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Province of Eastern Samar  
MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN



**-OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN-**

12<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

**Ordinance No. 039, Series of 2025**

**AN ORDINANCE**

**DECLARING THE VICINITY OF CAGBABATANG REEF (SAN PEDRO) AS A MARINE PROTECTED AREA (MPA) TO BE DESIGNATED AS CAGBABATANG REEF MARINE PROTECTED AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR, PROVIDING FOR ITS MANAGEMENT AND OTHER PURPOSES.**

Sponsor: Committee on Food and Agriculture  
(Chairman: Hon. Carlito S. Abrugar, Jr.)

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WHEREAS, the Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area is a coral reef area that is located near Brgy. San Pedro, approximately .70 km. southwest of the barangay, with an area of 39 hectares composed of 51% hard corals, a portion of which is exposed during low tide;

WHEREAS, the Cagbabatang Reef has been chosen by the barangay community for protection and conservation because of their intent to protect the area from further degradation due to illegal and active destructive fishing methods pursue sustainable use of depleted marine resources;

WHEREAS, the declaration of Cagbabatang Reef as a Marine Protected Area will increase the number of MPAs to nine (9);

WHEREAS, the Local Government of Guiuan has put its stake on the sustainability of the Fish Sanctuaries and Marine Protected Areas by providing support and assistance for the operation and protection of the Marine Protected Areas;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by this Sangguniang Bayan in its Session assembled, that –

**Section 1. Title.** This Ordinance shall be known as “An Ordinance Declaring the Cagbabatang Reef and its Vicinity as a Marine Protected Area (MPA) and Fish Sanctuary of the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, Providing for its Management and for other Purposes.”

**Section 2. Purpose.** The Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area will protect the area and its immediate vicinity, preserve the same, allow the regeneration of depleted fishery resources, and rehabilitate the degraded reef environment. The area will be protected and preserved as a critical habitat and a feeding, breeding, and spawning area for fish and other marine species. By protecting it from disturbance, the MPA will replenish the marine ecosystem of the adjoining fishing ground.

**Section 3. Declaration of Policy.** It is hereby declared the policy of the municipality:

1. To manage the coastal and fishery resources of the municipality in a manner consistent with the principle of coastal resource management;
2. To protect and manage the municipal waters, its coastal and fishery resources for the enjoyment and benefit of the municipal fishers in the future; and
3. To enhance people’s participation in the coastal and fishery resources of the municipality.

**Section 4. Objective.** The objective of the Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area is to rehabilitate the depleted marine resources and provide for its sustainability, develop programs, projects, and strategies that will benefit both the marine ecosystem and the communities that get their livelihood from the coastal and marine resources, and to formulate policies and regulations to direct implementation of protection of the coral reef and its ecosystem.

**Section 5. Definition of Terms.** The following terms, as used in this ordinance, shall mean:

1. Fish Sanctuary – is a particular form of protected area in waters considered to be an important and efficient managing device for protection, conservation and management of fisheries resource.
2. Marine Reserve – a designated area where activities are restricted for specific purposes.
3. MFARMC – shall mean Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council.
4. Management Body – Multi-Sectoral Management Council for the Fish Sanctuary
5. MPA – Marine Protected Area, the general term to describe the fishery reserve identified in this ordinance.
6. Municipal Waters – the Municipal Waters of Guiuan, Eastern Samar as defined and determined in the Municipal Fishery Ordinance.
7. Coral – a hard calcareous substance made up of the skeleton of marine coenlenterate polyps, which includes reefs, shelves, and atolls or any of the marine coenlenterate animals living in colonies where their skeletons form a stony mass.

**Section 6. Site and Coverage.** The Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area is a reef and that body of marine water consisting of 39 has., situated in the vicinity of Brgy. San Pedro within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Guiuan, Eastern Samar, and enclosed by imaginary lines drawn and connecting the following points:

**Technical Description:**

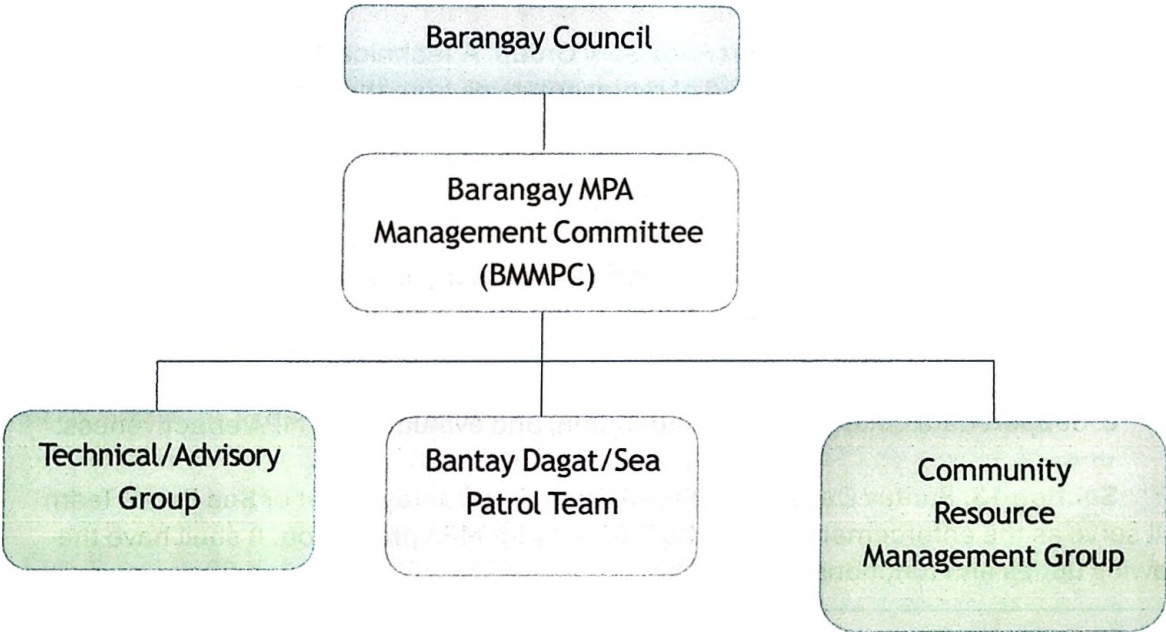
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| Zone-3 | 11.0307349 N | 125.6781971 E |
| Zone-4 | 11.0299119 N | 125.6811342 E |
| Zone-5 | 11.0314019 N | 125.6835488 E |
| Zone-6 | 11.0351841 N | 125.6823504 E |

**Section 7. Creation of the Fish Sanctuary Management Body.** The Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area Management Body is hereby created, which will manage the Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area. The Barangay Council of Brgy. San Pedro and the San Pedro Fisherfolks Association will be tasked to support and assist the Management Body.

**Section 8. Membership.** The Barangay Council and the People's Organization is principally tasked to oversee the management of the MPA and other entities and fisherfolk concerned, and the members of the Management Body shall constitute its membership.

**Section 9. Organizational Composition.** There shall be created a Management Body of the Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area whose juridical personality shall be conferred by the PAMB and the Municipal Local Government of Guiuan upon their respective approval of the Cagbabatang Reef Marine Protected Area.

**Organizational Chart:**



**Section 10. Barangay Council.** The Barangay Council shall provide policy support and exercise oversight over the management and operation of the Marine Protected Area (MPA). It shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Approve and allocate funds for the Barangay MPA Management Plan and corresponding Budget;
- b. Enact ordinances and resolutions for the enforcement, zoning, and protection of the MPA; and
- c. Integrate MPA management programs and activities into the Barangay Development Plan (BDP).

**Section 11. Barangay MPA Management Committee (BMMPC).** The Barangay MPA Management Committee shall be composed of the following:

- Chairperson: Punong Barangay
- Members:
- Barangay Kagawad (Chairperson, Committee on Environment and Fisheries)
  - Bantay Dagat Representative
  - SB Accredited Fisherfolk Association Representative
  - Women's or Youth Organization Representative
  - NGO or Academe Partner

Secretariat: Barangay Secretary

The Committee shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Lead the overall planning, implementation, and monitoring of MPA activities at the barangay level;
- b. Prepare and enforce barangay-level rules and regulations pertaining to MPA management;
- c. Coordinate with the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist (OMAS) and the Municipal MPA Council; and
- d. Submit quarterly accomplishment and progress reports to the Municipal Government.

**Section 12.** Technical Support / Advisory Group. A Technical Support or Advisory Group shall be constituted, composed of representatives from the academe, DENR, NGOs, the Municipal Agriculture Office (OMAS), and fisheries technicians.

It shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Provide technical assistance, advice, and capacity-building activities such as training on monitoring, reef assessment, and enforcement;
- b. Assist in the formulation and updating of the Barangay MPA Management Plan; and
- c. Support data collection, documentation, and evaluation of MPA effectiveness.

**Section 13.** Bantay Dagat / Sea Patrol Team. The Bantay Dagat or Sea Patrol Team shall serve as the enforcement arm of the Barangay for MPA protection. It shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Enforce MPA-related ordinances, municipal fisheries laws, and national regulations;
- b. Conduct regular sea and coastal patrol operations; and
- c. Report violations and illegal fishing activities to the Barangay or Municipal authorities for appropriate action.

**Section 14.** Community Resource Management Group. The Community Resource Management Group shall be composed of local fisherfolk, women's groups, youth organizations, and other relevant stakeholders. It shall have the following duties and functions:

- a. Participate in MPA clean-ups, resource monitoring, and information and education campaigns;
- b. Engage in sustainable livelihood and resource-based enterprises such as seaweed farming and eco-tourism; and
- c. Serve as local stewards and advocates for marine conservation and sustainable resource management.

**Section 15.** Prohibitions.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person, whether natural or juridical to conduct fishing operations and activity, gather or collect fishery resources inside the Fish Sanctuary.

(b) Snorkeling, diving, etc. may be allowed if such activity is connected to research and educational purposes with prior consent from the Cagbabatang Reef Management Body.

**Section 16. Penalty.** Any person violating the prohibition in any of the Sections defined hereof shall be penalized as follows:

- P2,500.00 per head
- Confiscation of fishing gear and fish catch
- 2 days of community service; and/or
- Imprisonment of not more than 6 months, at the discretion of the court

**Section 17. Operational Funds.** An amount shall be appropriated for the immediate implementation of this Ordinance. It shall be a regular item in the annual appropriations under the Coastal Resource Management fund of the Office of the Municipal Agricultural Services (OMAS). Fines collected shall also be used for the operation and maintenance of the MPA as prescribed in MFO 04, S-2022

**Section 18. Repealing Clause.** All previous ordinances, executive orders, rules, and regulations or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with this ordinance are now repealed and modified accordingly.

**Section 19. Separability Clause.** If, for any reason or reasons, any part of or provision of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and in effect.

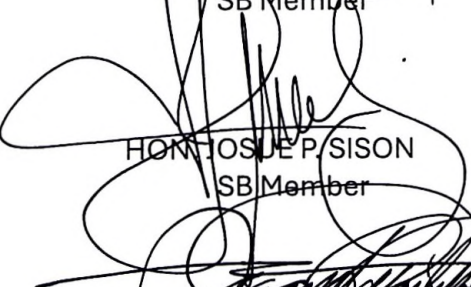
**Section 20. Effectivity Clause.** This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after a copy of it is posted on a bulletin board at the entrance of the municipal hall and in at least 2 (2) other conspicuous places in the municipality.

ENACTED BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF GUIUAN, EASTERN SAMAR, in its 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on October 22, 2025.

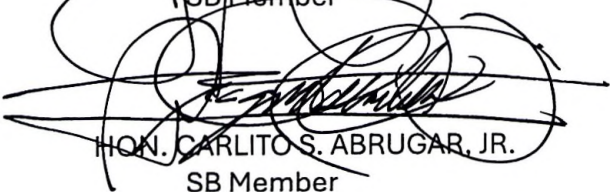
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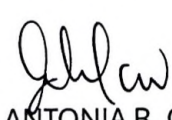
  
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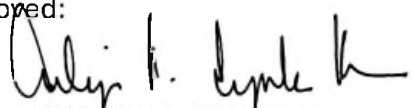
I certify to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sanggunian during its 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Session held on October 22, 2025:

  
RECTITO A. MELQUIADES  
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

Attested by:

  
HON. VERONICA C. RAMIREZ  
Municipal Vice-Mayor & Presiding Officer

Approved:

  
HON. ANNALIZA P. GONZALES – KWAN  
Municipal Mayor