



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 29 SERIES of 2021**

**AN ORDER CREATING THE DAVAO ORIENTAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK  
(MPAN) COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Province of Davao Oriental is located in the south-easternmost part of the Philippines, with a long coastline of 513.2 kilometers and rich coastal and marine areas noted to be among the most important and biologically diverse in the country;

**WHEREAS**, coastal and marine areas are vital sources of food, raw materials, as well as natural setting for sports, recreation, and other social and cultural activities;

**WHEREAS**, marine-related economic activities, including fisheries, marine transportation, and tourism, make significant contributions to the provincial economy as well as provide livelihood and employment opportunities to coastal communities;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipalities of Banaybanay, Lupon, San Isidro and Governor Generoso are coastal LGUs that border the Davao Gulf and have Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) within the Davao Regional MPA Network of the Davao Integrated Development Program (DIDP) pursuant to DIDP Executive Board through Resolution No. 2 series of 2018;

**WHEREAS**, the Bays of Pujada and Mayo, under the juridical areas of the City of Mati are internationally recognized as Most Beautiful Bays of the World which are both identified to be habitats of endangered, vulnerable and threatened species;

**WHEREAS**, the Municipalities of Tarragona, Manay, Caraga, Baganga, Cateel and Boston being coastal LGUs are contiguously endowed with abundant marine wildlife, located adjacent to the Pacific waters and possess viable economic opportunities that warrants the establishment of a network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs);

**WHEREAS**, the Province, through the Governor, shall ensure that every component municipality within its territorial jurisdiction acts within the scope of its prescribed powers and functions;

**WHEREAS**, the Governor shall adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve the coastal and marine resources of the Province, in coordination with the mayors of its component coastal municipalities;

**WHEREAS**, the Provincial Government is promoting the province as one of the tourist destinations in the country and is providing considerable support to strengthen ecotourism endeavors and maintain its ecological integrity by protecting its coastal and marine resources;

**WHEREAS**, the Province may provide technical assistance, training, enforcement and information management in support to municipal and city integrated coastal management efforts;

**WHEREAS**, inter-LGU collaboration shall be maximized in the conduct of activities related to sustaining the provincial coastal and marine resources;

**WHEREAS**, to ensure a well-coordinated MPA Network in Davao Oriental, there is a need for a coordinating body at the provincial level to focus on specific concerns on the municipal waters;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG**, Governor of the Province of Davao Oriental, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Organization.** – The Davao Oriental Marine Protected Area Network (MPAN) Council is hereby created and organized.

**Section 2. Composition.** – The Davao Oriental MPAN shall be composed of the following:

- a) Provincial Governor, Chairperson
- b) SP Chairperson on Environment, Co-Chairperson
- c) SP Chairperson on Agriculture, Member
- d) Provincial Agriculture and Fisheries Council (PAFC)
- e) Provincial Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Council (PFARMC)

**GULF SUB-MPAN**

- f) Municipal Mayor of Gov. Generoso, Member
- g) Municipal Mayor of San Isidro, Member
- h) Municipal Mayor of Lupon, Member
- i) Municipal Mayor of Banaybanay, Member

**BEAUTIFUL BAYS SUB-MPAN**

- j) City Mayor of Mati, Member

**PACIFIC SUB-MPAN**

- k) Municipal Mayor of Tarragona, Member
- l) Municipal Mayor of Manay, Member
- m) Municipal Mayor of Caraga, Member
- n) Municipal Mayor of Baganga, Member
- o) Municipal Mayor of Cateel, Member
- p) Municipal Mayor of Boston, Member

**Section 3. Functions.** – The Davao Oriental MPAN is tasked with the following responsibilities:

- a) Formulate the Davao Oriental MPA Network Management Plan
- b) Enact policies governing the Davao Oriental MPA Network;
- c) Coordinate the efforts of component municipalities in the establishment and management of the MPA network;
- d) Conduct meetings as the need arises;
- e) Support LGUs in the development of Local Conservation Areas; and
- f) Perform other functions as may be necessary in the implementation of this Order.

**Section 4. Technical Working Group (TWG) – The Technical Working Group of Davao Oriental MPA Network shall be composed of the following:**

- Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO)
- Provincial Agriculture Office (PAGRO)
- Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO)
- Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO)
- Philippine National Police - Local
- Philippine National Police (PNP)- Maritime
- Philippine Coast Guard
- Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)
- Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) – DENR
- Provincial Tourism Office
- Representative from academe, local institutions with coastal and marine conservation and protection programs
- Representative from Civil Society Organizations/NGOs, preferably with coastal and marine conservation and protection programs

**GULF SUB-MPAN**

(Municipalities of Banaybanay, Lupon, San Isidro and Governor Generoso)

- SB Chairperson on Environment
- SB Chairperson on Agriculture
- Municipal Agriculture Office
- Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
- Municipal Planning and Development Office
- Municipal Tourism Office
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- CSO, Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- CSO, Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Council

**BEAUTIFUL BAYS SUB-MPAN**

(City of Mati)

- SP Chairperson on Environment
- SP Chairperson on Agriculture
- City Agriculture Office, Mati
- City Environment and Natural Resources Office
- City Planning and Development Office
- City Tourism Office
- City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- CSO, City Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- CSO, City Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Council

**PACIFIC SUB-MPAN**

(Municipalities of Tarragona, Manay, Caraga, Baganga, Cateel and Boston)

- SB Chairperson on Environment
- SB Chairperson on Agriculture
- Municipal Agriculture Office
- Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
- Municipal Planning and Development Office
- Municipal Tourism Office
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office
- CSO, Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Council
- CSO, Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Council

**Section 5. Functions of the Technical Working Group (TWG).** – The Technical Working Group shall have the following functions:

- a) To coordinate and extend technical assistance in the development of a management framework on the design and establishment of a network of MPAs in Davao Oriental;
- b) To provide assistance on setting baseline information on key elements of strengthening management effectiveness of the individual MPAs in the network;
- c) To provide technical assistance in the formulation, finalization and implementation of the Davao Oriental MPAN Management Plan; and
- d) To perform other functions as deemed necessary.

**Section 6. Secretariat.** – The Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) or PAGRO (Fisheries Division) shall hereby be designated as the Secretariat of the Davao Oriental MPA Network

**Section 7. Support Requirements.** – The Davao Oriental MPAN may call upon the assistance of relevant units and/or personnel from LGU or National Line Agencies through the respective department/office heads and MPA representatives per LGU, when necessary in the exercise of its functions.

**Section 8. Funding.** – Funding for the operation of the Davao Oriental MPA Network shall be sourced from the General Fund and other funding sources subject to the usual budget, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

**Section 9. Repealing Clause.** – All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof, that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 10. Separability Clause.** – Any portion or provision of this Order that maybe declared unconstitutional shall not have the effect of nullifying its other portions or provisions, as long as such remaining portions can still be given.

**Section 11. Effectivity.** – This Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Mati, Province of Davao Oriental, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November 2021.

  
NELSON L. DAYANGHIRANG  
Governor