

BACUIT EL NIDO BAY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA GOVERNING RULES

Pursuant to Rule 5.5, Article 1, Chapter 2, of DENR Administrative Order No. 2005-10 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 (RA 9275) which provides that “*the Governing Rules shall be issued by the individual Governing Boards*”. These rules and regulations are hereby promulgated for the Bacuit El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area designated pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-44.

RULE I. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS AND POLICY

Section 1. Title. This rule shall be known as “The Governing Rules of Bacuit-El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area (BENB-WQMA).”

Section 2. Purpose. These rules are formulated to streamline procedures and guidelines for the organization of **Governing Board** of, and operationalization of **Bacuit-El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area (BENB-WQMA)**, based on RA 9275 and other applicable and related laws, policies, rules and regulations for the effective and efficient management of the water quality of Bacuit Bay and El Nido Bay consistent with their respective beneficial usage and classification.

Section 3. Policy and Objectives. Pursuant to the policy of the State to pursue economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection and revival of our fresh, brackish, and marine waters, the Governing Board created pursuant to section 4 of DAO No. 2021-44 (Designation of the Bacuit-El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area and Creation of Its Governing Board) shall manage the water quality of Bacuit Bay and El Nido Bay consistent with the water quality objectives in section 1 of DAO No. 2021-44.

Section 4. Coverage. The Governing Rules shall apply to the area coverage of BENB-WQMA described in Section 2 of DAO No. 2021-44 issued on December 23, 2021 which includes the whole municipality of El Nido, Palawan.

RULE II. DEFINITIONS OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Section 5. Definitions of Terms and Acronyms.

- a. **AFG** refers to Administrative and Finance Group. Group responsible for the day to day management of the AWQMF subject to requirements under RA 9275 and this Order.
- b. **AWFP** refers to Annual Work and Financial Plan. Provides detailed activity and financial planning and sets out what will be accomplished during one year for each output or implementing partner.
- c. **AWQMF** refers to Area Water Quality Management Fund. Funded from the wastewater discharge fees collected from water quality management areas.
- d. **BENB-WQMA** refers to Bacuit El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area. Protect, thru stakeholders collaboration, the Bacuit and El Nido Bays by keeping their

water quality within the Water Quality Guidelines conforming to the respective classification of the two marine waterbodies or even improve the quality to higher classification.

- e. **DAO** refers to DENR Administrative Order. Enforceable order issued by a public authority to an individual or an organization to take certain corrective action, or to refrain from an activity.
- f. **Eligible Entities** – any of the following entities qualified to undertake projects under Section 14.3, (b) to (f) of this Governing Rule, are the following:
 - 1) Duly registered People's Organization (POs);
 - 2) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs);
 - 3) Business and Industry sector;
 - 4) National government agency (NGA) or instrumentality of the State with a mandate of protecting the environment and prevention of water pollution, including but not limited to Local Government Units (LGUs), Protected Area Management Boards (PAMBs) of proclaimed and/or legislated Protected Areas (PAs), officially established fishery management councils, ocean or marine protection councils and other formal bodies established under the law with clear management authority and public accountability.
- g. **GB** refers to Governing Board of the BENB-WQMA. Committee whose functions are policy making and policy coordination, financial management, monitoring, administration of WQMA concerns and administrative coordination.
- h. **IWQMF** refers to Integrated Water Quality Management Framework. The policy guideline integrating all the existing frameworks prepared by all government agencies on water quality involving pollution from all sources.
- i. **MSG** refers to Multi-Sectoral Group. Group to establish and effect water quality surveillance and monitoring network including sampling schedules and other similar activities.
- j. **NWQSR** refers to the National Water Quality Status Report. A report to be prepared by the Department indicating: a) the location of water bodies, their quality, taking into account seasonal, tidal and other variations, existing and potential uses and sources of pollution per specific pollutant and pollution load assessment; b) water quality management areas pursuant to Section 5 of the R.A. 9275; c) and water classification.
- k. **RA 9275** refers to Republic Act 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004. An act providing for a comprehensive water quality management and for other purposes.
- l. **SBR** refers to Special Budget Request. A request submitted by the agency to the Department of Budget and Management requesting the release of fund for specific purpose. The release of said fund is subject to compliance with specific laws or regulations or is subject to separate approval or clearance by competent authority.
- m. **TWG** refers to Technical Working Group. Group that ensures broad based participation of all the stakeholders in the work of the Governing Board.

- n. **WQMAAP** refers to Water Quality Management Area Action Plan. Includes, but not be limited to, the following: (a) goals and targets including sewerage or septage program; (b) schedule of compliance to meet the applicable requirements of this Act; (c) water pollution control strategies or techniques; (d) water quality information and education program; (e) resource requirement and possible sources; (f) enforcement procedures of the plan and (g) rewards and incentives under Chapter 4 of R.A. 9275.

RULE III. MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOVERNING BOARD

Section 6. Membership of the Governing Board.

- 6.1. The Chair and members of the Bacuit-El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area Governing Board are provided and identified in DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-44 dated December 23, 2021.

The BENB-WQMA Governing Board shall be chaired by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) – MIMAROPA Regional Director and shall have the following members:

1. Representative from the National Water Resources Board (NWRB)
2. Representative of the Governor, Province of Palawan
3. Representative of the Executive Director, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD)
4. The Mayor of the Municipality of El Nido
5. Representative of the following Regional Offices in MIMAROPA Region:
 - a. Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - b. Department of Tourism
 - c. Department of the Interior and Local Government
 - d. Department of Public Works and Highways
 - e. Department of Health
 - f. Department of Trade and Industry
 - g. Department of Science and Technology
 - h. National Economic and Development Authority
 - i. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
 - j. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development
6. Regional Representative of the following:
 - a. Duly registered Local Peoples' Organizations/Civil Society in natural resources management or environmental concerns
 - b. Municipality of El Nido Economic Development Office / Palawan Water
 - c. El Nido Chamber of Commerce Inc., / Cottages, Restaurants, Resorts Association of El Nido
 - d. Local Academe of El Nido

e. Association of Barangay Captains

7. Representative of the ENTMRPA PAMB or PASu
8. Representative of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council

6.2. National agencies and local government units shall designate their permanent and alternate members to the Governing Board. The designated permanent and alternate representative shall be able to make commitments except on matters affecting policies and financial. In extreme cases where the designated permanent and alternate representatives are not available to attend certain Governing Board meeting, a temporary representative may be sent. In case of change of alternate representative, the principal of the concerned sector shall inform the secretariat in writing of such change.

Section 7. Terms of Membership of the Governing Board.

- a. Elected officials of Local Government Units (LGUs) shall serve for such time as may be permitted by their terms of office, while their representatives shall serve for as long as they are authorized by the Local Government Unit (LGU).
- b. Non-government members shall serve for a maximum of three (3) years, unless re-nominated.
- c. The representatives of the water utility sector shall serve for as long as they are authorized by the agency.
- d. When a representative from the civil society or business sector is incapacitated or resigns, the sector or sub-sector represented shall nominate a new representative who shall serve a full term.

Section 8. Functions of the Governing Board. The general functions of the Governing Board are policy making and policy coordination, financial management, monitoring, administration of WQMA concerns and administrative coordination.

8.1. Policy Functions

- a. Adopt its Governing Rules.
- b. Formulate strategies to coordinate policies/local legislation necessary for the effective implementation of the Clean Water Act in accordance with those established in the Clean Water Act framework.
- c. Review the initial WQMA Action Plan as initially prepared by the EMB MIMAROPA Region and draft a common and integrated compliance plan. Thereafter, prepare a draft Action Plan for succeeding periods for submission to the Department: A Water Quality Management Area Action Plan - includes, but not be limited to the following:

- i. Goals and targets including operationalization of a centralized sewerage or septage program
 - ii. Schedule of compliance to meet the applicable requirements of this Act
 - iii. Water pollution control strategies or techniques
 - iv. Water quality information and education program
- d. Disseminate the WQMA Action Plan to the Local Government Unit of El Nido.
- e. Approve the WQMA annual work and financial programs and budget.

8.2. Administrative and Coordination Functions

- a. Create a Multi-Sectoral Group (MSG) to establish and effect water quality surveillance and monitoring network including sampling schedules and other similar activities.
- b. On the use of the Area Water Quality Management Fund (AWQMF), formulate a detailed set of criteria (project design, project management, project reporting and project accounting) of qualified or eligible projects and activities to be supported by its AWQMF.
- c. Prepare and publish on a regular basis a Water Quality Status Report for the WQMA and submit a copy to the Department for consolidation into the National Water Quality Status Report.
- d. Coordinate relevant activities among its members and member agencies and facilitate resolution of conflicts.
- e. Coordinate the performance of its water quality management functions with the EMB MIMAROPA Region and the Technical Secretariat created by the Clean Water Act.

8.3. Monitoring Functions

- a. Monitor and facilitate compliance of LGU-El Nido and other stakeholders with the action plan.
- b. Monitor and review the activities of the Standing Committees.

8.4. Other Functions

- a. Undertake complementary interventions for non-point pollution sources, considering their greater contribution to water pollution.
- b. Participate in the efforts of the DENR – EMB, NWRB, DOH, DA and other government agencies and private sectors in undertaking measures necessary to upgrade the quality of water in non-attainment areas to meet the standards under which it has been classified.

RULE IV. OFFICERS OF THE GB, TERM OF OFFICE AND THEIR FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 9. Officers of the Governing Board, Term of Office and their functions and responsibilities.

9.1. **Officers of the Governing Board.** The Governing Board officers shall be composed of the Chair, Vice Chair, Board Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and Public Relation/Information Officer.

9.2. **Chair of the Governing Board.** The Regional Director of Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), MIMROPA Region, shall Chair the BENB-WQMA Governing Board.

9.3. **Election of Officers.** The Governing Board officers that shall be elected among the members by a simple majority includes the following, namely;

- a. Vice Chair
- b. Board Secretary
- c. Treasurer
- d. Auditor
- e. Public Relation/Information Officer

9.4. **Functions and Responsibilities of Officers.** The Governing Board shall, through a Resolution, define the functions of the Officers of the Board:

1. Chair – shall preside over / take the chair in all the regular meetings of the BENB-WQMA Governing Board, and other related activities.
2. Vice Chair – shall preside over meetings of the BENB-WQMA Governing Board in the absence of the Chair or when the Chair desires to give the responsibility to the Vice Chair to preside over Governing Board Meeting.
3. Board Secretary – shall lead in the preparation and distribution of minutes of meetings and notices of upcoming meetings; ensuring attendance of members in the regular and special Board meetings; keeping records of the Board's activities, directory, decisions, plans and programs.
4. Treasurer – shall take custody of funds of the Governing Board and ensures their proper upkeep; disburse funds based on approved vouchers or documents, in accordance with acceptable accounting and auditing procedures; coordinate with EMB MIMAROPA Region to determine the amounts accruing to the BENB-WQMA Water Quality Management Fund; keeps records and prepares periodic reports of all revenues and disbursements.

5. Auditor – conduct audit of funds and disbursements every six (6) months and submit audit report to the Executive Committee and the Governing Board.
6. Public Relations/Information Officer – assist the Executive Committee in formulating the BENB-WQMA IEC program; takes the lead in implementing the IEC program, in collaboration with the EMB MIMAROPA Region, LGU-El Nido and other stakeholders; coordinate with media with the purpose of incorporating Bacuit and El Nido Bay protection in some of the local media's corporate social responsibility concerns.

9.5. **Term of Office of GB Officers.** The terms of office of the officers of the Governing Board shall be 3 years.

RULE V. TECHNICAL, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

As provided by the Clean Water Act, a Technical Secretariat, Technical Working Group and Multi-Sectoral Group shall be formed to provide technical and administrative assistance to the Governing Board.

Section 10. Technical Secretariat. The technical secretariat created by the Clean Water Act for the WQMA as part of the DENR/EMB shall provide technical support to the Governing Board. The technical secretariat shall be composed of at least four (4) members who shall have the following minimum qualifications:

1. One (1) member who is a member of the Philippine Bar;
2. One (1) member who belongs to any of the following professional groups: Chemical Engineer, Chemist, Sanitary Engineer, Environmental Engineer or Ecologist or have significant training and experience in chemistry;
3. One (1) member who is either a Civil Engineer or Hydrologist or have significant training and experience in closely related fields and mainly experience on ground water, respectively; and
4. One (1) member who is a Geologist or Biologist or have significant training and experience in closely related fields.

Section 11. Executive Committee: The Officers of the Governing Board and the Chairpersons of all Sectoral Committees created under Rule V shall constitute as the Executive Committee who shall act on matters that require immediate attention for and on behalf of the BENB-WQMA GB when it is not in session except policy matters.

Section 12. Technical Working Group. As provided in Sec. 5.6 of Chapter 2, Article 1 of R.A. 9275, a Technical Working Group is created to ensure broad-based participation in the work of the Governing Board.

The TWG shall assist the Governing Board in preparation of the annual work program and financial plans, review of the draft WQMA Action Plan, track and monitor the compliance to the WQMA Action Plan and perform other functions to be assigned by the Governing Board.

- 12.1. **Environment and Health Committee.** This committee shall take charge formulation of water quality management program and projects in the BENB-WQMA that would link to environmental protection, public health and quality of life. It shall also prepare action plan relating the implementation of sanitation programs, ecological solid waste management programs and other interventions in improving the water quality of the Bacuit Bay, El Nido and all its tributaries. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development	PCSD
Members	LGU El Nido – MEEDO / El Nido Sewage and Solid Waste Treatment Plant	MEEDO / ENSSWTP
	Protected Area Management Board – ENTMRPA	PAMB-ENTMRPA
	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	DENR
	Department of Science and Technology	DOST
	Department of Health	DOH
	Department of Interior and Local Government	DILG
	Department of Public Works and Highways	DPWH
	Department of Trade and Industry	DTI
	Environmental Management Bureau	EMB
	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	BFAR

- 12.2. **Infrastructure Development Committee:** This Committee shall take charge on the evaluation of all infrastructure development that would be implemented in the BENB-WQMA for pollution prevention, ecological protection, water supply and quality of life. It shall also prepare action plan relating the appropriate pollution control infrastructures that would be implemented in the BENB-WQMA to improve the water quality of the Bacuit and El Nido Bay. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	Department of Public Works and Highways	DPWH
Members	Department of Science and Technology	DOST
	National Water Resources Board	NWRB
	Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Officer	PG ENRO
	LGU El Nido – Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer	LGU MENRO
	National Economic Development Authority	NEDA
	Malampaya Foundation Inc / El Nido Foundation Inc / Zoological Society of London	ENFI / ZSL
	Fishery and Aquatic Resources Management Council	FARMC

- 12.3. **Community Affairs and Development Committee:** This committee shall take charge on the Information and Education Campaign on the importance of the water quality of the Bacuit and El Nido Bay and provide lectures, trainings or seminars as necessary and appropriate to the communities within the BENB-WQMA. It shall also take charge in communicating all programs, projects, and activities of the BENB-WQMA to various stakeholders and the public. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	Local Academe of El Nido	DepEd – El Nido
Members	El Nido Chamber of Commerce Inc / Cottages, Restaurants, Resorts Association of El Nido	ENCCI / CRRAEN
	Environmental Management Bureau	EMB
	Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development	DHSUD
	Department of Tourism	DOT
	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	BFAR
	LGU El Nido – Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer	LGU MENRO
	National Economic Development Authority	NEDA
	Protected Area Management Board - PASu	PAMB-ENTMRPA
	Association of Barangay Captains	ABC
	Malampaya Foundation Inc / El Nido Foundation Inc / Zoological Society of London	ENFI / ZSL

- 12.4. **Fund Committee:** This Committee shall take charge on the management of the Area Water Quality Management Fund (AWQMF) for the implementation of plans, program, and projects in the BENB-WQMA for the improvement, preservation and conservation of the water quality of the Bacuit and El Nido Bay. The Fund Committee shall prepare the Annual Work and Financial Plan (AWFP) for submission to the BENB-WQMA GB. It shall be composed of the following:

Chairperson	Treasurer of the BENB-WQMA GB	EMB (INTERIM)
Members	National Economic Development Authority	NEDA
	LGU-El Nido	LGU El Nido
	Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Officer	PG ENRO
	Department of Tourism	DOT
	National Water Resources Board	NWRB
	Department of Environment and Natural Resources	DENR
	Environmental Management Bureau	EMB

	Protected Area Management Board- ENTMRPA PASu	PAMB- ENTMRPA
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Section 13. Multi-Sectoral Group. The Multi-Sectoral Group shall establish and effect water quality surveillance and monitoring network including sampling schedules and other similar activities. The group shall submit its report and recommendation to the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall ensure that the operations of the group do not unnecessarily duplicate the regular monitoring functions of government agencies and local governments. Inspections conducted by the multi-sectoral group shall be duly authorized by the chairperson or vice chairperson (members of the group shall be deputized by the Chairperson of the Governing Board before conduct of inspection, surveillance and monitoring). Members of the inspection team must be adequately trained. The MSG shall be composed of the following:

- a. Representative from DILG
- b. Representative from DOH
- c. Representative from DOST
- d. Representative from DOT
- e. Representative from BFAR
- f. Representative from the PCSD
- g. Representative from the Provincial Government of Palawan
- h. Representative from the LGU of El Nido
- i. Representative from the ENCCI / CRRAEN
- j. Representative from the ENFI /ZSL

Section 14. Administration, Management, and Operation of the AWQMF

14.1. The Fund Committee shall establish an Administrative and Finance Group (AFG), which shall be responsible for the day-to-day management of the AWQMF subject to requirements under R.A. 9275 and DAO No. 2021-44.

14.2. This AFG shall work closely with the Administrative and Finance Division of EMB MIMAROPA Region. It shall have the following functions in the proper utilization of the AWQMF, namely:

- a. Planning and Budgeting
- b. Accounting and Financial Reporting
- c. Fund Management
- d. Fund Raising Support
- e. Administrative Services

14.3. Uses of the AWQMF. The following expenditures and activities shall be eligible for funding under the AWQMF:

- a. Rewards and incentives for entities whose effluent discharges are better than the water quality criteria of the target classification of the receiving body of water.
- b. Loans for acquisition and repair of facilities to reduce quantity and improve quality of wastewater discharge.

- c. Regular maintenance of the water bodies within the management area, consistent with the compliance plans of the LGUs as required by Section 20 of R.A. 9275.
- d. In connection with (c), purchase of equipment related to water quality monitoring, reporting, or management.
- e. In connection with (a) and (c), costs for special campaigns or public awareness raising.
- f. In connection with (c), costs for special events related to water quality monitoring, enforcement, or reporting.
- g. Operational expenses of the BENB-WQMA GB, the multi-sectoral water quality surveillance and monitoring network, and the Technical Secretariat, the amount of which shall not be more than 10 percent of each AWQMF balance as of the end of the previous calendar year, consistent with Section 10 par. 2 of R.A. 9275.

In addition, a percentage of the annual collection shall be set aside by the BENB-WQMA GB, at its discretion, to be used for giving grants and loans for eligible projects and eligible beneficiaries.

The BENB-WQMA GB shall set aside 15 percent of its annual AWQMF disbursements to support EMB MIMAROPA Region activities falling under this Section's (a) to (f) items, above, not otherwise funded by the general appropriations.

The Fund Committee of the Governing Board shall prepare an Annual Work and Financial Plan to be presented to the Governing Board for approval and adoption before the end of December of each year. The AFG shall also supervise the setting up, keeping, updating and maintaining books of accounts and financial transactions of the Governing Board.

The LGUs shall prepare a compliance plan with the corresponding appropriations to support the BENB-WQMA Action Plan.

Section 15. Meetings/Quorum/Resolutions and Records of Proceedings and Other Activities

15.1. Meetings of the Governing Board; Quorum of Meetings

- a. The Governing Board shall meet at least once every quarter of the year to discuss its regular business, plans and programs. However, the Governing Board may decide to meet more frequently to discuss important and urgent issues.
- b. A Governing Board meeting shall have a quorum when 50% plus one of its members as designated by DAO-2021-44 is present.

- c. The Board Secretary shall declare that a quorum exists before a meeting may officially start.

15.2. Board Resolution

- a. All major policy and administrative decisions of the Governing Board shall be documented through Resolutions that are consecutively numbered. Unless otherwise prescribed, numbering of resolutions shall follow the year, e.g., 2022-01; 2022-02.....2023-01.....2023-02.
- b. Policy issuances of the Governing Board shall be pursuant to and consistent with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, its Implementing Rules and Regulations, relevant administrative orders of the DENR, and other pertinent national and local laws.
- c. Board resolutions shall be prepared by the Technical Secretariat and shall be signed by the members of the Governing Board who are present before the end of a board meeting.
- d. Members, stakeholders and other parties shall be furnished copies of the Board Resolution within one week after adoption.
- e. The EMB MIMAROPA Region may provide assistance to the Governing Board in preparing and disseminating Board Resolutions.

15.3. Records of the Governing Board

- a. The Governing Board must maintain documents and records of its meetings, activities, programs, projects, resolutions, and incoming and outgoing communications.
- b. The Technical Secretariat shall be responsible for safekeeping of the documents and records.
- c. As parallel record, the EMB MIMAROPA Region shall be provided copies of the records of the Governing Board.

Section 16. Compensation of the Members of the Governing Board

- 16.1. As provided by the Clean Water Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations, members of the Governing Board shall serve without compensation, except for actual and necessary expenses (i.e. travel) incurred in the performance of their duty, which shall be charged to the operational budget of the WQMA.

- 16.2. In the meantime, that the Area Water Quality Management Fund is not yet operational, the necessary travel expenses for the performance of the duties of the members shall be charged against their respective agencies.

Section 17. Information Dissemination

- 17.1. The Governing Board, through its Public Relations/Information Officer, shall direct the formulation of an information, education and communication (IEC) program to solicit support from the various stakeholders for the activities of the BENB-WQMA and for the sustained use and protection of the rivers.
- 17.2. The Governing Board shall coordinate with EMB MIMAROPA Region in the preparation of appropriate IEC materials aimed at generating widespread understanding of, and support to the WQMA.
- 17.3. The Governing Board shall likewise encourage its members to spearhead dissemination of WQMA information within their agencies and among their constituencies.
- 17.4. The Governing Board shall allot a budget for the WQMA IEC Program.

Section 18. Support from DENR/EMB, LGU and Other Stakeholders

- 18.1. The Governing Board may request the DENR, EMB, Local Government Units, other Stakeholders for material and financial support, particularly during its first three (3) years of operation. In the meantime, the Governing Board may request DENR/EMB for financial support while waiting for the assistance of the other members and stakeholders.
- 18.2. Support may be in the form of providing secretariat assistance, supplies and materials, funds for holding meetings and stakeholder consultations, and monitoring.
- 18.3. Financial support given directly to the Governing Board shall be acknowledged and deposited in the name of the BENB-WQMA. Disbursement from such fund shall only be done for the purpose specified in the grant or donation.

Section 19. Coordination with the Environmental Management Bureau

- 19.1. To facilitate the performance of its functions and responsibilities, the Governing Board shall coordinate very closely with EMB MIMAROPA Region.
- 19.2. The EMB MIMAROPA Region shall designate at least one point person to provide assistance to the WQMA Governing Board and its Officers in carrying out the WQMA functions, particularly on water quality monitoring and preparation of the Water Quality Status Report.

Section 20. Headquarters of the Bacuit El Nido Bay WQMA Governing Board. The headquarters of the BENB-WQMA Governing Board shall be at the EMB MIMAROPA Satellite Lab/Office inside the Protected Area Office – El Nido, Palawan

RULE VI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 21. Separability Clause. In the event that any word, sentence, clause or paragraph, sections or the application of provision to any person or circumstances of this Governing Rule is declared unconstitutional, the remainder of the Governing Rule or the application of such provision to other person or circumstances shall not be affected by such declaration and shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 22. Mandatory Review. A mandatory review of this Governing Rules shall be undertaken by the GB every five (5) years.

Section 23. Amendments. Amendments of any provision of these Governing Rules shall be undertaken as the need arises and upon resolution of the Governing Board. A copy of the amended Governing Rule shall be submitted to the DENR, through the EMB MIMAROPA Region, for comments to advise the GB of possible conflict in policies and laws of national application.

Section 24. Effectivity Clause. These Governing Rules shall take effect upon its approval by the BENB-WQMA Governing Board. A copy of this Governing Rules shall be submitted to the DENR through EMB MIMAROPA Region, for adoption and implementation.

Done this _____ of _____ 2022, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines.

APPROVED and SIGNED by the following members of the Board present in quorum this ____ day of _____ 2022 during the ____ Governing Board Meeting of the Bacuit-El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area.

JOE AMIL M. SALINO
Chairperson

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Office of the Governor, Province of Palawan

Office of the Mayor, Municipality of El Nido

Palawan Council for Sustainable Development

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

National Water Resources Board

Department of Tourism

Department of Interior and Local Government

Department of Public Works and Highways

Department of Health

Department of Trade and Industry

Department of Science and Technology

Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development

National Economic and Development Authority

Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Department of Education – Division of El Nido

Protected Area Management Board – El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

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