

**OCCURRENCE AND DISTRIBUTION OF INVASIVE PLANT
SPECIES IN MTS. PALAY-PALAY/
MATAAS NA GULOD NATIONAL PARK
LUZON ISLAND, PHILIPPINES**



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ABSTRACT

The study involved occurrence and distribution of invasive plant species found in selected sites in Mts. Palay-palay, Mataas na Gulod, National Park, Luzon Island, Philippines. Nine collection sites were delineated in the said area and specimens were collected, preserved, dried, and identified. A total of 20 species belonging to 19 genera and seven families were identified from the study area. Family Fabaceae is the most represented family having 6 genera and seven species. The most occurring species is *Mikania scandens* which is found in six sites. The site having the most number of species is Site 2 with 11 species belonging to 11 genera and 5 families.

