



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Isabela
MUNICIPALITY OF PALANAN

Office of the Municipal Mayor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10 Series of 2021

AN ORDER CREATING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FIVE HUNDRED (500) HECTARES WOOD PRODUCTION AREA LOCATED AT BRGY. DIDIYAN, PALANAN, ISABELA AND PROVIDING FOR ITS FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

WHEREAS, the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP) was established as a protected area by virtue of the Republic Act No. 9125 of 2001, also known as NSMNP law;

WHEREAS, NSMNP Act created the Protected Area Management Board (AMB). Which is the policy-making and permitting body of NSMNP and its buffer zone;

WHEREAS, RA 9125 mandates the PAMB to approve proposals and decides matters relating to planning, resource protection and general administration of the area in accordance to the approved management plan;

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Palanan, Isabela is located within the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park and subject to its rules and regulations;

WHEREAS, since the issuance of Executive Order No. 23 by Former Benigno S. Aquino, III, "Declaring a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting in the natural and residual forests and Creating the Anti-Illegal Task Force", the local government and the constituents of the Municipality of Palanan were deprived to enjoy or use our own available resources for completion of local priority projects and local community consumption;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of Palanan requested the PAMB for the Establishment of 500-ha Wood Production Area that will serve as future wood source of the people of Palanan;

WHEREAS, the PAMB, on their En Banc meeting held at Piazza Zicarelli, Upi, Gamu, Isabela on March 14, 2019, issued Resolution No. 07, Series of 2019, "Resolution Approving the Request for the Identification Establishment of 500-Hectare Communal Forest Area of the Local Government Unit of Palanan";

WHEREAS, there is an imperative need to create a Technical Working Group who will lead and ensure the successful implementation of the Wood Production Area project for the benefit of all Palaneños;

NOW THEREFORE, I, ELIZABETH B. OCHOA, Municipal Mayor of Palanan, Isabela by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. CREATION AND COMPOSITION. The Technical Working Group (TWG) for the Establishment of 500- hectare Wood Production Area located at Barangay Didiyan, Palanan, Isabela is hereby created. The TWG shall be composed of the following:

Team Leader: **FOR. ALBERTO M. GONZALES, PhD**
Senior Environmental Management Specialist/
OIC- Mun. Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Assistant Team Leader: **ENGR. RANDY A. CAUILAN**
Project Development Officer III

Members: **ENGR. MELITO C. CASASOLA, JR.**
Mun. Planning and Development Coordinator

MR. LEO V. FACTORA
Planning Officer II

MR. RANIEL L. TEODORO
Encoder/ GIS Mapper (J.O.), MPDO

MS. JOY CABALDO
Encoder (J.O), MENRO

MR. SONNY BOY C. BIHASA
Assessment Clerk III/ Mun. Assessor's Office

HON. LARRY L. MAGAS
Punong Barangay, Brgy. Didiyan

SECTION 2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The TWG for the Establishment of Wood Production Area at Brgy. Didiyan, Palanan, Isabela shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Participate and lead the orientation meeting for all actors in the preparation and execution of different activities on the establishment of Wood Production Area to be conducted at the DENR-CENR Office Palanan, Isabela;
- b. Assist on the conduct of various activities with the DENR such as: site identification, survey, area delineation, timber inventory and IEC to concerned community;
- c. Assist on the preparation and submission of survey returns, technical reports, operations plan/ management plan, among others;
- d. Assist on the presentation of final output to the Chief Executive and to the legislative body before its final presentation to PAMB; and
- e. Perform other related duties as required.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVITY. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

ISSUED this 5th day of July 2021 at Palanan, Isabela.


ELIZABETH B. OCHOA
Municipal Mayor