

ABSTRACT

Facing the threats of ruin due to natural deterioration, improper repair and mistreatment of people, this study aims to contribute to the conservation of the Spanish lighthouses in Southern Tagalog Mainland Region or CALABARZON. The Spanish lighthouses, also known as *parola*, are the century-old structures that have greatly contributed to the success of early trades in the Philippines by emitting light from its tower, guiding the seafarers and fisherfolks at night. To qualify for conservation, this research aims to identify and define the heritage values of these Spanish lighthouses that are classified into three (3): historical value, community value and architectural value. The general condition and public use of the lighthouse are also aimed to be assessed in this study, leading to the recommendation of the lighthouses' possible alternative use and other conservation actions.

These goals were attained by: a) subject validation; b) historicity review; c) conducting community talks, which included the selection of target areas and respondents, as well as the analysis of gathered responses to interpret the importance of the Spanish lighthouses in the local's perspective; d) documenting the selected character-defining elements of the Spanish lighthouses through actual measurements and computer aided drafts; e) identification of the present defects by the aid of illustrated glossary of deteriorations; and f) criteria assessments that evaluated the capability of the lighthouses for public use and alternative use.

This study resulted to the qualification of the 3 out of 4 recorded lighthouses in the region for conservation, namely: Corregidor Lighthouse, Cape Santiago Lighthouse and Malabrigo Point Lighthouse. The historical, community and architectural values of these lighthouses were discovered, as well as the various deteriorations mostly caused by water staying and penetrating on the materials. With the capability of accommodating public use, a park resulted as the most suitable alternative use for the Malabrigo Point Lighthouse and an inn for the Cape Santiago Lighthouse.

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