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Subject: Designation of the Coron Bay Water Quality Management Area and Creation of Its Governing Board

Pursuant to Section 5 of RA 9275 otherwise known as the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004, DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2005-10 or the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 9275, and DENR Memorandum Circular 2009-15 or Procedural Manual for the Designation of Water Quality Management Areas, and considering its critical importance to the municipality of Coron, **Coron Bay is hereby designated as a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA).**

SECTION 1. Policy and Objectives. It is the policy of the State to pursue economic growth in a manner consistent with the protection, preservation and revival of the quality of our fresh, brackish and marine waters. Pursuant to this policy statement, this Order aims at protecting and improving the water quality of Coron Bay to make these sustainable for the people of the municipality of Coron, consistent with the following water quality management objectives:

- a) To clean up, restore and maintain Coron Bay's SB Classification which is fit for bathing, swimming, skin diving, etc. and spawning area for *Chanos chanos* or "Bangus" and similar species;
- b) To contribute to the enhancement of the municipality of Coron as a source of water for significant activities to serve the best interest of the communities and stakeholders without sacrificing the water body's intended beneficial use;
- c) To formulate a WQMA program which recognizes that water quality management issues are inherently related and cannot be detached from concerns on water sources, ecological protection, water supply, public health and quality of life;
- d) To mobilize, encourage and support civil society and other sectors, including the academe and businesses engaged in environment-related activities in their efforts to organize, educate and motivate the people in addressing pertinent environmental issues and problems in the WQMA;
- e) To promote inter-LGU and stakeholder collaboration and cooperation through coordinated efforts in protecting and sustaining acceptable quality of water in the Coron Bay; and
- f) To harness locally available resources for the rehabilitation and protection of Coron Bay.

SECTION 2. Coverage. The Coron Bay WQMA shall cover its natural or man-made tributaries that are within the WQMA boundary including the land embraced by the hydrologic unit identified through various maps.

The WQMA is bounded by the following geographic coordinates which are consistent with the map in Annex A:

Boundary Control Point	LGU with Jurisdiction	Latitude	Longitude
1	Maquinit Hot Spring, Maquinit, Brgy. Tagumpay	11.9916	120.2290
2	Balisungan, Brgy. Tagumpay	12.0030	120.2382
3		12.0058	120.2413
4		12.0060	120.2411
5	River-Road Intersection, Balisungan, Brgy. Tagumpay	12.0081	120.2402
6	Balisungan Elem. School, Balisungan, Brgy. Tagumpay	12.0084	120.2445
7	River-Road Intersection, Balisungan, Brgy. Tagumpay	12.0087	120.2449
8	Children's Chance for Tomorrow Foundation, Brgy. 1	12.0100	120.2261
9	Corner Napocor-Tapias Road, Buce-buce, Brgy. 2	12.0117	120.2088
10	Corner BISELCO, Cayapas, Brgy. 3	12.0138	120.2012
11	River-Road Intersection, Capayas, Brgy. 3	12.0170	120.2029
12	River-road Intersection, Mabintangan, Brgy. 6	12.0305	120.2050
13	Mabintangan Dam, Mabintangan, Brgy. 6	12.0342	120.2069
14	Bancuang Ibaba, Brgy. 3	12.0008	120.1995
15		12.0005	120.2004
16	Seadive Resort, Brgy. 3	11.9974	120.2017
17	Reclamation area, Brgy. 2	11.9960	120.2014
18		11.9937	120.2061
19		11.9969	120.2067
20	Boundary of Brgys. San Nicolas and Guadalupe	12.0636	120.1856
21	Along Provincial Road, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0625	120.1859
22		12.0582	120.1858
23		12.0575	120.1855
24		12.0562	120.1858
25		12.0562	120.1839
26		12.0512	120.1802
27		12.0503	120.1794
28		12.0466	120.1708
29		12.0461	120.1690
30		12.0420	120.1639
31		Corner Provincial and National Road, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0413
32	Along National Road, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0462	120.1570
33	Labangan Bridge 1, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0475	120.1556
34	Binalabag Bridge, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0395	120.1673
35	Corner National Road and Digue Boy, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0320	120.1723

36	Shoreline, Brgy. Guadalupe	12.0290	120.1695
37		12.0228	120.1816
38	Dipulao Bridge, Dipulao, Brgy. 6	12.0158	120.1921
39	Corner National Road and Millionaires Road, Brgy. 5	12.0156	120.1923
40	Sophia's Garden Resort, Brgy. 5	12.0064	120.1904
41	Shoreline, Jolo, Brgy. 5	12.0023	120.1924
42	Bancuang, Brgy. 5	12.0007	120.1977
43	Shoreline, Brgy. 5	12.0003	120.2007
44	Brgy. Tagumpay	11.9953	120.2123
45	PPA, Brgy. Tagumpay	11.9916	120.2121
46	Shoreline, Purok 2, Tagumpay	11.9911	120.2148

SECTION 3. Political/Administrative Jurisdiction. The political/administrative jurisdiction of the proposed Coron Bay WQMA encompasses the following areas:

City/Municipality	Barangay
Municipality of Coron	Brgy. 1
	Brgy. 2
	Brgy. 3
	Brgy. 4
	Brgy. 5
	Brgy. 6
	Guadalupe
	Tagumpay

SECTION 4. Creation of the WQMA Governing Board. A WQMA Governing Board is hereby created, which shall be chaired by the Regional Director (RD) of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Region IVB, and shall have the following members:

- a) Duly authorized representative from the Office of the Governor, Province of Palawan;
- b) Duly authorized representative from the Office of the Mayor, Municipality of Coron;
- c) Duly authorized representative from the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development;
- d) Duly authorized representative from the following government offices in Region IVB;
 - 1) Department of Agriculture
 - 2) Department of Education
 - 3) Department of Environment and Natural Resources
 - 4) Department of Health
 - 5) Department of the Interior and Local Government
 - 6) Department of Public Works and Highways
 - 7) Department of Science and Technology
 - 8) Department of Trade and Industry
 - 9) Department of Tourism
 - 10) Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
 - 11) Commission on Higher Education
 - 12) Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
 - 13) National Commission on Indigenous Peoples
 - 14) National Economic and Development Authority
 - 15) National Irrigation Administration
 - 16) Philippine Coast Guard

- 17) Philippine Information Agency
- 18) Philippine National Police

- e) Duly authorized representative from the National Water Resources Board (NWRB);
- f) Area representative from the following sectors:

- 1) Academe
- 2) Private/Business/Industry
- 3) Water Utility
- 4) Local Peoples' Organization/Civil Society involved in Natural Resources Management or Environmental Concerns

The Board may also invite representatives from other agencies/institutions to participate in the deliberations of the Board as needed.

The terms, vacancy and compensation of the Governing Board shall be governed by DAO 2005-10. The Local Chief Executive and Heads of Offices may appoint/authorize their respective representatives to the Board, provided he/she is authorized to make commitments on behalf of the office he/she represents. Provided, further, that the LGU representatives in other WQMA shall also serve as representative in the Coron Bay WQMA.

Representatives from business sector and people's organizations/non-government organizations/civil society shall be designated in accordance with the procedure and requirements laid down in DAO 2005-10.

SECTION 5. Functions of the Governing Board. The Governing Board shall have the following functions:

- a) Formulate the Governing Rules that will ensure effective management of the WQMA Governing Board;
- b) Elect other officers and create working committees within the Board that are deemed necessary for the effective implementation of WQMA policies, programs and activities;
- c) Review the initial WQMA Action Plan prepared by the EMB Region IVB and draft a common and integrated compliance plan. The Board shall consequently prepare and adopt an Action Plan for the succeeding periods to be submitted to the EMB Region IVB for review and for submission to the DENR;
- d) Together with EMB Region IVB, assist the Local Government Units in preparing the LGU Compliance Scheme to implement the WQMA Action Plan and drafting local legislation to protect Coron Bay and promote overall environmental improvement in the WQMA area;
- e) Monitor and facilitate compliance with the WQMA Action Plan by the local government units;
- f) Formulate strategies to harmonize policies/regulations/local legislation necessary for the effective implementation of R.A. 9275 in accordance with those established under the Integrated Water Quality Management Framework;
- g) Recommend local and national policies that will protect the water quality of Coron Bay;

- h) Coordinate relevant activities among all its members and facilitate the resolution of conflicts;
- i) Undertake complementary interventions for non-point sources, considering their greater contribution to pollution;
- j) Undertake projects that will complement national and local initiatives for water pollution control;
- k) Solicit financial and non-financial support from other parties, both local and international, subject to existing applicable regulations;
- l) Initiate and/or coordinate information dissemination activities pertaining to the Coron Bay WQMA;
- m) Prepare and publish on a regular basis, a Water Quality Status Report for the WQMA and submit a copy thereof to the EMB Region IVB and to the EMB Central Office for consolidation in the National Water Quality Status Report;
- n) Manage efficiently and judiciously the Area Water Quality Management Fund.

SECTION 6. Governing Rules. The Governing Board shall formulate its own Governing Rules based on applicable and pertinent laws, policies, rules and regulations. Based on its Governing Rules, the Governing Board may elect at least one Co-chair, create working committees as may be necessary to carry out the Board's functions, and designate their respective chairs.

SECTION 7. Meetings. The Governing Board shall meet quarterly or as often as may be required pursuant to its Governing Rules.

SECTION 8. Technical Working Group and Technical Secretariat. The Governing Board, pursuant to DAO No. 2005-10 and under the governing rules, shall form a Technical Working Group (TWG) or Committees to ensure broad-based participation of all the stakeholders in the Governing Board.

The Governing Board shall likewise organize a Technical Secretariat of the WQMA, which shall be based at EMB Region IVB.

SECTION 9. Multi-Sectoral Group. In accordance with DAO No. 2005-10, the Governing Board shall create a Multi-Sectoral group for water quality monitoring and surveillance network, composed of representatives, nominated by the members of the Governing Board. Said group shall augment and complement monitoring and reporting efforts of the DENR/EMB.

SECTION 10. Re-designation of WQMA. When necessary, and only after undertaking necessary studies and conducting consultation with relevant local government authorities, the Secretary of the DENR, upon recommendation of the EMB, shall revise the designation of WQMA, re-adjust its boundaries or reconstitute its membership for adequate representation.


SECTION 11. Amendments and Revisions. Amendments or revisions of any of the provisions hereof shall be made only upon consultations with the concerned stakeholders in accordance with existing policies on the matter, and subject to the written approval of all the parties thereto.

SECTION 12. Separability Clause. Should any of the provisions of this Order be subsequently declared invalid or null and void, the validity of the other provisions not affected shall not be impaired and shall remain to be in full force and effect.

SECTION 13. Effectivity. This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and its registration with the Office of the National Administrative Registry (ONAR).


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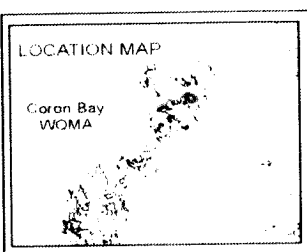
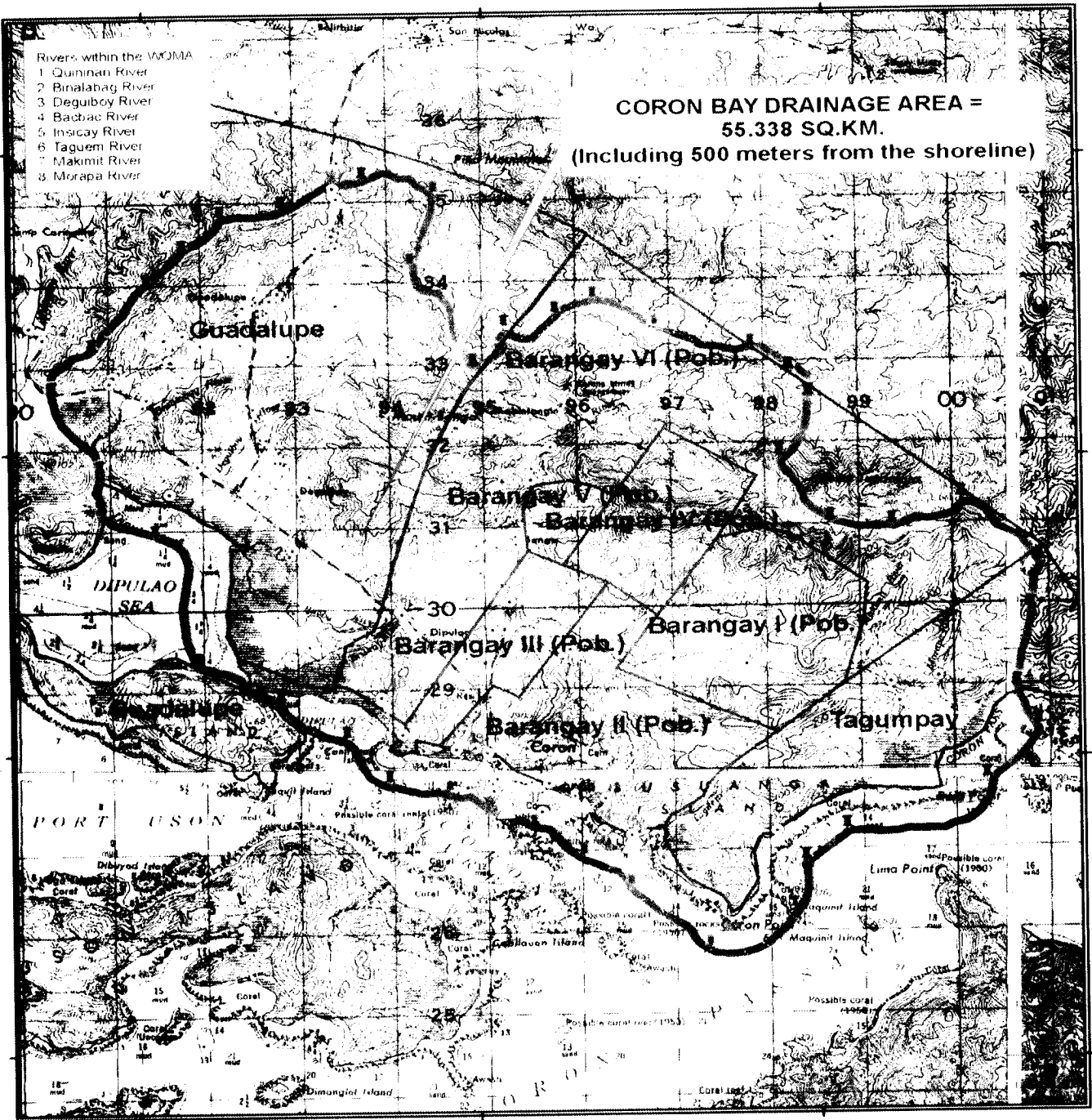

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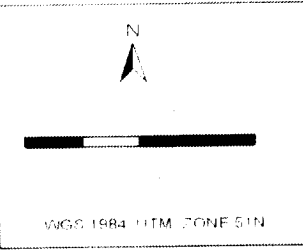
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**ANNEX A
CORON BAY WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA**



LEGEND:

- Reference Points
- WQ Sampling Stations
- Ground Control Points
- Barangay Boundary
- Coron Bay Drainage Boundary



**CORON BAY
WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
AREA WATERSHED BOUNDARY**

Environmental Management Bureau
National Water Resources Board