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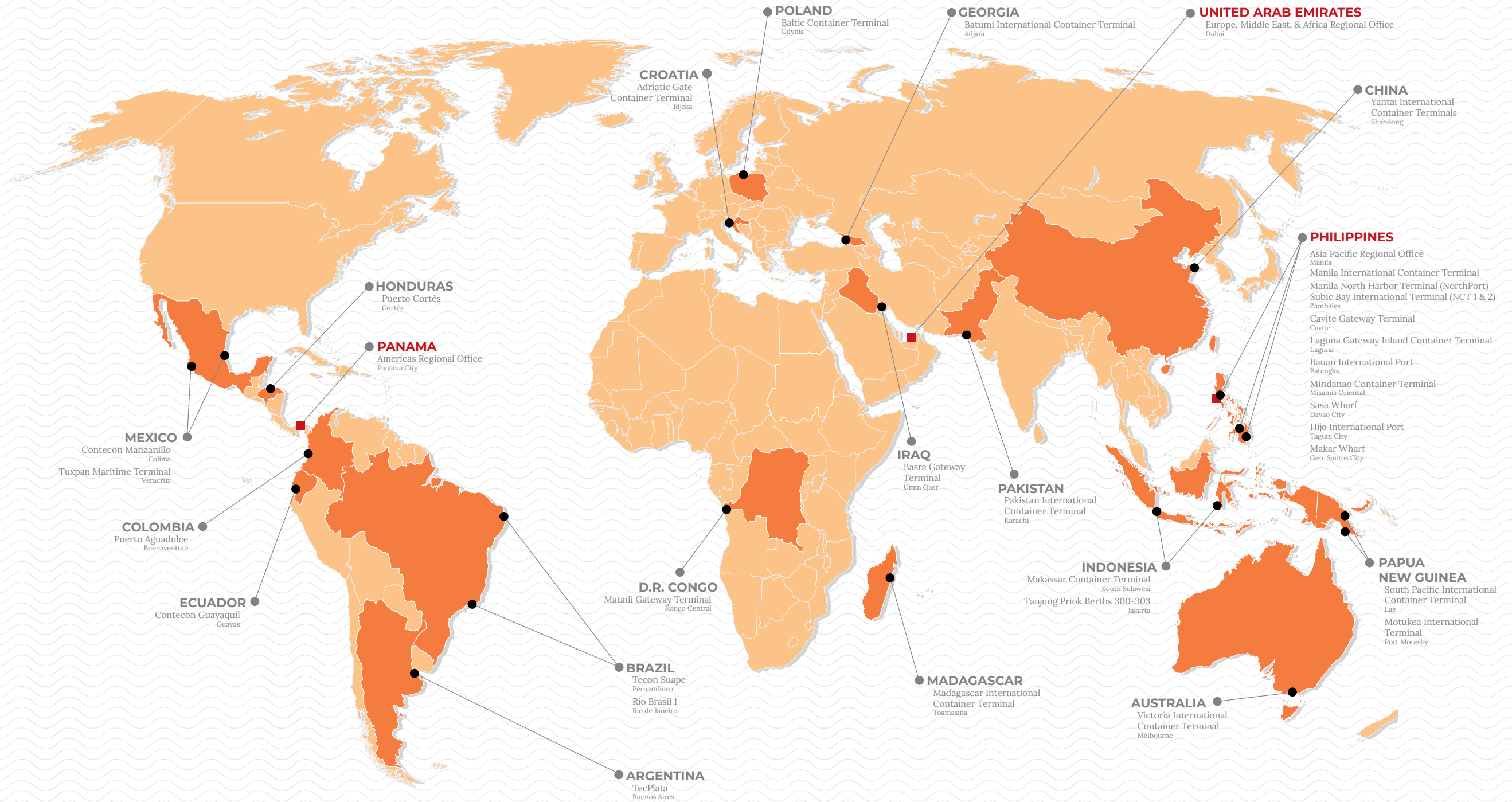
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International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), through the ICTSI Foundation, recently partnered with the Katala Foundation, Inc. to implement a wildlife research and conservation project within Palawan's Victoria-Anepa'an Mountain Range. Photo shows (from left) Filipina C. Laurena, ICTSI Foundation Deputy Executive Director; Christian R. Gonzalez, ICTSI Global Corporate Head and ICTSI Foundation President; Joel G. Jimenez, Katala Foundation President; and Indira Lacerna-Widmann, Katala Foundation Chief Operations Officer.



Endangered (from left): The Palawan Porcupine (*Hystrix pumila*), the Philippine Pangolin (*Manis culionensis*), and the Palawan Peacock-Pheasant (*Polyplectron napoleonis*) are some of the target species of the ICTSI and Katala Foundations' joint wildlife conservation initiative. Photos by Peter Widmann

## ICTSI Cares

# ICTSI joins fight to protect PH wildlife

International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI) has partnered with Katala Foundation, Inc. (KFI)—a Palawan-based nonprofit, nonstock and nongovernment organization advocating for the protection and conservation of threatened and

endemic wildlife—to implement a wildlife research and conservation project covering Palawan's Victoria-Anepa'an mountain range. The project aims to improve the conservation status of a critical segment of threatened wildlife in the country.

Led by the ICTSI Foundation, the program aims to improve the conservation status of threatened and endangered endemic species to Palawan, including the critically endangered Philippine Pangolin (*Manis culionensis*), Philippine Cockatoo (*Cacatua*

*haematuropygia*), the vulnerable Palawan Porcupine (*Hystrix pumila*), and 12 other mammals and ground-dwelling birds.

Christian R. Gonzalez, ICTSI Global Corporate Head and ICTSI Foundation President, said: "ICTSI believes that with more people engaged in conservation initiatives—from the local impacted communities, government agencies, and private institutions like us—more resources will be available to inclusively address issues that matter: from the protection of threatened biodiversity to improvement of community life, education, and participation."

He adds: "We look forward to this partnership as it also reflects the personal commitments of our shareholders to preserving wildlife and habitats, and towards creating sustainable education initiatives protecting our natural heritage."

Considered by many as an "open access" for resource exploitation, the

mountain range has seen rampant illegal logging and wildlife poaching, particularly within the easily accessible southern fringes of the area facing the Sulu Sea. The third most important population of wild Philippine Cockatoo—a critically endangered endemic specie—is holding on in the area for its survival.

Highly vulnerable to habitat loss, poaching, and exploitation, Palawan endemics Philippine Pangolin and Palawan Porcupine need to be assessed and monitored in order for authorities and conservationists to implement appropriate protection and conservation measures.

During the projects first year, the ICTSI Foundation and Katala will seek Prior Informed Consent documents from indigenous people-stakeholders, create a camera trap database within targeted areas, conduct awareness campaigns regarding threatened wildlife, and initiate activities to develop wildlife

warden and patrolling schemes, among others.

Once completed, the project aims to facilitate formal protection of priority areas and help guide policy development for threatened wildlife in Palawan and the Philippines.

Joel G. Jimenez, Katala Foundation President, said: "KFI is fortunate to partner with a Philippine-based private enterprise who shares the same vision. This initiative is exciting for us as we expand our ongoing works in the area. With the lowland communities—especially the indigenous peoples, we implement projects that ensure the opportunities for for their socioeconomic improvement."

A long-term goal of the project is to come up with the approaches and strategies to sustainably manage and conserve the forests of the Victoria-Anepa'an range for the benefit of local communities and biodiversity.



## Newsbreak

# Six years into the concession, OPC significantly improves productivity

Terminal productivity and efficiency in Puerto Cortés—the largest and most important seaport in Honduras—continues to improve with all the significant investments made by Operadora Portuaria Centroamericana S.A. de C.V. (OPC) over the course of six years.

Since the start of the 30-year concession in 2013, OPC has steadily invested in port equipment, technology, and infrastructure—consolidating Puerto Cortés' position as the most important logistics hub in Central America.

OPC completed the construction of Pier 6 in 2018, increasing the terminal's total berth length to 1,150 meters. The structure is equipped with three ship-to-shore cranes, making OPC the only port in Central America capable of handling the largest boxships in the Atlantic. In 2019, OPC's existing investments have started to pay off.

"2019 was a significant year for Puerto Cortés. Thanks to

the investments made, process improvements, and staff training, we managed to increase the productivity and efficiency of the terminal," says Valmir Araujo, OPC Senior Commercial Officer.

"From the beginning of operations in December 2013 until December 2019, OPC has doubled the productivity of ships, going from 19 to 46 movements per hour on average—eliminating ship dwell time and downtime," he adds.

A very good example of process improvement in OPC is the implementation of a berthing window system to optimize the handling of around 1,200 vessels that call the terminal each year. This allows vessels to arrive at a predefined time and operate without any delay in the port to maximize their productivity. Prior to the implementation of the window berthing system, vessel waiting time ranged from several hours to several days, directly affecting logistics cost.

OPC also offers a wide range of services including import shifts, which facilitates the dispatch of containers. By segregating containers based on their withdrawal schedule, the terminal is able to plan better and eliminate potential transport delays.

"We have acquired greater agility by segregating sensitive cargo in special areas and strategically loading the yard," explained Mr. Araujo.

Puerto Cortés sits strategically close to one of Honduras' main industrial centers at San Pedro Sula. It handles almost 80 percent of the country's import and export traffic, serving as the primary gateway on the Atlantic coast to most of Central America.

OPC is continuously working with the Honduran Government to further enhance the port's competitiveness and provide its customers in the CA-4 (Honduras, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Nicaragua) with the highest level of service and efficiency.



## Gearing Up

# SBITC boosts operations with six RTGs

BY MA. THERESA OCAMPO

Subic Bay International Terminal Corp. (SBITC) now offers faster turnaround times after commissioning six rubber tired gantries (RTGs) last December.

The acquisition of additional container-handling equipment is part of the Company's continuous efforts to further improve the terminal's operational efficiency, and address the steady increase in volume over the recent years.

"This is the first time we're utilizing RTGs since we started operating the New Container Terminal-1 in 2007. We have been exclusively using 11 reach stackers and two side lifters, and the introduction of RTGs has drastically changed the landscape of our yard operations," says Roberto Locsin, Subic Bay International Terminal Corp. (SBITC) President.

He adds: "Aside from reducing truck dwell times and yard utilization, the integration of RTGs in our operation also increased the terminal's static capacity by 42 percent. This move aligns with SBITC's vision of supporting stakeholders across the supply chain and the region's growing economy."

With an annual capacity of 600,000 TEUs, SBITC strategically sits within the Subic Bay Freeport Zone. It's surrounding deep waters and favorable proximity to the major international shipping routes make it highly accessible to large ships and regional markets.

Subic Freeport is the gateway to northern and central Luzon, serving the free ports and special economic zones in Subic and Clark, and the hinterlands of Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, Tarlac, and La Union.



The addition of six RTGs to SBIT's yard equipment fleet has resulted in increased productivity and better overall operational efficiency.

## Newsbreak

## TecPlata, Evergreen to launch new Asia and Far East service

TecPlata has signed a contract with Evergreen Marine Corp. Taiwan Ltd. for the start of a new service to Asia and the Far East.

With this agreement, TecPlata takes a step further to consolidate its position as an alternative port in Buenos Aires for Argentine companies who are seeking competitive options for their exports and imports while taking advantage of TecPlata's high quality of service and modern facilities.

Together with Evergreen, TecPlata, which started operations with Brazilian shipping line LogIn in April 2019, will enhance its service offering for Argentine foreign trade operators, who stand to benefit from the possibility of directly quoting a shipment to Asia and the Far East from and to La Plata.

Evergreen will operate this new service in collaboration with LogIn, connecting TecPlata with the largest ports in China, Taiwan, Japan, South Korea, India, and other Southeast Asian countries.



## Port Safety

## CMSA lauds employees for safety standards

BY MARTA MAGAÑA

At Contecon Manzanillo, one of the main commitments that we have with ourselves and our colleagues is workplace safety. Since the launch of the "I am Respect 100" program, employee compliance to established safety guidelines have greatly contributed to the achievement of the terminal's security objectives.

Last January, the Company recognized 184 employees for satisfactorily



Torres Flores Ulises (second from left), one of the 184 employees recognized for satisfactorily complying with CMSA's safety guidelines

complying with the safety policies designed to safeguard the welfare of everyone in Contecon. The Management cited these individuals for prioritizing safety in the

performance of their daily activities in 2019, and for being good examples to their fellow employees as CMSA continues to strengthen its culture of safety.



## Meets &amp; Greet

## BCT head meets PH Ambassador to Poland

BY MAŁGORZATA BUDZISZ

Wojciech Szymulewicz, Baltic Container Terminal (BCT) Chief Executive Officer, visited Her Excellency, Leah M. Basinang-Ruiz, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to the Republic of Poland, in early February to discuss matters of mutual interest and opinions on good economic and cultural collaboration between the two countries. Photo shows Mr. Szymulewicz (right) with Ambassador Basinang-Ruiz at the Philippine Embassy in Warsaw.



## ICTSI Cares

## CMSA celebrates Three Kings' Day with Las Brisas children

BY MARTA MAGAÑA

Last 6 January, employees of Contecon Manzanillo (CMSA) shared the traditional Rosca de Reyes, otherwise known as Three Kings' Bread, with kindergarten and elementary students from the community of Las Brisas. The bread-sharing, done in celebration of Three Kings' Day or Feast of the Epiphany, was spearheaded by Dilva Nava and Sandra Alcaraz of CMSA's Sustainability Department, school directors, and Las Brisas representative Alberto Nando.

"It is important for businesses and communities to establish a harmonious and productive coexistence in order to strengthen our society. We are grateful to partake in simple events like this that help foster an inclusive relationship with other members of the community, especially the young ones," said Ms. Nava.



## Newsbreak

## BGT celebrates milestone 2019

BY ZAHRAA JABAR

Basra Gateway Terminal (BGT) celebrated the milestone year that was 2019 with a simple but fun-filled evening party for employees.

The event provided a great opportunity for everyone to bond with their family and friends over music and food, as well as a chance to look back at the Company's achievements last year. Phillip Marsham, BGT Chief Executive Officer, led the celebration and thanked everyone for their commitment and hard work.

"2019 was an exciting year for us. From the opening of our two new berths and the commissioning of the largest quay cranes in Umm Qasr, all these were possible because we all did our part. Nonetheless, we still have a lot to look forward to. I hope for us to sustain this momentum and remain dedicated as we carry on with our new goals this 2020," said Mr. Marsham.





## ICTSI Cares

# ICTSI Foundation aids Taal eruption survivors

BY JOY LAPUZ

**The ICTSI Foundation, together with employee and stakeholder volunteers, organized relief efforts for families and individuals affected by the eruption of Taal Volcano.**

From 15 to 17 January, the Foundation went to Sto. Tomas, Tanauan, and Bauan Batangas to provide cooked meals, hygiene kits, sleeping mats, and blankets to more than 12,000 displaced individuals temporarily taking refuge in evacuation centers.

“Times like this call for unity. Understanding the gravity of the situation in the affected areas, we knew we needed to act quickly and join the nationwide effort to help our distressed countrymen. We continue to pray for their safety and well-being as they go through this difficult time,” said Filipina Laurena, ICTSI Foundation Deputy Executive Director.

Some of the evacuees have started to go back to their homes after the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology lowered the volcanic alert from level 3 to level 2 on 14 February.



credit: twitter.com/madelfab



A volunteer from ICTSI's Emergency Response Team helps distribute food packs to evacuees in Sto. Tomas, Batangas.



Aside from food packs, sleeping mats were also distributed to evacuees.



An elderly receives a pack of relief goods.