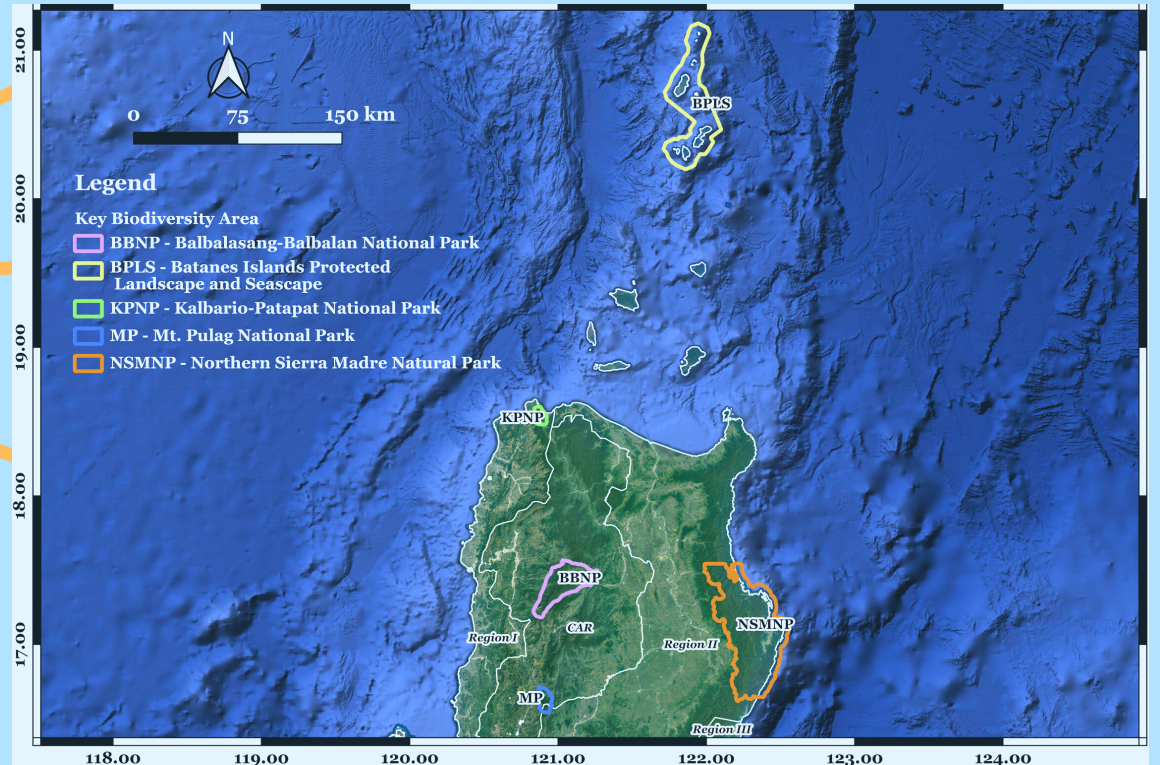
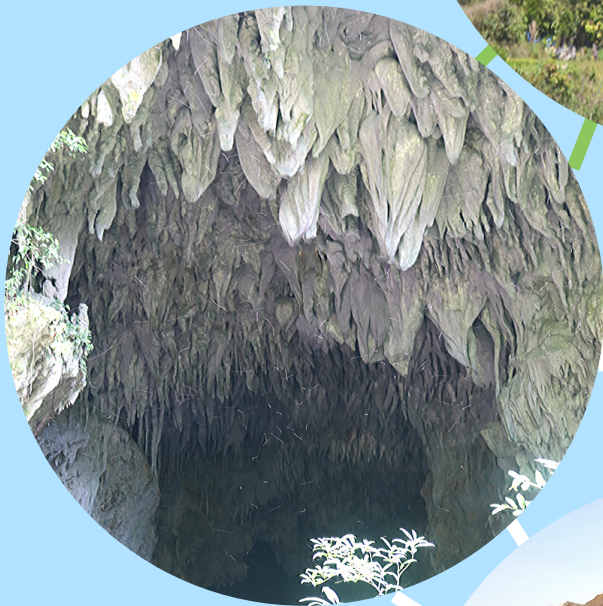


KBAs and Biodiversity Conservation



In order to address biodiversity conservation, experts have identified **228 Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in the Philippines**. KBAs are **vulnerable and irreplaceable areas** considered as the remaining **home for many threatened species**, which make them **priority areas for conservation efforts**.

In North Luzon, there are various KBAs, which are also **protected areas under the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS)**. These include **Mt. Pulag National Park, Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park, Batanes Protected Landscape and Seascape, Balbalasang-Balbalan National Park, and Kalbario Patapat National Park**.

Many communities live near or in the KBAs and depend greatly on the biodiversity there. The **NIPAS** provides for stricter imposition of rules regarding building and construction; conduction of researches; ecotourism; and prevention of destructive and illegal activities within the protected area.



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