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**ABOUT THE PHOTO:** The cover of this issue shows a black-faced coucal (*Centropus melanops*), an avian species found in Basey, Samar. This bird is endemic to the Mindanao Pleistocene Aggregate Island Complex (PAIC). Basey is one of the study sites of **Assessment and Conservation of Forest Over Limestone Ecosystem Biodiversity in Selected Municipalities of Samar Island, Philippines (CONserve-KAIGANGAN)**, a biodiversity program of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) and Samar State University (SSU). Funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), this three-year program aims to assess and conserve the biodiversity in *kaigangan* (Samar local term for forests over limestone) towards sustainable management in Samar Island.

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