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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-022: RIZAL CONSERVATION
ORDINANCE OF MANGROVES AND ENDEMIC TREES (RIZAL
COMET)**


Furnished herewith is the letter of the Secretary of Sanggunian dated December 5, 2022 with enclosures pertaining to the above-mentioned subject.

As such, please be informed that July 26 was declared as Arbor Day Celebration or also known as "Aldaw Et Kagagbaan" of Municipality of Rizal, Palawan.

For information and record.

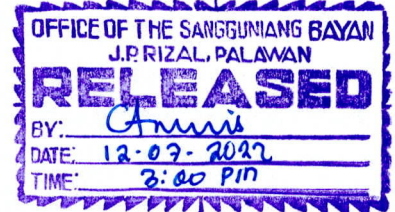

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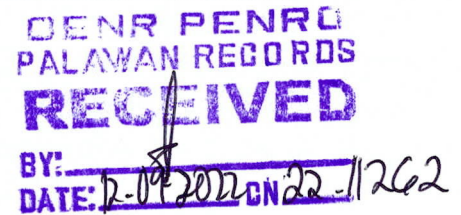


OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

December 05, 2022

MR. FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

PENRO, Palawan
Sta. Monica
Puerto Princesa City



Sir:

We are transmitting herewith copy of **Ordinance No. 2022-022** – "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PRESERVATION, REFORESTATION, AFFORESTATION, AND CONSERVATION OF MANGROVES AND ENDEMIC TREES IN THE MUNICIPALITY, DECLARING JULY 26 AS THE MUNICIPALITY'S ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION, TO BE KNOWN AS "ALDAW ET KAGAGBAAN", PROVIDING INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT THEREOF, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan for your information and appropriate action.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN:

EDGAR G. UNTALAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian



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Province of Palawan
MUNICIPALITY OF RIZAL
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIAN BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE JOURNAL OF THE 15TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 16TH SANGGUNIAN BAYAN HELD AT THE SESSION HALL ON NOVEMBER 07, 2022

Present:

HON. MARIA GRACIA M. ZAPANTA	Municipal Vice Mayor - Presiding Officer
HON. ZALDY C. MAGBANUA	SB Member
HON. RONA A. LASTIMOSO	SB Member
HON. KIM B. APOSTOL	SB Member
HON. ARVIN C. FUENTES	SB Member
HON. SHERWIN G. MACASAET	SB Member
HON. JALIL J. INSANI	SB Member
HON. JETHRO L. DEGILLO	SB Member
HON. HARVEY L. MONGCAL	SB Member
HON. YUSAH J. INSANI	President, Liga ng mga Barangay
HON. ZORIN E. CADIMA	President, PPSK
HON. SILICO J. VALDESTAMON	Indigenous People Mandatory Representative

Absent:

NONE

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HON. JALIL J. INSANI

BE IT ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan, that:

SECTION 1. *Short Title.* This Ordinance shall also be known as "*Rizal Conservation Ordinance of Mangroves and Endemic Trees (Rizal COMET)*."

SECTION 2. *Objectives.* This ordinance, pursuant to the mandates of Local Government Units as enshrined in Republic Act 7160 or the Local Government Code of 1991, aims to protect the essential ingredients of a rich and biodiverse ecology, while still gearing towards development and social justice.

SECTION 3. *Legal Bases.* The following shall be used as the legal bases for this ordinance:

a) Republic Act 7160, the Local Government Code of 1991;

- b) Republic Act, 7586, National Integrated Protected Area System Act of 1992;
- c) Republic Act 7611, the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act;
- d) Republic Act 8371, the Indigenous People's Right Act of 1997;
- e) Republic Act 8550, as amended by RA 10654, or the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998;
- f) Republic Act 9175, the Chain Saw Act of 2002;
- g) Republic Act 10176, the Arbor Day Act of 2012;
- h) Republic Act No. 11038, Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (eNIPAS) Act of 2018;
- i) Presidential Proclamation No. 643, Declaration of the Philippine Arbor Day every June 25;
- j) Presidential Proclamation No. 2152, s. of 1981, Declaration of Palawan Province and Parts of Public Domain as Mangrove Swamp Forest Reserves;
- k) Presidential Decree No. 704, s. 1975, Fisheries Decree of 1975;
- l) Presidential Decree 705, Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines;
- m) Presidential Decree No. 953, s. of 1976, Requiring the Planting of Trees in Certain Places and Penalizing Unauthorized Cutting, Destruction, Damaging, and injuring of Certain Trees, Plants and Vegetation;
- n) Executive Order No. 263, s. of 1993, adopting Community-Based Forest Management as The National Strategy to Ensure the Sustainable Development of The Country's Forestlands Resources and Providing Mechanisms for Its Implementation;
- o) Executive Order No. 193, s. of 2015, Expanding the Coverage of the National Greening Program;
- p) DENR Administrative Order No. 8 of 1987, Implementation of the Provisions of Presidential Proclamation No. 2152;
- q) DENR Administrative Order No. 15 of 1990, Regulations Governing the Utilization Development and Management of Mangrove Resources;
- r) DENR Administrative Order No. 2000-57, Guidelines Governing the Implementation and Management of Mangrove Subprojects Under the Forestry Sector Project;
- s) DAO 2008-26, Revised Implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas Systems (NIPAS) Act of 1992;
- t) DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2012-01, Implementation of the National Greening Program;

- u) DENR Administrative Order No 2019-03, Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Executive Order No. 193, s. of 2015: Expanding the Coverage of the National Greening Program;
- v) DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-20, Guidelines in Managing Untenured Forestlands with Plantations Established through Government Funds;
- w) NGP Memorandum Order No. 2021-0066;
- x) JMC 2013-03, Guidelines in the Establishment and Implementation of Barangay Forest Program in Support of the National Greening Program;
- y) Administrative Order No. 270 of 1991, Rules and Regulations Implementing the Local Government Code of 1991;
- z) PCSD Revised Administrative Order No. 7, s. of 2012, Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Chainsaw Act of 2002;
- aa) PCSD Administrative Order No. 11, s. of 2006, Rules and Regulations Governing the Conservation and Protection of Mangrove areas;
- bb) Municipal Ordinance No. 2018-014, the Environmental Code of Rizal.

SECTION 4. *Definition of Terms.*

- a) *Adlaw Et Kagagbaan*. A loosely *Palawano* translation of the Tagalog phrase "*Araw ng Kagubatan*".
- b) *Afforestation* - is the establishment of a forest or stand of trees in an area where there was no previous tree cover.
- c) *Conservation* (or sometimes referred as environmental conservation) - is the practice of preserving the natural world to prevent it from collapsing as a result of human activities, such as unsustainable agriculture and deforestation.
- d) *Endemic Trees* - trees that can only be found in a particular geographical region because of its isolation, soil condition and climatic conditions. In this municipality, it may include, among others, *Agathis philippinensis*, *Xanthostemon speciosus*, *Koompassia excelsa*.
- e) *Mangrove* - commonly called as "*bakawan*" in the locality, is a shrub or tree that grows in coastal saline or brackish water. Species may include *Acrostichum aureum*, *Aegiceras corniculatum*, *Aegiceras floridum*, *Avicennia alba*, *Avicennia marina*, *Bruguiera cylindrica*, *Bruguiera gymnorrhiza*, *Bruguiera parviflora*, *Bruguiera sexangular*, *Camptostemon philippinense*, *Ceriops decandra*, *Ceriops tagal*, *Excoercaria agallocha*, *Heritiera littoralis*, *Lumnitzera littorea*, *Lumnitzera racemose*, *Nypa fruticans*, *Osbornia octodonta*, *Rhizophora apiculate*, *Rhizophora mucronate*, *Rhizophora stylosa*, *Scyphiphora hydrophylacea*, *Sonneratia alba*, and *Xylocarpus moluccensis*.
- f) *Protection* - activities and interventions that prevents injury and damage to endemic trees and mangroves.

- g) *Reforestation* - is the natural or intentional restocking of existing forests and swamps that have been depleted, usually through deforestation.

SECTION 5. *Creation and Composition, General Provision, Functions and Duties of the Rizal Council for the Conservation of Mangroves and Endemic Trees (RCCMET) and Its Secretariat.* a) *Creation and Composition.* The Rizal Council for the Conservation of Mangroves and Endemic Trees (RCCMET) is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Municipal Mayor
Vice-Chairperson:	Chairman, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environment
Members:	1) Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Officer
	2) Field Officer, Department of Environment & Natural Resources (CENRO Rizal Sub-Station)
	3) Field Officer, Palawan Council for Sustainability Development Staff (PCSDS)
	4) Municipal Planning & Development Coordinator (MPDO)
	5) Municipal Assessor
	6) Municipal Agriculturist;
	7) Municipal Tourism Officer (MTourO)
	8) Municipal IPMR
	9) All Punong Barangays
	10) Representative from two (2) Sangguniang Bayan-accredited civil society organizations (CSOs)

b.) *General Provision.*

- 1) The Council shall be immediately convened by the Municipal Mayor for the formulation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance;
- 2) In the first meeting of the Council, they shall vote amongst the members a Secretary, who shall be the head of the Secretariat;
- 3) All the measures of the council, for it to be official, must be approved by the qualified majority in one of its meetings;
- 4) The Chairperson, or in his absence the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside over the meeting of the council;
- 5) In case both the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are absent, the members, who constitute a quorum, shall vote from among themselves a Temporary Presiding Officer;
- 6) Representatives/Designates shall not be allowed to preside or vote in any official act of the council.

c.) *Duties and Functions.* The Rizal Council for the Conservation of Mangroves and Endemic Trees (RCCMET) shall:

- 1) Formulate the Comprehensive Mangrove and Endemic Trees Conservation Plan;
- 2) Identify areas to be demarcated as Conservation Forests;
- 3) Spearhead the information and education campaign (IEC) in all barangays, through the Punong Barangays;

- 4) Coordinate with national agencies and offices in the apprehension of violators of this Ordinance;
 - 5) Supervise the conduct of the "*Aldaw Et Kagagbaan*" as spearheaded by the Municipal Mayor;
 - 6) Prepare a list of areas suitable for reforestation/afforestation, preferably with photographs, to be furnished to the *Aldaw Et Kagagbaan* Committee;
 - 7) Provide technical assistance to the Sangguniang Bayan with regard to the adoption of various laws, rules, and regulations concerning the conservation, protection, and sustainable development of mangroves and endemic trees;
 - 8) Perform other duties and functions as may be determined by the members and as provided in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of this Ordinance.
- d.) *Secretariat*. The Secretariat shall assist the council in the conduct of its activities. It shall be headed by the elected Secretary of the council during their first meeting. The Council, through the Municipal Mayor, is empowered to identify the composition of the Secretariat and provide for their duties and functions.

SECTION 6. *Five-Year Comprehensive Mangrove and Endemic Trees Conservation Plan (CoMETCoP)*. A comprehensive study that will serve as the foundation/roadmap of all things related to mangrove and endemic trees conservation, protection and sustainability development shall be prepared by the Council.

The plan must focus on the programs/projects/activities (PPAs) that shall be undertaken by the municipal government to address the conservation and protection of mangroves and endemic trees including the rehabilitation of old-growth forest areas, extensive information education campaign, apprehension of illegal activities, identification of areas suitable for reforestation and afforestation, and livelihood program for dwellers in the area.

In addition, the plan must also include a comprehensive biodiversity assessment of the trees, including stand description and inventory data, location, health, projected growth rate per year, topographical conditions of its habitat, and the residing floras and faunas around it.

Furthermore, the plan should be prospective looking, thus, sustainable development of the forest and mangrove swamps must be included and thoroughly studied vis-à-vis its viability as an economic enterprise in the future.

The plan shall be submitted to the Sangguniang Bayan for review and approval, then it shall be integrated to the Forest Land Use Plan and Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

SECTION 7. *Conservation Forest*. Mangrove and endemic tree forests that nurture old-growth trees or those whose biodiversity is declining shall be demarcated and delineated as Conservation Areas.

These areas will conserve sensitive, localized resources such as old-growth trees, fragile soils and habitat for certain rare species that benefit from intact forest. Activities and development on the area will be highly regulated by the municipal government, through the Rizal Council for the Conservation of Mangroves and Endemic Trees.

The RCCMET is empowered to formulate the step-by-step procedures in the delineation of areas as Conservation Forest, provided that the following minimum guidelines are included:

- a) Request for delineation must emanate from the Sangguniang Barangay;
- b) Each Barangay must have at least one (1) conservation area;
- c) In case the area shall fall inside or within the ambit of an ancestral domain, a Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) shall be made;
- d) A public hearing in the Barangay shall also be required;
- e) The RCCMET shall submit its output to the Sangguniang Bayan;
- f) Once verified and found to be satisfactory, the Sangguniang Bayan shall adopt a legislative measure requesting the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development for the Official declaration of the area as conservation forest.

SECTION 8. *Institutionalization of the Municipal Arbor Day Celebration.*

- a.) *Aldaw Et Kagagbaan.* It shall be declared that the 26th day of July every year a public working holiday in the Municipality of Dr. Jose P. Rizal, in celebration of the Municipal Arbor Day to be known as "*Aldaw Et Kagagbaan*". The intention of which is to provide the thinning mangrove and endemic trees population in the municipality the opportunity to bounce back and recover.

Activities which may be undertaken are tree planting, coastal clean-up, symposiums, contest, and others which may contribute to the goal of the celebration.

All local and national government offices, public and private institutions, non-government organizations, and residents of the municipality are enjoined to participate in the activity.

- b.) *Creation of the Aldaw Et Kagagbaan Committee.* To effectively implement the activity, it is hereby created the *Adlaw Et Kagagbaan* Committee, to be composed of the following:

Chairperson: Municipal Mayor

- Members:
- 1) Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer;
 - 2) Municipal Agriculturist;
 - 3) Municipal Tourism Officer;
 - 4) Municipal Administrator;
 - 5) Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Officer;
 - 6) Municipal Local Government Operations Officer;
 - 7) General Service Officer;
 - 8) Chairman, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environment;
 - 9) Chairman, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Appropriation;
 - 10) Chairman, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Land Use;
 - 11) Chairman, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Agriculture;
 - 12) Field Officer, DENR-CENRO;
 - 13) Field Officer, PCSDS;
 - 14) Director, Palawan State University-Rizal Campus;
 - 15) Public School's District Supervisor, Rizal District I;
 - 16) Public School's District Supervisor, Rizal District II;
 - 17) Field Officer, Department of Public Works and Highways;
 - 18) Chief of Police, Rizal Municipal Police Station;

- 19) Armed Forces of the Philippines;
- 10) Sub-Station Commander, Coast Guard Rizal;
- 21) Head, Bureau of Fire Protection Rizal
- 22) Heads, All Sangguniang Bayan-accredited Civil Society Organizations;
- 23) All Punong Barangays;
- 24) All Sangguniang Kabataan Chairman;
- 25) All Barangay Indigenous People's Mandatory Representative;
- 26) Media Associations.

c.) *Roles and Responsibilities of the Aldaw Et Kagagbaan Committee.*

- 1) Municipal Mayor.
 - i) Spearhead the overall implementation of the *Aldaw Et Kagagbaan*;
 - ii) Issue an order convening the Committee to plan and prepare for the activity; and
 - iii) Issue an order enjoining all local and national government offices, public and private institutions, non-government organizations, and all able-bodied residents of the municipality, who are at least twelve (12) years of age, to participate in the activity.
- 2) Municipal Environment & Natural Resources Officer.
 - i) Install the necessary mechanisms to ensure that there are sufficient endemic tree seedlings and mangrove propagules in their nursery;
 - ii) Supervise the post-planting assessment of the seedlings/propagules planted in the tree planting site;
 - iii) Formulate measures to ensure the viability and survival of all seedlings/propagules planted until maturity;
 - iv) Provision of transportation in the hauling of seedlings/propagules to the planting area;
 - v) Provision for food and water of volunteer planters; and
 - vi) Propose in the Annual and Supplemental Budgets an appropriation for nurseries and arboretums, including its manpower, to be established in the eleven component barangays of the municipality.
- 3) Municipal Agriculturist.
 - i) Ensure that its nursery has enough endemic fruit tree seedlings for the activity; and
 - ii) Adopt measures to ensure the viability and survival of all fruit seedlings planted until maturity.
- 4) Municipal Tourism Officer.
 - i) Identification of tourism sites or potential areas requiring tree planting to rejuvenate the environment and enhance attractiveness of the site for nature tourism; and
 - ii) Promotion of eco-tourism program relative to the conduct of Arbor Day Celebration.
- 5) Municipal Administrator.
 - i) Formulate, study, and devise a mechanism, through the Human Resource & Management Office, to ensure that all employees of the municipal government will participate in the activity, while making sure that government service will not be hampered by the event.

- 6) Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officer.
 - i) Social Mobilization;
 - ii) Provision of first-aid assistance in the conduct of the activity.
- 7) Municipal Local Government Operations Officer.
 - i) Information and Education Campaigns;
 - ii) Coordination with the municipal government on the promulgation of actual Arbor Day;
 - iii) Monitoring and Evaluation.
- 8) General Services Officer.
 - i) Provision of transportation for volunteer planters; and
 - ii) Provision of tarpaulins, brochures, and certificates for volunteer planters.
- 9) Chairmen, Sangguniang Bayan Committee on Environment, Appropriation, Land Use, and Agriculture.
 - i) Appropriation of Funds for the Annual Tree Planting; and
 - ii) Monitoring and Evaluation.
- 10) Field Officers, DENR-CENRO & PCSDS.
 - i) Social Mobilization;
 - ii) Provision of technical assistance to the activity.
- 11) Director, PSU Rizal Campus/PSDS District 1 & 2.
 - i) Information and Education Campaigns;
 - ii) Establishment of school nurseries;
 - iii) Development of school mini-forest.
- 12) Department of Public Works and Highways.
 - i) Provision of transportation in the hauling of seedlings and volunteer planters;
 - ii) Assistance in the construction of access roads and trails to the planting site.
- 13) Chief of Police, Rizal Municipal Police Station.
 - i) Clearing operation of tree planting site for possible enemy threats;
 - ii) Area security during tree planting activity;
 - iii) Road security before, during and after the tree planting activity.
- 14) Armed Forces of the Philippines.
 - i) The AFP shall, in collaboration with the PNP, provide support security and protection effort during the conduct of the *Aldaw Et Kagagbaan*.
- 15) Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), Rizal Sub-station.
 - i) The PCG shall provide support security and protection if the location of the tree planting activity is within coastal areas.
- 16) Bureau of Fire Protection Rizal.
 - i) Social Mobilization;
 - ii) Information and Education Campaigns; and
 - iii) Conduct of fire protection training as part of the maintenance of the planting site.
- 17) Civil Society Organizations.
 - i) Mobilization of their respective organizations;
 - ii) Information and Education Campaigns; and

iii) Deputized for the maintenance of planted trees.

18) Punong Barangays.

- i) Information and Education Campaigns;
- ii) Mobilization of the community;
- iii) Establishment of barangay nurseries; and
- iv) Maintenance of the planting site.

19) Sangguniang Kabataan Chairmen.

- i) Information and Education Campaigns;
- ii) Mobilization of the youth sector; and
- iii) Maintenance of the planting site.

20) Barangay IPMRs.

- i) Information and Education Campaigns to Indigenous Cultural Communities and IPs (ICCs/IPs);
- ii) Mobilization of Indigenous Cultural Communities.

21) Media Associations.

- i) Provision of public service announcements (PSAs) for the tree planting activity and related undertakings;
- ii) Conduct of Radio/TV hosting for the *Aldaw Et Kagagbaan* Celebration; and
- iii) Media Coverage of the actual tree planting.

d.) *Areas Covered by Tree Planting.* The *Aldaw Et Kagagbaan* Committee shall select the area to be planted from the list submitted by the RCCMET. If the area to be planted or reforested is within a conservation forest, it shall be highly encouraged to use endemic or indigenous species.

Aside from Conservation Forest, tree planting activities may be done in the following areas:

- 1) Public school grounds, gardens or other available areas within the school compound;
- 2) Idle or vacant public lands;
- 3) Public parks;
- 4) Private schools, parks and lands with the consent of the owner;
- 5) Coastal areas.

e.) *Maintenance of Trees.* The Barangay which covers the planting site and Deputized Civil Society Organizations, the list of which shall be included in the IRR of this ordinance, shall be responsible for the maintenance of the planted trees.

School administrators, both in public and private schools, shall be responsible in their respective school premises.

On the other hand, maintenance of trees planted in private lands shall be governed by a Memorandum of Agreement.

The Municipal ENRO and Agriculturist shall provide technical assistance in the viability and survival of the planted trees, while the Bureau of Fire Protection Rizal, shall conduct training relative the protection of planted trees from natural or man-made fires.

SECTION 9. *Prohibited Acts.* Pursuant to all relevant laws, rules, and regulations, the following acts shall be deemed prohibited:

- 1) Debarking and complete destruction of trees inside the Conservation Forest;
- 2) Illegal slashing and burning of old-growth endemic trees;
- 3) Illegal cutting of endemic trees located in lands of the public domain;
- 4) Illegal conversion of mangroves;
- 5) Illegal girdling, burning or possession of any mangrove species or any part thereof;
- 6) Illegal obstruction to navigation in any body of water within the mangrove areas;
- 7) Trading of illegally-cut timber from endemic forest trees;
- 8) Illegal occupation of forest areas where mangroves and endemic trees are located;
- 9) Others that may lead to the thinning and complete annihilation of the biodiversity of mangrove and endemic forest trees plantation.

SECTION 10. *Penalty.* Those who have violated Section 9 of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

First Offense:	Confiscation of paraphernalia, fine of ₱1,500.00, and planting of 300 seedlings or propagules for every damaged trees
Second Offense:	Confiscation of paraphernalia, fine of ₱2,000.00, and planting of 300 seedlings or propagules for every damaged trees.
Third and succeeding offenses:	Confiscation of paraphernalia, fine of ₱2,500.00, and planting of 300 seedlings or propagules for every damaged trees.

Along with the penalties cited in this section, violators are not exempted from the administrative and criminal proceedings stipulated in pertinent national laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 11. *Apprehension of Violators, and the Deputization of the Rizal Sagip Kalikasan (RSK) and Rizal Bantay Bayan (RBB).* Pursuant to their mandates, the Rizal Sagip Kalikasan and Rizal Bantay Bayan shall be deputized in conducting preliminary damage report where the violations have been made, and to coordinate with the RCCMET with regard the apprehension of the violators.

SECTION 12. *Funding.* For the effective implementation of this ordinance, there shall be an annual appropriation in the Annual Budget under the non-office program of the MENRO, tagged as "*Mangrove and Endemic Trees Conservation Program.*"

SECTION 13. *Implementing Rules and Regulations.* Within ninety (90) days upon the effectivity of this Ordinance the RCCMET shall formulate its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

SECTION 14. *Separability Clause.* If any part or provision of this Ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. *Repealing Clause.* All municipal ordinances, implementing rules and regulations, executive orders, or other issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 16. *Effectivity Clause.* This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED: November 07, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance.

EDGAR G. UNTALAN
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

MARIA GRACIA M. ZAPANTA
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

NORMAN S. ONG
Municipal Mayor

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