



## HOYAS OF MINDORO ISLAND, PHILIPPINES: CONSERVATION CONCERNS

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**ABSTRACT** – This study provides a list of Hoyas that can be found in Mindoro Island, a distinct biogeographical region of the Philippines. Upon carrying out an exhaustive review of literature available about Hoyas, this study came up with 18 species of Hoyas, 15 of which are reported to be endemic. The ecosystem degradation especially in the forests of Mindoro has threatened the survival of the Hoyas of the island. Recent efforts in the form of policies has been implemented to prevent the conversion of forest ecosystems in the Philippines, but much effort has still to be done for the conservation of Hoyas. Evaluation on the listed endemic species for conservation is also recommended to further intensify the conservation efforts.

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