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Dear Secretary Loyzaga:

Greetings!

This has reference to the oil spill incident caused by the sinking of the MT Princess Empress oil tanker carrying 800,000 liters of industrial fuel in the municipal waters of the town of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro on February 28, 2023.

As per investigation conducted by Philippine Coast Guard, oil sludge from the capsized MT Princess Empress has reached the shores of Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro. This incident raised fears among fisher groups of long-term damage to the lush maritime environment around Mindoro island. The spread of industrial oil which is a very potent poison to the flora and fauna will reduce the growth of seagrasses and coral due to turbid waters and will have a negative impact in food security specifically the fisheries sector.

To ensure the safety and well-being of the fisher folks who were affected by the recent oil spill incident, the Municipal Government of Pinamalayan put in place a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system to assess the spill's ongoing impact on the local ecosystem and the livelihoods of the people who depend on it. All concerned offices and agencies are working tirelessly to assess the damage caused by the oil spill and to support the affected communities as they navigate this challenging situation.

To mitigate the impact of the said oil spill incident, the Municipal Government of Pinamalayan has identified proposed interventions to assist the affected fisherfolks/households as attached herein for your reference. However, due to financial constraints, the LGU cannot implement those identified programs, projects and activities. Relative thereto, the undersigned would like to request for financial assistance amounting to One Hundred Ninety-One Million Fifty-Eight Thousand Pesos (Php 191,058,000.00) to support the implementation of our proposed interventions.

Also attached herein is the copy of Oil Spill Status Report in Coastal and Marine Waters of Pinamalayan, Number of Fisherfolks per Barangay, Population of Affected Barangays, Municipal Map, Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Map and Tourist Spot Map for your reference in assessing the merit of our request.

We are hoping that this request will be afforded with favorable response.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

ARTEO A. BALDOS, JR.
Municipal Mayor



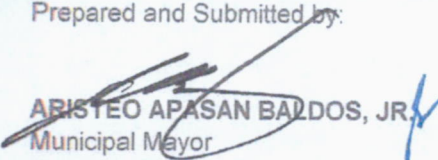
**PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS TO ASSIST THE AFFECTED FISHERFOLKS/HOUSEHOLDS
DUE TO EFFECT OF OIL SPILL IN PINAMALAYAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO**

PROGRAM/PROJECT/ACTIVITY	EXPECTED OUTPUT	DURATION	NO. OF BENEFICIARIES	COST (PHP)	FUNDING SOURCE	IMPLEMENTING OFFICE
1. TUPAD Program / Cash for Work						
a. Coastal Cleanup/ Rehabilitation of Mangrove/Collection of Disposal of plastic and other wastes/Clean and Green Program/Collection of Locally Available Materials for Improvised Oil Spill Absorbent and Spill Boom/Rehabilitation of Mangrove Areas	Coastal Cleanup/Rehabilitation of Mangrove/Collection of Disposal of plastic and other wastes/Clean and Green Program/Collection of Locally Available Materials for Improvised Oil Spill Absorbent and Spill Boom/ Rehabilitation of Mangrove Areas conducted	6 months (5 days a week at 350/manday)	2,849 affected fisherfolks/persons	119,658,000.00	Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) / Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE)	MSWDO/ PESO/MAGO/ MENRO/ MDRRMO/ MHO
b. Collection of Oil Spill	Oil spills collected	6 months (5 days a week at 350/manday)	100 accredited responders	4,200,000.00		
2. Procurement of Necessary Materials for the Production of Improvised Spill Booms and Oil Spill Absorbents	All Necessary Materials for the Production of Improvised Spill Booms and Oil Spill Absorbents procured	1 year	All affected coastal barangay households, responders, LGU personnel, volunteers	2,000,000.00	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)	MAGO/ MDRRMO
3. Procurement of PPEs	All necessary PPEs procured (Hazmat, respirators, industrial gloves and boots, N95 face masks, surgical facemasks, hazardous plastic containers, and other PPEs)	1 year	All affected households, responders, health workers, LGU personnel, volunteers	5,000,000.00	Department of Health (DOH)	MHO/MENRO/ MDRRMO
4. Procurement of Medicines and Medical Supplies	All necessary medicines and medical supplies	1 year	All affected households, responders, health workers, LGU personnel, volunteers	3,000,000.00	DOH	MHO
5. Capacity Building for Health Workers and Responders	Capacity Building for Health Worker and Responders	1 week	All health workers, LGU personnel, volunteers	2,000,000.00	DOH/Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)	MHO/MENRO/ MDRRMO

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6. Weekly water sampling and laboratory cost and TEV	Weekly water sampling conducted and laboratory cost and TEV paid	1 year	Coastal Barangays	2,000,000.00	Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)	MENRO/MEO/MHO
7. Provision of Safe Drinking Water	All necessary safe-drinking water provided	1 year	All affected households	2,000,000.00	DSWD/Office of Civil Defense (OCD)	MSWDO/MDRRMO
8. Cash Assistance Program						
a. Livelihood Assistance	Livelihood assistance program provided (15,000 pesos per beneficiary)	As need arises	2,849 affected fisherfolks/persons	44,200,000.00	DSWD	MSWDO
b. Financial Assistance to Affected Tourism Establishments	Financial Assistance to Affected Tourism Establishments (10,000 per beneficiary)	As need arises	50 affected employees	500,000.00	Department of Tourism (DOT)	THDD
9. Procurement of Monitoring Boat	1 unit monitoring boat procured		MDRRMO personnel	2,500,000.00	OCD / BFAR / PCG	MDRRMO
10. Rehabilitation of Mangrove Areas	Mangrove areas rehabilitated; 2,000 seedling planted	1 year	Coastal Barangays with mangrove forest areas	2,000,000.00	DENR	MENRO
11. Development of Eco-Tourism Park - Barangay Papandayan	7.5259 hectares of land developed as Eco-Tourism Park.	1 year	Papandayan	2,000,000.00	DENR	MAssO/MEO/MENRO
TOTAL				191,058,000.00		

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OIL SPILL STATUS REPORT IN COASTAL AND MARINE WATERS OF PINAMALAYAN

As of March 2, 2023

On February 28, 2023, the MT Princess Empress, a large cargo ship carrying various goods, sank off the coast of Balingawan Point in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro. The cause of the sinking is currently unknown, and investigations are underway to determine the root cause of the incident.

Local authorities were immediately alerted to the situation and dispatched a search and rescue team to the scene. The team arrived quickly and began searching the waters for survivors. Fortunately, all crew members were able to evacuate the ship before it sank, and there were no reported casualties. Though, authorities are currently assessing the environmental impact of the sinking, as some of the cargo may have spilled into the ocean.

The Philippine Coast Guard has already started to take measures to contain the potential oil spill, as the vessel was carrying a large amount of fuel. They have deployed booms to contain the spill and prevent it from spreading further.

Local authorities have advised the public to avoid the area around Balingawan Point and report any debris or oil spill sightings to the authorities. They have also requested assistance from nearby communities to help clean up the affected areas.

In Pinamalayan, the local authorities are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of the fisher folks who were affected by the recent oil spill incident. With this aim in mind, the town officials have put in place a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation system to assess the spill's ongoing impact on the local ecosystem and the livelihoods of the people who depend on it. Through these efforts, the personnel of the Municipal Agriculture Office is working tirelessly to assess the damage caused by the oil spill and to support the affected communities as they navigate this challenging situation.

In Barangay Lumambayan, at 8:45 AM, Carmelo Gonzalez, a leader of a Bantay Dagat said that monitoring is ongoing for the possible oil spill in their Barangay. With him, Mr. Richman Bugawan, a representative from Agriculture Office headed to the sea using Mr. Gonzalez's boat and conducted actual monitoring for the extent of an oil spill that has spread in the marine waters in front of Lumambayan. But the monitoring does not prosper due to strong waves at about 400 meters from the coast, which forced them to go back. While on the coast, they interviewed some fishermen about the oil spill telling them that approximately 4.5 hectares are currently affected by the oil spill. Also, marginal fishermen who used hook & line told them that they could not catch fish due to the oil spill causing these people to return home without catching anything. The estimated oil spill coverage is approximately 15 kilometers from the shore but fishermen from Lumambayan are not too concerned about the oil spill since it is far from their area.



In another coastal barangay, the Barangay Papandayan, monitoring was also conducted by Albert De Jesus, a representative from Municipal Agriculture Office. He was accompanied by Rafael Chongco and Raul Matining, who are both coastal watchmen in the said barangay. Based on their monitoring, there were no signs of oil spills in the waters of Papandayan. Though it was their findings, they will continue to monitor the area to ensure any possible threat of an oil spill in the future. Likewise, Bantay Dagat is advised to remain vigilant and ready to respond and coordinate if any sightings may be observed.



In Barangay Pili, the monitoring was conducted by Mr. Kenneth Gabayno, a staff from Municipal Agriculture Office. He coordinated the Bantay Dagat Group in the area coordinated for any oil spill from the sunken ship, MT Princess Empress tanker. According to a local fisherman, the oil spill caused significant damage to their livelihood. They were unable to catch any fish and a lot of their fishing gear was also destroyed. The oil spill also resulted in many unusable catches of fish of fishermen like James Ditchon, Jayson Ditchon, Fridilito Saez, Mark Antony Bonifacio, Allan Saez, Rodrigo Maupay, and Joseph Constantino, and other fisher folks of Barangay Pili. Based on their monitoring with the fishermen, the oil spill covered a distance of about 8 kilometers from the shores of Barangay Pili, affecting a large portion of the coastal area. The impact of the oil spill was devastating for the residents of the barangay, who rely heavily on fishing as their primary source of income.



Mr. Edmer Fegalan, Sanctuary Guard of Banilad and Pili Fish Sanctuary conducted monitoring on the impact of oil spillage in the sea of the said barangay. Currently, the oil spill has reached a part of the Sanctuary in Simborio Barangay Banilad, but fortunately, it has not yet entered the Sanctuary in Guinapangan. The thick layer of oil caused by the sinking of the said ship has now spread 3 to 4 kilometers in the sea. The major concern of the fishermen in the area is that their fishing equipment, which is their primary livelihood, is now covered with thick and dark oil. As evidence, some photos were taken from the Simborio coastline in front of the Sanctuary area.

As of Barangay Ranzo, Mr. Sherman Sapallo, a Sanctuary Guard of this barangay conducted monitoring on his area of coverage and found out that there were no reported damages or fishers being affected by the said oil spill coming from the sunken oil tanker vessel. As a precautionary measure, he had already alerted the Bantay Dagat and the Barangay Council to be alert for any possible sightings of the oil spill in their area. The sun was rising in the small fishing village of Barangay Wawa, where fishermen had been up before dawn preparing their boats and

equipment for another day of fishing. Winie Morong, Roberto Magpantay, and Marlon Laceda were among the first to arrive at the shore, eager to set out to sea and cast their lines.

In Barangay Wawa, Winie, Roberto, and Marlon, fisher folks from this barangay noticed a strange smell in the air and a murky sheen on the surface of the water. They soon realized that an oil spill had occurred nearby and it was affecting their fishing activity. The oil spill had also affected their boats and equipment, and they knew that it would take some time before they could get back to their normal routine. Fisher folks were relieved to learn that the neighboring Barangay Zone had not been affected by the spill thus far.



The incident has raised concerns about the safety and security of shipping operations in the waters of Pinamalayan. The authorities have pledged to investigate the incident thoroughly and ensure appropriate measures are taken to prevent similar incidents.

The sinking of the MT Princess Empress is a reminder of the risks and challenges involved in shipping operations. It is a call for the authorities and the shipping industry to prioritize safety and security in all their operations to prevent incidents like this from happening again.

EFFECTS OF OIL SPILL IN PINAMALAYAN COASTAL BARANGAYS AS OF MARCH 2, 2023, 12:22 NN

BARANGAY	NAME OF AFFECTED	DISTANCE OF OIL SPILL FROM THE SHORELINE (KMS)	AREA AFFECTED (HAS.)	BOAT	HOOK AND LINE	BOUY MARKER	REMARKS
TOTAL		0	4.5	3	75	48	
1	BANILAD						Area for fishing and fishing gears are affected with oil
2	PAPANDAYAN						Not affected
3	PILI	James Ditchon			6	6	Hook & line and Bouy marker with oil
		Fredilito Saez			4	4	
		Mark Anthony Bonifacio			9	9	
		Alan Saez			14	14	
		Rodrigo Maupay			7	7	
		Joseph Constantino			8	8	
4	RANZO						Not affected
5	LUMAMBAYAN	Dave Atienza	4.5				Hook and line area for fishing is affected with oil
		Edwin Dimaano					
		Darren Moncada					
		Dancel Moncada					
		Carlo Moncada					
		Dario Moncada					
6	WAWA	Winnie Morong		1	10		Motorized Boat & Hook & line with oil
		Roberto Magpantay		1	5		
		Marlon Laceda		1	12		
7	ZONE I						Not affected

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NUMBER OF FISHERFOLKS PER BARANGAY
AS OF MARCH 03, 2023

NO.	NAME OF BARANGAY	NUMBER OF FISHERY FOLKS
1.	GUINHAWA	27
2.	LUMAMBAYAN	421
3.	WAWA	298
4.	ZONE 1	186
5.	PAPANDAYAN	873
6.	QUINABIGAN	247
7.	PILI	361
8.	BANILAD	281
9.	RANZO	155
TOTAL		2849

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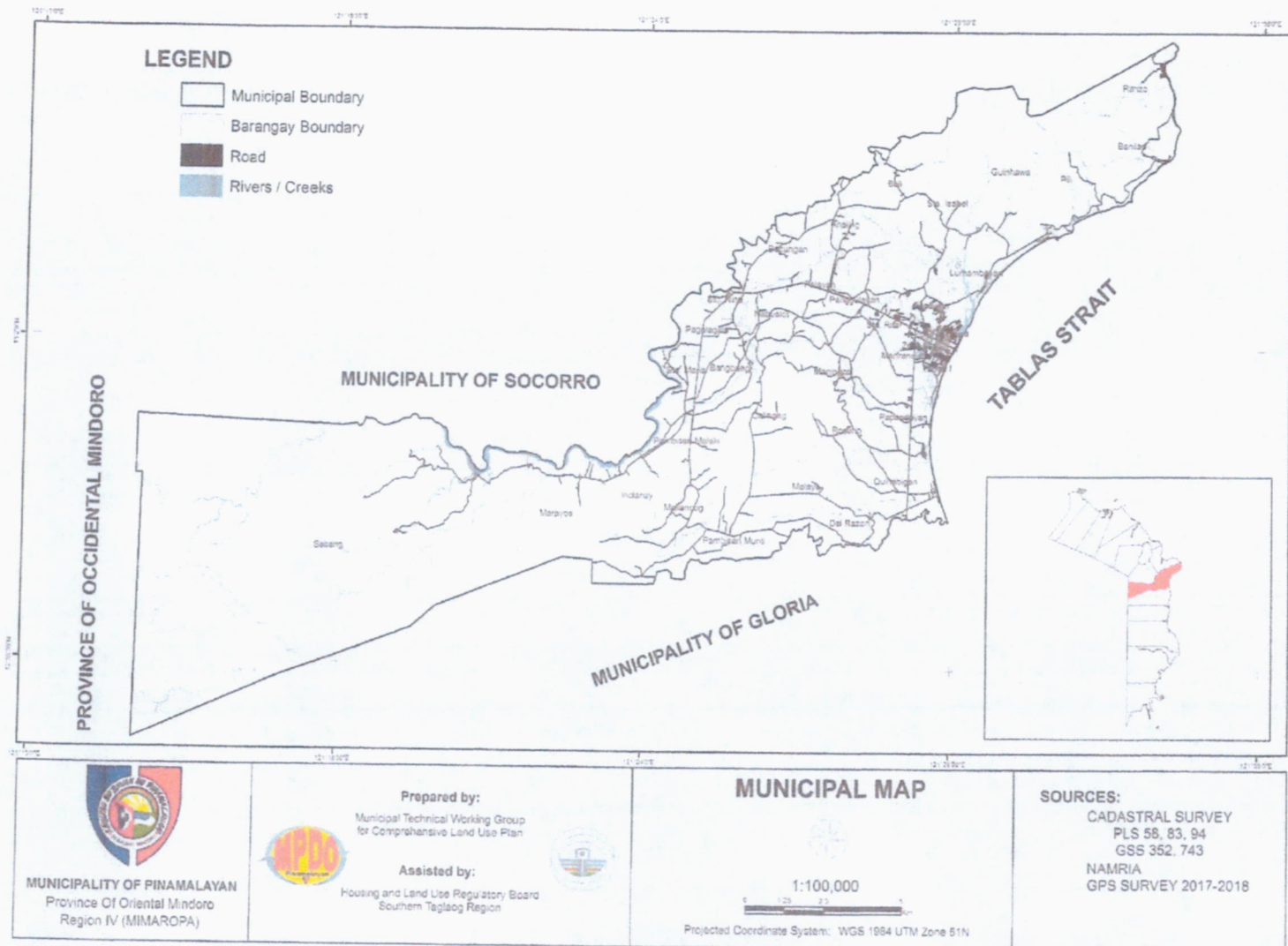
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POPULATION OF AFFECTED COASTAL BARANGAYS

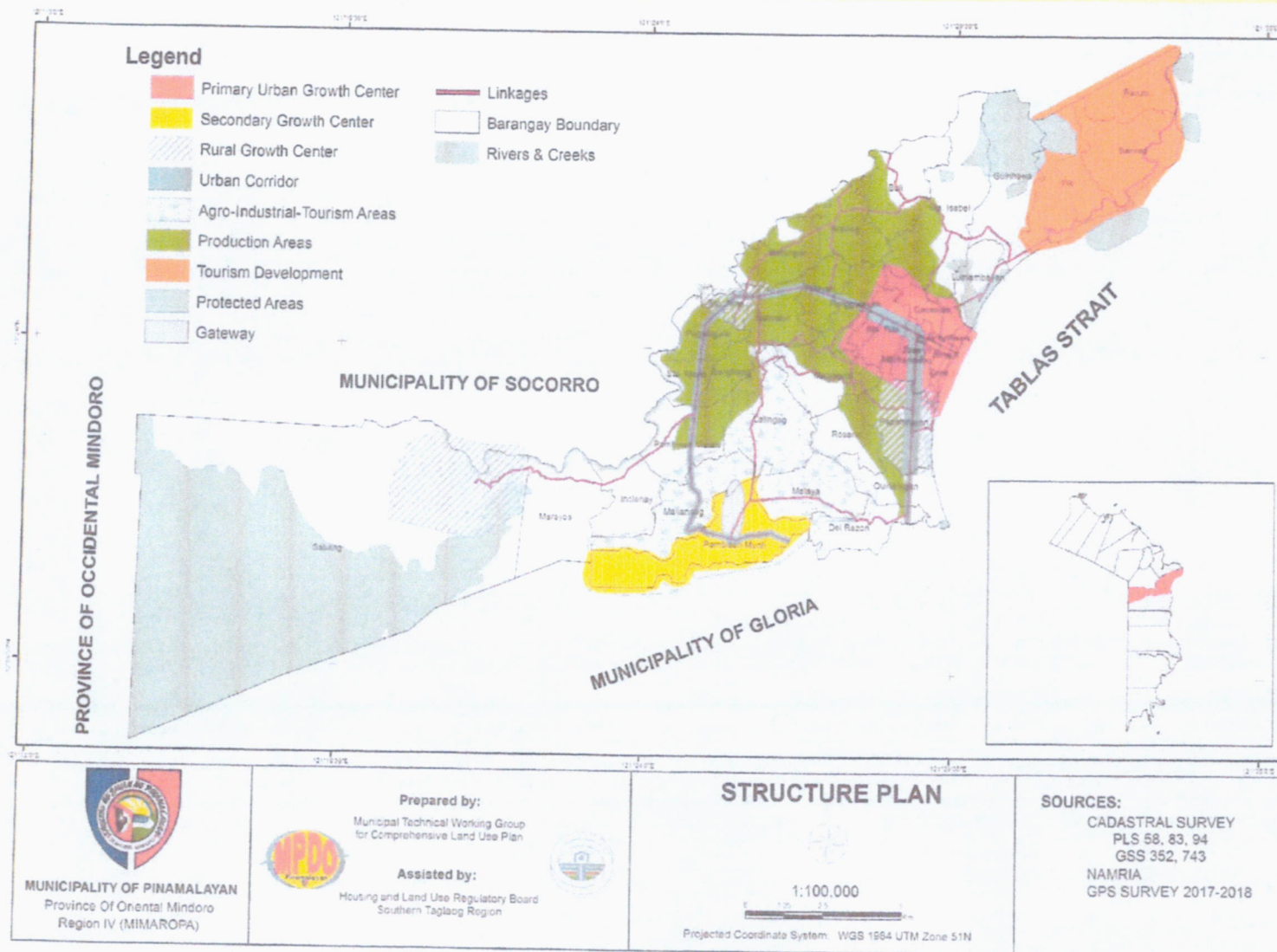
Coastal Barangay	Population	*Number of Households
1. Ranzo	973	236
2. Banilad	1,946	481
3. Pili	3,375	813
4. Guinhawa	2,049	496
5. Lumambayan	2,858	589
6. Wawa	5,855	1,073
7. Zone I	2,824	581
8. Papandayan	6,597	1,428
9. Quinabigan	2,238	555
Sub-Total	28,715	6,252

Source: Philippine Statistics Authority 2020

MUNICIPAL MAP



MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPA) MAP



TOURIST SPOT MAP

