

## **THE IMPACT OF LOCAL AUTONOMY ON THE WASTE MANAGEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN PUERTO PRINCESA CITY**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The City of Puerto Princesa is known to be a recipient hall of fame award for the Cleanest and Greenest component City in the Philippines. In the past, the presence of environmental disturbances through various forms of irresponsible land conversions is manifested. Inefficient implementation of solid waste management, lack of cooperation from the concerned communities and the absence of Comprehensive Land Use Plan are become drivers to review waste management campaign of the City. In this paper, the contribution of Solid Waste Management initiatives for sustainable tourism of the City is defined following the policy analysis framework of Patton & Sawicki (1993). Data correspondence and key informant interviews were conducted on 2015. Results showed that in 1992, the local government of Puerto Princesa have put forward the strict implementation of the City Ordinance No. 163-91 or otherwise known as the Anti-Littering Campaign. The continued inevitable drives of general public have significantly changed the social behavior of the City's populace. This has made its way for the inclusion in the Special Zone of Peace and Development by virtue of Executive Order No. 371 and achieved numerous environmental development recognitions. The contribution for sustainable tourism development is likewise presented.

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