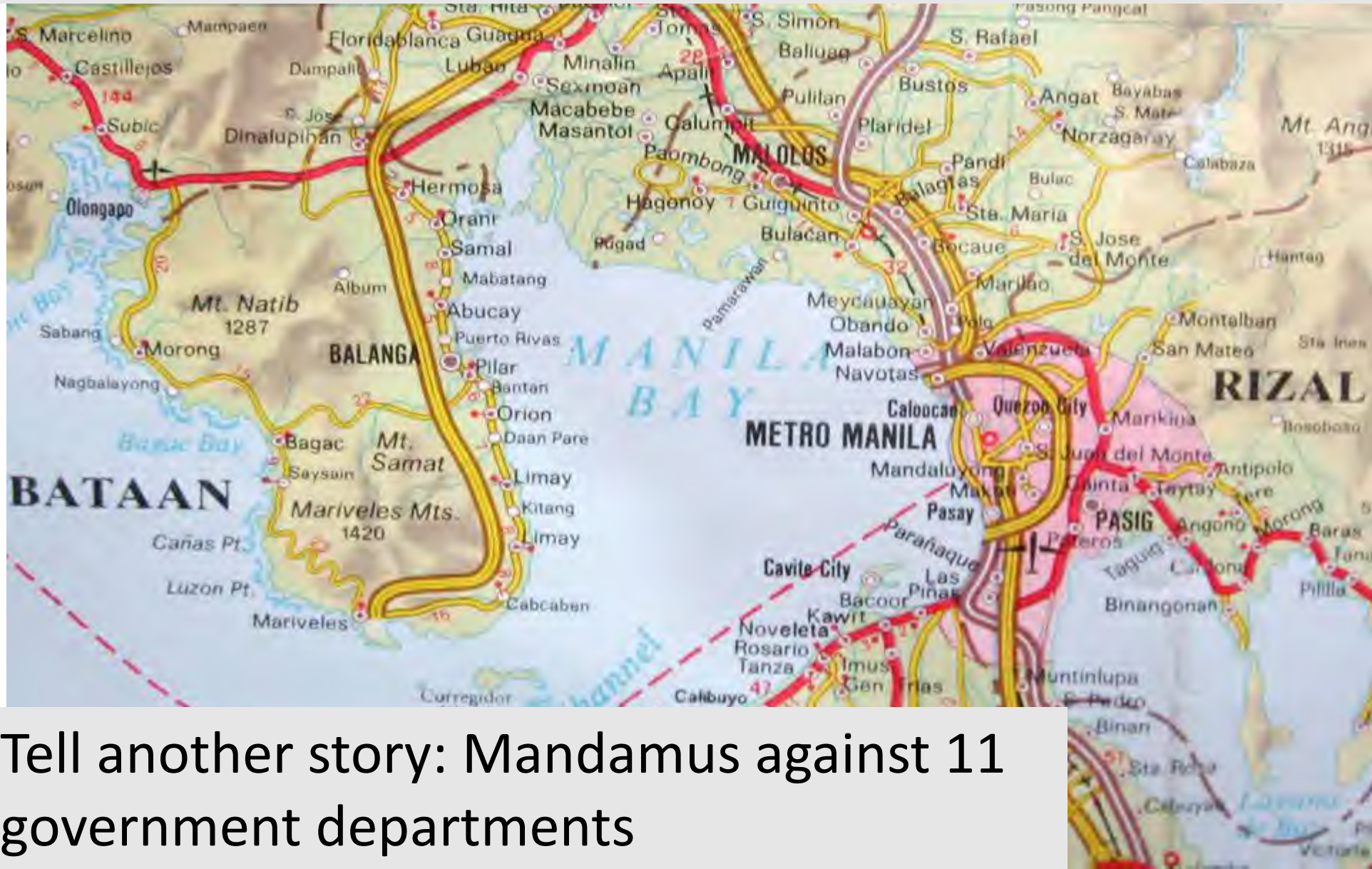
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The Philippines is the Center of the Center of Marine Biodiversity on Earth



16 million liters of raw sewage everyday into Manila Bay, plus the solid waste



Tell another story: Mandamus against 11 government departments

News



Friday, December 19, 2008

Clean up Manila Bay, SC tells gov't

By Norman Bordadora

NOTHING LESS THAN THE revival of Manila Bay in all its glory and splendor will appease the Supreme Court.

In an en banc unanimous decision, the high tribunal yesterday dismissed the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority

(MMDA), the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and six other government agencies to undertake a coordinated cleanup, restoration and preservation of the bay.

"To most of those agencies and their official equipment, the pollution menace does not

seem to carry the high national priority it deserves, if their track records are to be the norm," said the 36-page decision penned by Justice Presbitero Velasco.

"Their cavalier attitude toward solving, if not mitigating, the environmental pollution

CLEANUP ACT

Clean up Manila Bay, SC tells gov't



SCAVENGERS' PARADISE A man wades in four-deep garbage at the Manila Bay in search of recyclable materials to sell.

use against the government agencies, claiming that the water quality of the bay has fallen below the standards of its country's environment code.

The residents said that the agencies' neglect of the bay also constituted a violation of their constitutional right to life, health and a balanced ecology and to environmental

The agencies appealed in the high tribunal earlier setbacks in the lower courts, saying the environment code only relies on the clearing of "specific pollution incidents" and not cleaning in general.

Prescription for revival

They also argued that the cleaners of the bay won't be

task can be compelled by the court.

In its decision, the tribunal sided with the Manila residents and enumerated requirements to make the bay room again with marine life.

As mandated by Republic Act No. 9275 on water quality management, the court directed the Manila Waterworks and Sewerage Authority to provide

the necessary water treatment facilities in Metro Manila, Rizal and Cavite.

The Local Water Utilities Administration was directed to provide sewerage and sanitation facilities in the provinces of Laguna, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga and Batangas.

The agriculture department was called upon to assist local government units in Metro Manila, Rizal, Cavite, Laguna, Pampanga, Bulacan and Batangas in restoring fisheries and aquatic resources in the bay.

The Philippine Coast Guard and PNE Maritime Group were instructed to apprehend violators of laws in connection with marine pollution such as the discharge of solid and liquid wastes and other ship-generated wastes in Manila Bay.

The education department was ordered to come up with lessons on pollution prevention and the budget department to allocate a budget for



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SC orders Manila

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Bay cleanup

Justices deplore 'abject, official indifference' to the slow death of a historic waterway

By Rey E. Roque Jr.

THE Supreme Court yesterday ordered 10 government agencies to clean up Manila Bay and deplored the lack of concern among people and institutions for the historic waterway.

In a decision written by Associate Justice Presbitero Velasco Jr., the tribunal rejected the government's petition to reverse a lower court's order to clean up the bay.

Manila Bay, the Court said, was "a place with a proud history just once having experienced the same men's dirty dying ex-

In light of the ongoing environmental degradation, the Court wishes to emphasize the extreme necessity for all concerned executive departments and agencies to immediately set and discharge their respective official duties and obligations," the justices said.

Indeed, since it is of the essence, there is need to set timetables for the performance and completion of the tasks, some of them assigned for them by law and the nature of their respective offices and mandates.

The losing petitioners were the Metro Manila Development Authority, the Environment, Education, Health, Agriculture, Public Works, Budget, and Interior departments, the Coast Guard and the National Police, Maritime Group.

The case stemmed from a complaint filed by Concerned Residents of Manila Bay before the Regional Trial Court in Manila, Cavite, seeking to compel several government agencies to clean up and rehabilitate Manila Bay.

Writing 12-0, the Supreme Court dismissed the petition of the government agencies and affirmed the Sept. 28, 2005 decision of the Court of Appeals and the Sept. 12, 2002 decision of the Cavite court, with modifications. The Concerned Residents of Manila Bay won in the lower court and the appellate court sustained the ruling.

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Cleanup...

From page 1

The Supreme Court ordered the Environment Department to carry out rehabilitation plan for the bay at the earliest possible time, to call regular meetings and to coordinate with other departments and agencies.

The Court also ordered the Interior Department to get local officials in Metro Manila, Rizal, Laguna, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga and Batangas to respect all factories, commercial establishments, and private homes along the banks of the bay.

Dec. 18, 2008: Continuing Mandamus:
11 Government agencies
Ordered to report every 3 months!

LEGAL ACTION (not litigation) Lights a STAR

- S - tory
- T - able
- A - ction
- R - esolution



The time for
talk is over

Global Movement
spontaneous
combustion
Rule of Law to
care for
LAW of Life
Climate crisis.

US-Juliana vs US, Colombia,
Holland –Urgenda, Canada,
Pakistan, Inter-American
Court of Human Rights
Human Right to Life,
Germany, etc.



Climate Justice for Future Generations

- Justice?
- Everyone their due
- Do future generations deserve this Earth we are leaving behind?



Sue the world
With them
wanted to be
sued.

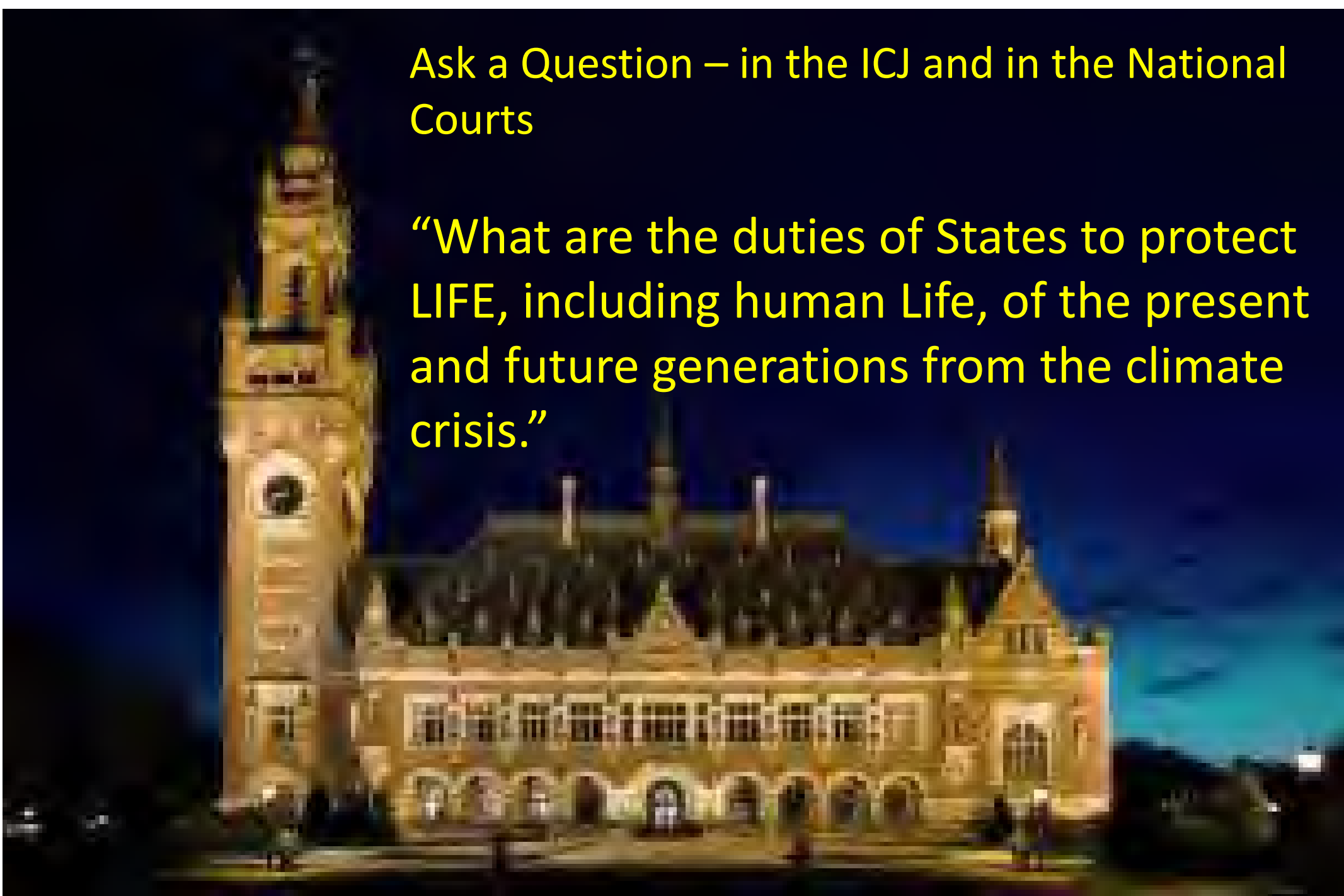
ICJ Request for
an Advisory
Opinion

UN General
Assembly
Resolution

ICJ- Hearings
where all
Countries will
be invited to
present their
position

Ask a Question – in the ICJ and in the National
Courts

“What are the duties of States to protect
LIFE, including human Life, of the present
and future generations from the climate
crisis.”



Diplomatic-- agenda item in UNGA

Political -- youth mobilization to support the resolution

Legal – ICJ and other legal avenues to tell a story

Moot Courts



HAWAII, MARCH 2015

April 20-22, '18
SEA CAMP (Ph)

with handful of
thoughtful men and
women

Draft outline Advisory
Opinion

Sept – ICJ- The Hague
Moot Court
Draft Adv. Opinion,
Welcome!

You can do this in your
own countries.

All Constitutions have a
provision on the right
to life.



In summary

- Environment is about Life and the Life-Sources -- LAW of Life
- Anything that is worth doing cannot be done in one lifetime. In this lifetime, we can only plant seeds of hope.



THANK YOU

- PUNJAB HIGH COURT -- FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS
- PARVEZ HASSAN
- BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC FOR THE DEDICATED WORK THAT YOU DO.



In closing,
If you want to be
heard
tell a story.
If you want to touch
the heart, sing a
song
if you want to start a
revolution,
ask a question.

Do our children
deserve the Earth we
are leaving behind?



- Humans are most active with standing up
- Most creative when lying down
- The compromise is sitting down



Ten, fifty, a hundred years from now, and many
generations hereafter,





Let it be said that
during our watch
While gifted
With intelligence
and insight,
With privilege and
position,
With the wealth of
wisdom,



And with the
freedom and
power
of the human
Will,

A photograph of a young Tausug boy standing on a sandy beach at dawn. He is wearing a traditional blue and white patterned headband and a dark, long-sleeved garment. He is bent over, looking down at a large group of small sea turtles that are crawling across the sand towards the water. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a soft, golden glow over the ocean and sky. The water is calm, and the horizon line is visible in the distance.

Let it be said that in our time,
And during our watch,
We did our share,

race for sea at dawn
ng Tausug boy watches.

A tropical sunset scene. On the left, a tall palm tree stands in silhouette against a sky filled with soft, orange and pink clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. In the distance, a small boat is visible on the water. The foreground is dark and silhouetted.

And maybe, just maybe ...
we will make a little difference.

Easy to make
money
But it is more
meaningful
to make a little
difference

Thank you for
making that
difference!

We have told
stories,
We have asked
questions,
Now it is time
to touch the
human heart.



Sisters Sun and Sea

SHOOTING STARS

Concert Chorale

Irum Ahsan
Denise Antolini
Ben Boer
Grip Bueta
Lord Carnwath
Parvez Hassan
Gabby Ingles
John Knox
Liz Mrema
Brian Preston
Andy Raine
Mansoor Ali Shah
Tshering

