



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Literal copy of *Municipal Ordinance No. 2023-10-131* approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its *Regular Session* on *February 27, 2023* held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10-131

Sponsored by: HON. RHOENA C. CORPUZ, Sangguniang Bayan Member
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AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE GATHERING, SALE AND TRANSPORT OR SHIPPING-OUT OF AGARWOOD LOCALLY KNOWN AS "LAPNISAN" IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN, PROVINCE OF ISABELA AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREOF.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in a session assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE OF THE ORDINANCE. This Ordinance shall be known as the **"BANNING THE GATHERING, SALE AND TRANSPORT OF AGARWOOD"** Ordinance.

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. As used in this Ordinance, the following words or phrases shall mean:

AGARWOOD, aloeswood, eaglewood or gharuwood is a fragrant dark resinous wood used in incense, perfume, and small carvings. It is formed in the heartwood of aquilaria trees when the Acquilaria Tree becomes infected with a type of mold and secretes a resin to combat the mould.

AQUILARIA MALACCENCIS, locally known as **"lapnisan"** is a major source of agarwood --- a **resinous heartwood** used for perfume and incense.

SECTION 3. PROHIBITED ACTS.

- 1) It is hereby prohibited to cut, destroy, damage or injure, naturally growing or planted trees of agarwood in the wild as well as to collect, gather, possess, sale and ship-out of the municipality for commercial and trade purposes;

SECTION 4. LGU "LAPNISAN" TASK FORCE. The Municipal Government shall create a Task Force through an Executive Order to ensure the strict implementation of this Ordinance, composed of SB Chair & Co-Chair, Committee on Environmental Protection, LNB President, MENRO, DENR Representative, PNP Chief of Police or his authorized representative and CAAP Palanan Chief of Police or his/her authorized representative.

SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT. The Barangay Officials, Barangay Tanods, Office of the MENRO and Bantay Kalikasan Brigade (BKB) are hereby directed to implement the provisions of this Ordinance with the assistance of the Local Philippine National Police, CAAP Palanan Police Force and the DENR- CENRO/PASU of this Municipality.

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SECTION 7. PENALTY CLAUSE. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be punished with imprisonment of not exceeding *six (6) months and a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred (P2,500.00) Pesos, or both such imprisonment and fine at the discretion of the court.*

If the offender is a public officer or employee, he/she shall, in addition, be dismissed from the public service and disqualified perpetually to hold public office.

SECTION 8. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If for any reason, any provision, portion or part of this Ordinance found to be inconsistent with any law, other provisions or part/s thereof not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 9. REPEALING CLAUSE. All Ordinances, Rules and Regulations or parts thereof, in conflict with, or contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance not so affected herewith is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 10.EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

ENACTED, February 27, 2023.

I HEREBY ATTEST to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance, which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela during its **Regular Session.**


NELIA ALAMO-PLATA
Secretary to the Sanggunian Bayan

CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ENACTED:

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