



CHECKLIST OF HOYA SPECIES ON PALAWAN ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

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ABSTRACT – This study provided a checklist of Hoya species reported to occur in the island of Palawan, Philippines. A total of 17 species of which 11 are endemic to the Philippines are identified after extensively reviewing published articles about Hoya. Palawan is protected by various laws but despite of existing conservation policies, it is still facing threats leading to the decline of biological diversity. Hoya is not exempted to these threats and therefore this paper proposed to assess the conservation status of these species in order to avoid possible extinction in the future. Engaging the local people in conservation efforts and strict policy implementation are the crucial steps in saving Hoya and other biota in the country's "last ecological frontier".

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