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# Historical and Cultural Assets

### Pro-Mar de Dentro covers an area with varied landscape, which includes dunes and wetlands, especially in the coastal area.

## **The Significance of Wetlands**

These areas are essential to the health and welfare of the people residing in these areas and the vicinity.

#### Functions

- Water retention/storage
- Protection against windstorm and control of flood
- Stabilization of the coastline and erosion control
- Recharge of groundwater aquifers
- Discharge of aquifer
- Purification of water

- Biological filter
- Retention of nutrients
- Retention of silts
- Retention of pollutants and stabilization of local climate, particularly rainfall condition and the temperature





#### This way

- It prevents flooding.
- It controls erosion and pollution.
- It provides different habitats for aquatic birds,
- mammals, reptiles, amphibians, fish, as well as numerous flora.
- It facilitates the implementation of economic activities e.g. eco-tourism, besides enabling the use of the area for leisure and recreation.

## Wetlands are among the ecosystems threatened worldwide.

Concerns over the quality of the environment should be taken seriously during environmental developments.

Intervening in environmental development activities to rescue artistic and architectural properties for the following basic purposes:

To rescue and conserve national wealth because of its artistic or historical importance through the creation of tourist sites in accordance with the needs of the people; and to consider the long term impacts of these interventions, also taking into account the possibilities of luring investments for service sector and tourism development.

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