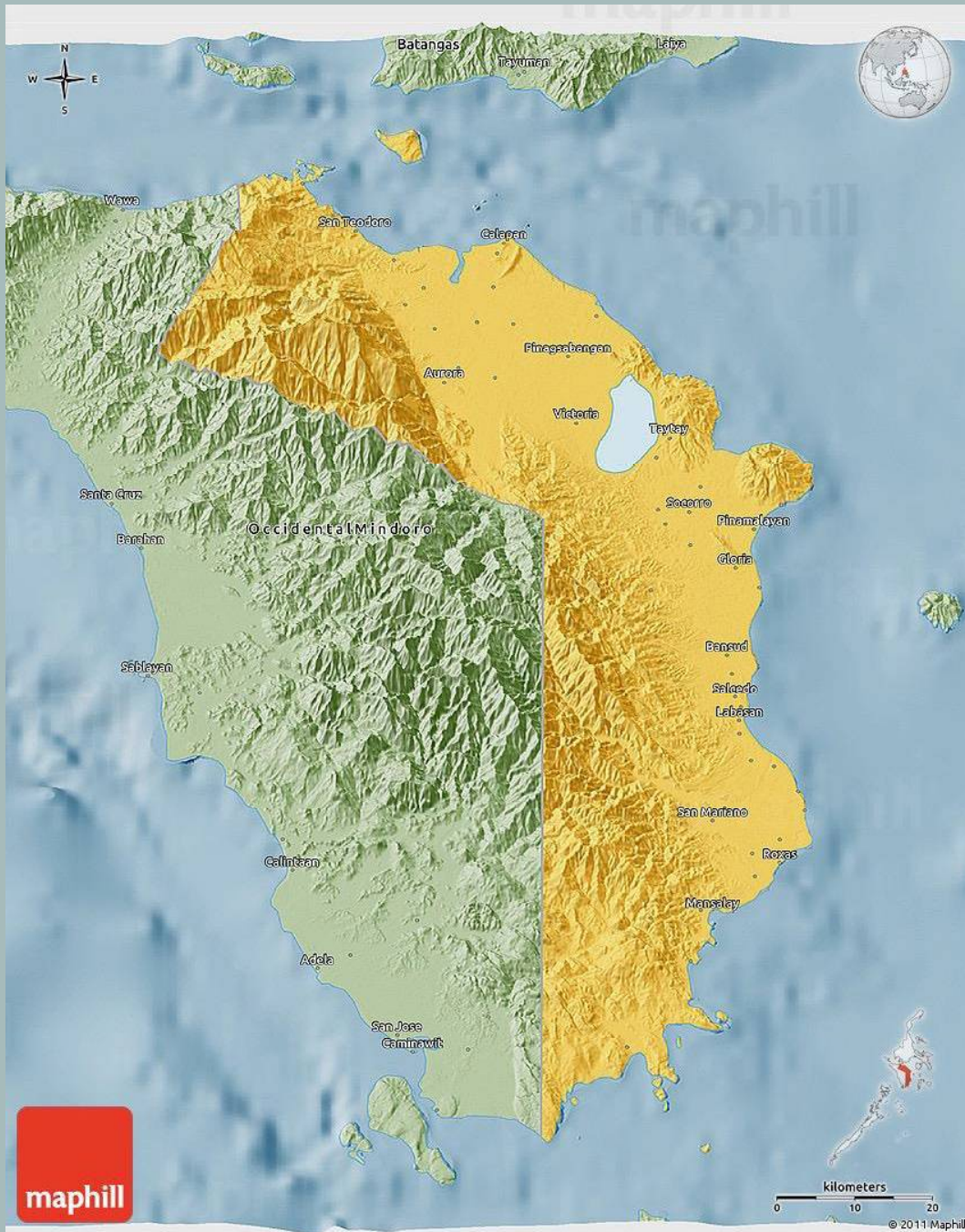


Tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*) Project



Tamaraw Distribution



Historical and Current Status

1900 - population maybe ~ 10,000
- hunting well regulated prior to WWII
- found lowlands of Mindoro

1949 - 1,000

1953 - 244

1969 - 100

1996 - 100-400 estimated

- found in mountains of Mindoro
- only area of no human disturbance

2018 - less than 350

- only three known populations
- 90% of population in Mt Iglit-Baco NP
- restricted to 2,000 hectares
- only area well protected
- remaining two populations between 15 and 20 each



Mt. Iglit-Baco National Park



Photo by Barney Long

Tamaraw Habitat

Grassland and forested creeks



Tamaraw Ranger Patrols



21 Rangers employed
1,579 hectares to cover
1 ranger = 105 hectares



Landscape of the tamaraw
Patrolling along the ridge





**Rangers are underfunded
have to provide own provisions
no uniforms
no weapons**

**Have to deal with Indigenous Peoples
and an Insurgency**



Captive Breeding Program Gene Pool Farm

20 tamaraw captured between 1982 and 1989

- 4 capture related deaths
- first 13 animals (1982-1987) all placed in single 280 hectare enclosure
- several died due to fighting
- no breeding occurred

1990-1993: recaptured out of 280 ha enclosure and placed in single 1/2 ha enclosures

**1990-1996: 9 births occurred (2 twins)
- only two survived more than 1 year**

**2018: last remaining tamaraw
(born in 1996)**



Future Conservation Actions

PHVA to be held in October 2018

Immediate support and funding to the Rangers

Survey the remaining two populations

Enlist cooperation of the Indigenous Peoples



Thank You

