

## **MANGYAN, B'LAAN AND T'BOLI TRIBES**

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### **MANGYAN TRIBE CHILDREN**

#### **Background:**

The plains of Occidental Mindoro are inhabited by the Tagalogs and the remote forested interior by the Mangyans. Extensive tribal settlements of Mangyans in the province belong to such sub-groups as the Iraya, Alangan, Tadyawan, Buhid, Hanunuo, and Bangon. The Mangyans are simple people. They were once coastal dwellers driven into the mountains to avoid religious conversion by the Spaniards, raids by Moro pirates, and the influx of recent migrants. They now lead a semi-nomadic existence. Mangyans live in loose clusters of up to 20 bamboo huts with thatched roofs and raised floors. They sometimes are away from their families for many weeks in search of food. Men wear a loincloth of pounded bark while the women have a coil of woven nito, a sturdy black vine, and rattan around their hips. Mangyans practice animism and are superstitious.

All over the world, tribal peoples are persecuted, marginalized, thrown off their land and denied their rights.

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## **B'LAAN TRIBE CHILDREN IN MINDANAO**

### **Background History**

The Philippines is one of the most diverse countries in terms of ethnicity. Mindanao is one of the three main island groups (Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao) and is situated in the southern part of the Philippines. With a size of 94,630 km<sup>2</sup>, it is second in size to Luzon and takes up 20% of the total Philippine population.

The lowest point is in the valley of Mindanao, in south western Mindanao, there are several ethnic groups of similar ancestry, but whose religion is Catholic, and whose culture is not as “Westernized” as that of the Christian Filipinos. There are also various tribal groups in Mindanao, one of them is **Blaan** tribal minority. This term **Blaan** generally refers to the **18 Non-Moro Indigenous Communities in Mindanao**. This tribal group inhabited almost 90% of the total area of **Municipality of Glan**, one of the Municipalities of Saranggani province, Mindanao. This tribal group exist in one of the remotest areas in Saranggani province having considered as agricultural land, majority of them have no fixed income. They depend only in farming as their means of livelihood.

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## **T'BOLI TRIBE CHILDREN IN MINDANAO**

### **Background History**

The **T'bolis** are one of the indigenous peoples of South Mindanao. From the body of ethnographic and linguistic literature on Mindanao they are variously known as T'boli. They term themselves Tboli or T'boli. Some locate the Tbolis to the vicinity of the Buluan Lake in the Cotabato Basin. The Tbolis, then, reside on the mountain slopes on either side of the upper Alah Valley and the coastal area of Maitum, Maasim and Kiamba. In former times, the Tbolis also inhabited the upper Alah Valley floor. After World War Two, i.e., since the arrival of settlers originating from other parts of the Philippines, they have been gradually pushed onto the mountain slopes. As of now, they are almost expelled from the fertile valley floor.

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