

APPENDIX B

Ichicoo Park

While in Guiuan, many people asked if there was any place that was special to me and that I thought deserved any special recognition or preservation status. As I have noted in my report, any area that has the potential of self-sustainability through biodiversity should be protected. Wetlands, Karst features along coastal regions and inland are remarkable and because of uninhabitable, inhospitable, or inaccessible conditions are somewhat self-protected. They are emphasized throughout as I used them to make very basic points about the role of biodiversity in sustainability.

There is one area, near the town proper on the peninsula adjacent to the airport. Figures B1 and B2 below indicate the area. It may not be as dramatic as the timberland areas of the uplifted ridge; however, it is exemplary of the many sinkholes and hills that predominate the landscape of Guiuan. In my survey excursions it seems I was always drawn there. As obvious examples of resilience, in my research, I was able to identify the features on current and historical photos basically unchanged by time.

I hesitate to nominate any one area because Guiuan like most of the Philippines is full of natural beauty. Guiuan is special because nature has been unleashed by the typhoon and the associated natural processes that humans will have to work hard to diminish. At the same time the natural assets, if left to their ecological processes of progression will serve to protect the community from future disturbance. This area is basically two hills and a hole. Ichicoo Park is the designation I have chosen. Not for any reason, other than I like the song. There is a link to the song as a YouTube offering. Anyway, it is located directly in the middle of the gap between the two ridges and protects the air strip and one of the new resilient housing projects in Tagpuro.

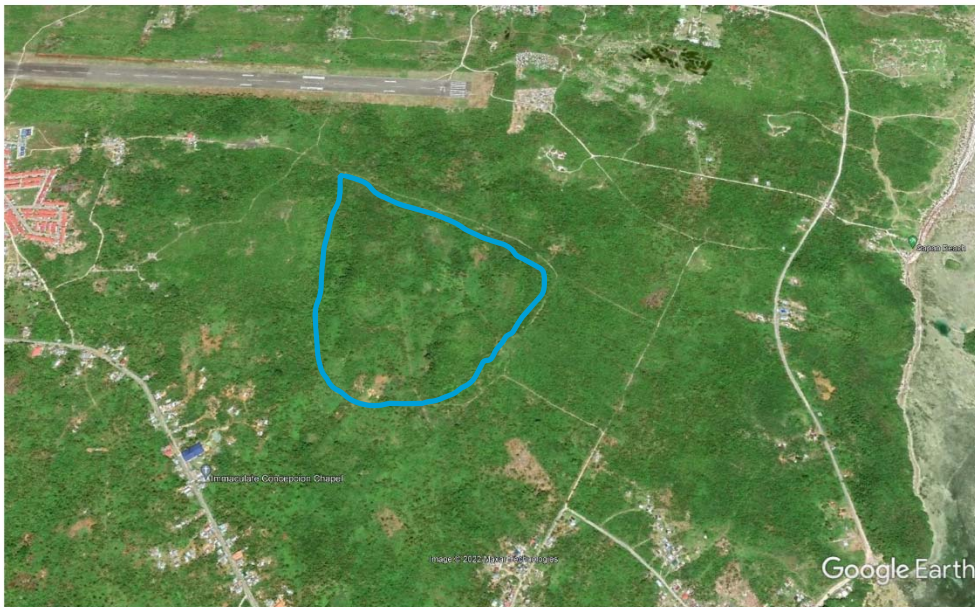


Figure B1: Approximate location of proposed Ichicoo Park. Basically, two hills and a hole. Recent Google Earth shot.

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Figure B2: This World War Two archive image referenced previously in this report. The two hills and hole were worked around and resisted transformation even by the most powerful human force ever assembled.