

DS The Native Tribes of Davao

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8. The Loacs. A small group belonging to the Tagacaolo tribe who dwell in the mountain forests of San Agustin peninsula. They are the very poor members of the Tagacaolo tribe and have isolated themselves as a means of protection from being made slaves of the richer and powerful segment of the Tagacaolo tribe.

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range which borders the Pacific Ocean, from Mati to Bislig, and the area in upper Tagum and Hijo rivers, as well as the upper Agusan River valley. They were famed as a headhunting people, but their early contacts with the Spanish colonizers (since the 1600's), have made them the first tribes to embrace civilized life. They are fond of bright hued dresses which they weave from a type of wild bananas. Like most other tribes they are superstitious and believe in many spirits. At the advent of American sovereignty in Davao some members of this tribe were enlisted in the Philippine Constabulary and have been instrumental in bringing over members of the other tribes, especially in upper Tagum, under the sway of the government.

11. The Mansakas. This tribe inhabit the upper reaches of rivers and the mountain slopes of Lupon up to interior of the Hijo River in Tagum. They are a peaceful tribe today, but time was when they were a warlike roadic group, and fought the Moros and Mandayas to acquire slaves which to them were very necessary as part of dowries. Ex-Mayor Fermin Chicote of Mabini, Davao, one of the old-timers of the place where the Mansakas dwell gave an illuminating description of this tribe.

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Activate PCG Nangan Station

The Philippine Coast Guard sub-station at Gov. Generoso will be activated tomorrow by Capt. Simeon Alejandro, commandant of the PCG, today.

A simple ceremony will be held at Nangan during which the deed of donation from Luis Yrasuegui to the PCG, represented by Lcdr. Hermenegildo Munion, PCG station command-

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