

Profile

of the City





"CRADLE OF HEROES" & "THE LAST BASTION OF DEMOCRACY IN ASIA"

VISION

BY 2020, BATAAN PROVINCE WILL BE THE PREFERRED LOCATION OF ECO-INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENTS LEADING TO THE HIGHEST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX IN THE PHILIPPINES.

MISSION

EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICES TOWARDS
A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL.

CAPITAL CITY OF BALANGA

TOTAL AREA 1,372.98 KM2

530.11 SQ.M.

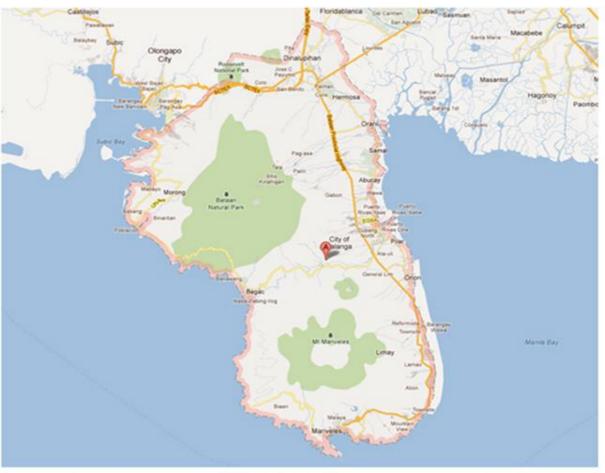
POPULATION 687,482 (2010)

COMPONENT CITY

MUNICIPALITIES 11

BARANGAYS 237

DISTRICTS 1ST AND 2ND









GOV. ALBERT S. GARCIA REP. ENRIQUE T. GARCIA JR. REP. HERMINIA B. ROMAN











"WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY TOWN"

VISION

BY 2020, A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY TOWN
CENTER FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INTERACTION
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.

MISSION

BUILD A FAMILY-ORIENTED CITY
WITH A STRONG ACADEMIC
ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL ENSURE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND
PARTICIPATIVE GOVERNANCE.

LGU INCOME CLASS 4TH CLASS C.CITY

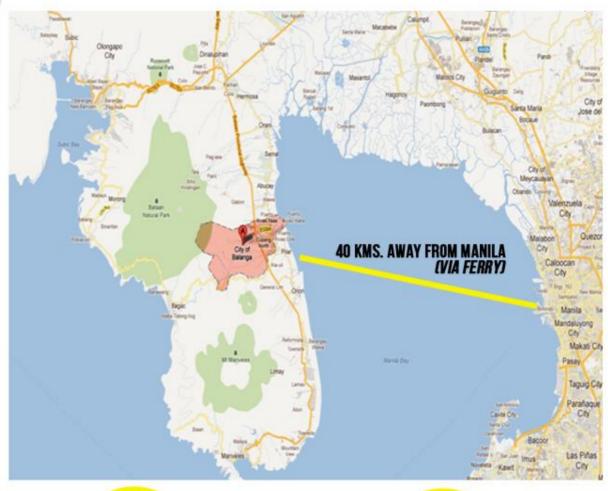
POPULATION 93,687 (2013)

TOTAL AREA 1,63 HECTARES

HOUSEHOLDS 21,202 (2013)

IRA SHARE P254,800,744.00

TOTAL LGU INCOME P451,223,936.05



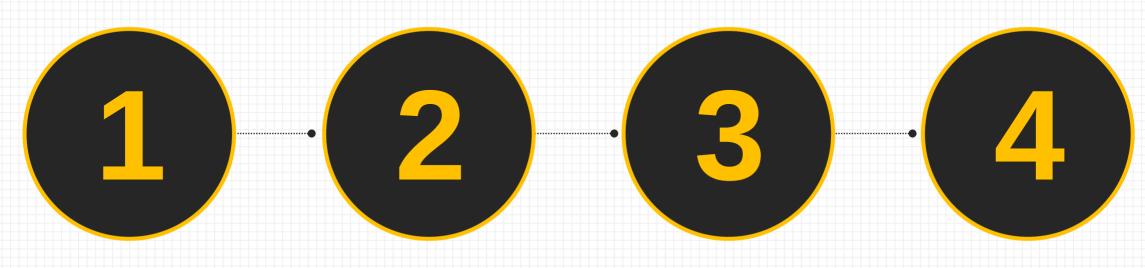






VICE MAYOR NOEL VALDECANAS

TOPOGRAPHY



Level to Nearly Level

Percent Slope – 0-3 Area (ha) – 6092.44 Percentage to Total Area – 54.48

Gently Sloping to Undulating

Percent Slope – 3-8 Area (ha) – 2342.11 Percentage to Total Area – 20.98

Undulating to Rolling

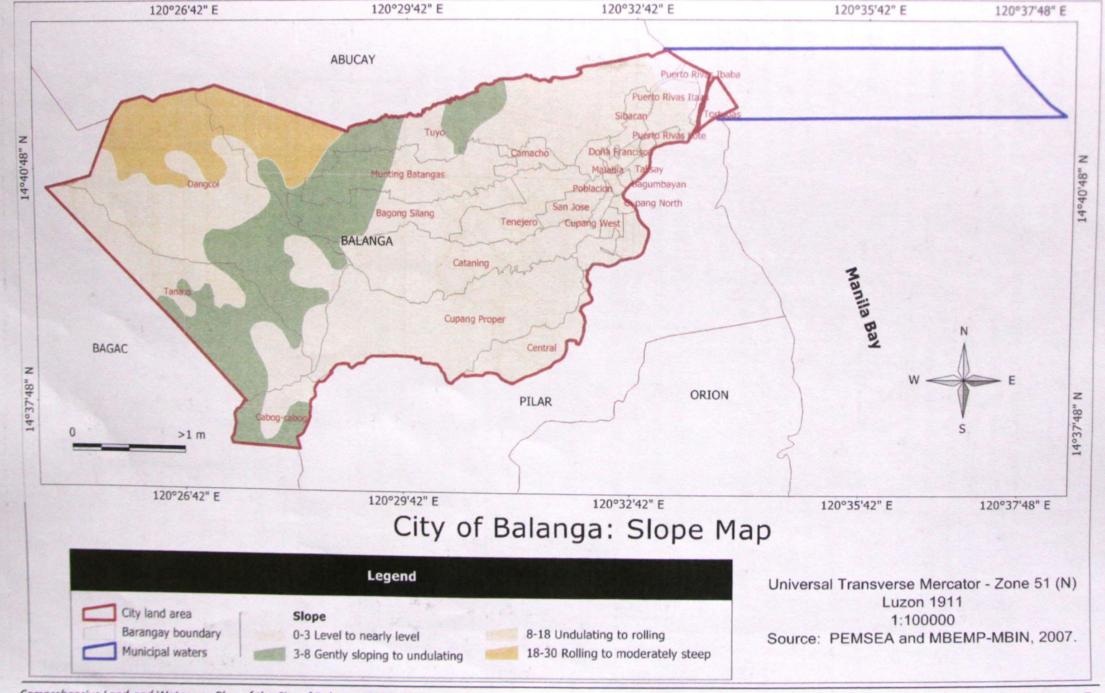
Percent Slope – **8-11**Area (ha) – **1530.10**Percentage to Total
Area – **13.71**

Rolling to Moderately Steep

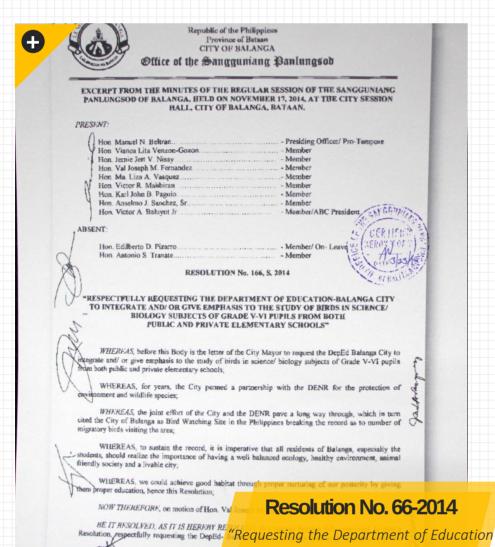
Percent Slope – **18-30** Area (ha) – **1198.36** Percentage to Total Area – **10.73** Table 2. Slope classification of areas in Balanga City.

| Description | Percent Slope | Area (ha) | Percentage to the total area |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Level to nearly level - Areas that belong to these category are the most suitable for irrigation because of their flat terrain. Depending on soil physical condition, 3% is about the maximum slope of the land to be used for lowland rice production. | 0-3 | 6092.44 | 54.58 |
| Gently sloping to undulating Areas are suitable for irrigation but require slight terrain modification in terms of contouring or terracing. Depending on soil and climatic condition in the area, 8 percent is about the maximum slope for upland crop production that will require more complex and expensive soil conservation practices | 3-8 | 2342.11 | 20.98 |
| Undulating to rolling Due to terrain restrictions, irrigation of lowland rice will not be feasible. Intensive soil conservation measures are necessary to keep the soil in place when cultivated. | 8-18 | 1530.10 | 13.71 |
| Rolling to moderately steep On these lands cultivated crops cannot be produced continuously over and extended period of time. Tree crops, however, can be grown. | 18-30 | 1198.36 | 10.73 |
| Total urce: PEMSEA and MREMAN AARINI 2007 A. | | 11,163 | 100.00 |

Source: PEMSEA and MBEMP-MBIN, 2007; Municipality of Balanga, 2000



CITY ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS



Republic of the Philippines Province of Batsan CITY OF BALANCA Office of the Sangguniang Banglungsod EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANGLUNGSOD OF BALANGA, HELD ON AUGUST 16, 2010 AT THE CITY SESSION HALL- CITY OF BALANGA, BATAAN, Hon Noel L. Valdecañas City Vice Mayor Hon. Vianca Lita Venzon-Gozon Hon Jernie Jett V Nissy Hon Ma Liza A Vasquez Member Hon, Val Joseph M. Fernandez Hon, Victor R Malihiran Hon. Edilberto D. Pizarro Hon Karl John B Paguin Hon Anselmo J. Sanchez, Sr. Hon Hon Hon, Antonio S. Tranate. Hon Joji T Malo Hon Ricardo M. Magnantay Member/ABC President Hon, Javle Mark D. Banzon ARSENT None **RESOLUTION NO. 66. S. 2010** " RESOLUTION DECLARING EVERY FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER AS THE "IBONG DAYO FESTIVAL WEEK" IN THE CITY OF BALANGA, BATAAN" WHEREAS, the City Government of Balanga had penned a partnership with the Department of Environment and natural Resources (DENR), Department of Tourism and environmental groups, such as the Bird Watching Club of the Philippines and the World of Outbound, for the purpose of protecting the environment and saving the nugratory birds; WHEREAS, record shows that influx of migratory birds visiting the wetlands of Balanga during the period from December to February annually, calls the attention of bird lovers and tourists, local and WHEREAS, in order to sustain the proposed ecological development, it is just and equitable to declare the Ibong Dayo Festival, a celebration of aviafaunal diversity and bird lore awareness, making known of the importance of migrating birds in the city, thus this Resolution NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hono Resolution No. 66-2010

duly convened, to pass a Resolution dellegeclaring Every Frist Week of December Festival Week in the City of Balanga, Batal

as the "Ibong Dayo Festival Week" in the

City of Balanga, Bataan

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RE

attracts wildlife enthusiaste and to

Balanga City to Integrate and/or Give Emphasis

To the Study of Birds in Science/Biology Subjects of Grade V-VI Pupils

CITY ORDINANCES and Resolutions

City Ordinance No. 020-2010

"Comprehensive No Smoking Ordinance"

City Ordinance No. 104-2002 As Amended

"Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Ordinance of the City of Balanga"

City Ordinance No. 007-2008

"Pagbabago sa Pagbabawal sa Pagtatapon at Pagkakalat ng Basura o Anomang Uri ng Dumi sa Kalsada, Ilog, Parke o Plasa at Saan Mang Lugar ng Balanga (Anti-Littering Ordinance)"

City Ordinance No. 009-2008

"An Ordinance Providing for the Rehabilitation of Talisay River, Prohibiting the Dumping of Garbage and Waste materials anf Other Similar Activities in the Talisay River and Providing Penalty Thereof"

City Ordinance No. 042-1997

"Kautusang Nagbabawal sa Pagtatapon at Pagkakalat ng Basura O Anumang Uri ng Dumi sa Tapat at Paligid ng Lahat ng Tindahan, Bahay-Kalakalan at mga Stalls sa Pamilihang Bayan ng Balanga na May Kaukulang Parusa"

City Ordinance No. 020-2010

"Comprehensive No Smoking Ordinance"

City Ordinance No. 14-2014

"The New Traffic Management Code of the City of Balanga (Particularly, Article XII, Conformity With Clean Air Program, Ban on 2-stroke Engine)"

SP Resolution 034-2011

"A Resolution Endorsing the Identification of an Approximate 8.64 Hectares Area in Barangay Tortugas, City of Balanga as Critical Habitat

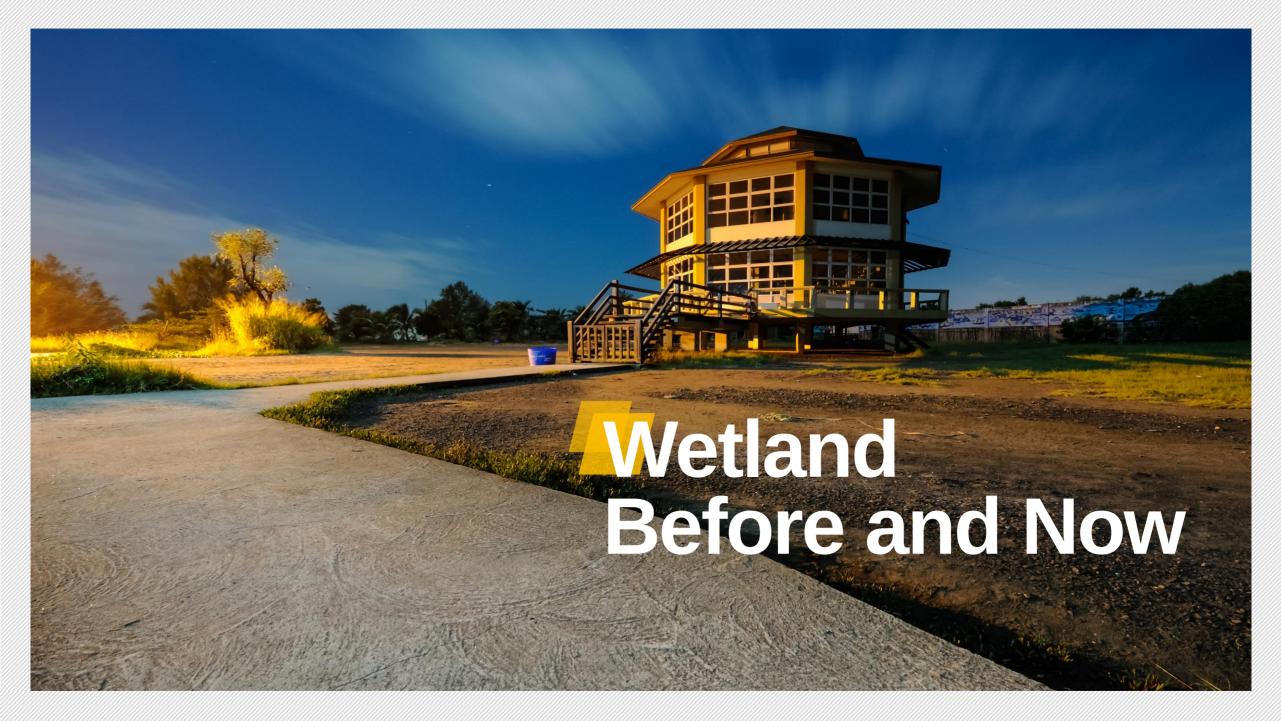
CITY ORDINANCES and Resolutions

City Ordinance No. 184-2006

"An Ordinance Declaring the Coastal Areas of Barangays Sibacan, Pto. Rivas Ibaba and Tortugas, City of Balanga, Bataan as Birds and Fish Sanctuary"

City Ordinance No. 118-2003

"An Ordinance Enforcing Strict Compliance to Provision of PD 856 Otherwise Known as "The Sanitation Code of the Philippines" by the Business Establishments in the City of Balanga"



BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK:

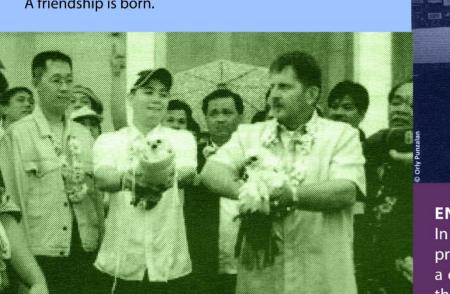
Highlights of a City's Love Affair with Nature



DISCOVERY OF BALANGA'S TREASURES: In

2005, Governor Enrique "Tet" Garcia invited members of the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WBCP) to birdwatch in Bataan. WBCP was delighted by the diversity and numbers of migratory and resident birds in Balanga City.

SOLIDARITY WITH BIRDWATCHERS: Congressman Albert Raymond "Abet" S. Garcia of the 2nd District of Bataan supported the WBCP as the Guest of Honor at the First Philippine Bird Festival held in Quezon City. A friendship is born.



Mirant

ENTHUSIASM FOR BIRDS AND NATURE:

In October 2005, the Provincial Government declared the whole province as a bird sanctuary. The declaration was highlighted by a ceremonial release of two (2) rehabilitated Brahminy Kites at the historical monument of Mt. Samat in Pilar, Bataan.



of Balanga was declared as the venue of the 2009 Philippine Bird Festival during the Closing Ceremony of the 2008 Philippine Bird Festival hosted in Palawan. The 5th Philippine Bird Festival in Balanga in 2009, aptly themed "Ibong Dayo, Kaibigan Tayo" (Migratory Birds, Our Friends) was a huge success, with about 15,000 locals participating in the events!



WIDESPREAD CONTAMINATION FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS: Constant visits, information dissemination drive and series of workshops conducted by conservation groups and environmental protection advocates led by the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WBCP) and the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) raised Balangueños' awareness and appreciation for the birds in their midst.



SHARING THE TREASURES: Balanga City was one of the 13 birdwatching sites identified by the Department of Tourism's (DOT) Adventure Philippines Campaign in 2008. Then DOT Secretary Robert "Ace" Durano had his first bird-watching experience at the Sibacan Fishponds!

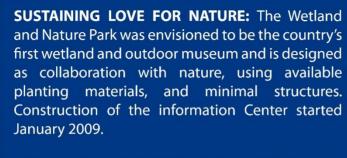




COMMITMENT, PRIDE AND HONOR: Balanga has consistently shown its hospitality for migratory birds as a topnotcher at the annual Asian Waterbird Census. The large numbers of wintering birds are attributed to the excellent conditions of mangroves, wetlands and other wild areas of this progressive city on the shores of Manila Bay. Balanga proves that development is possible without sacrificing nature.



LEADERSHIP AND THE LONG VIEW: City Mayor Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III and Mrs. Isabel Garcia joined other Philippine delegates from birdwatching sites in the country to represent the city at the World Travel Mart & Book-Launching of Book II of "Bird-Watching in the Philippines" in London, November 2008. But it was during the preparations for the 5TH Philippine Bird Festival in Balanga that the idea of setting up a Balanga City Wetland and Nature Park at Barangay Tortugas to further nurture and support Balanga's natural delights.



The cause of protecting birds and the entire eco-system is now engraved in the hearts of all Balangueños symbolized by the new Balanga City Wetland & Nature Park!









2014 Official Bird Census Results:

2012 14,899
Official Bird Census Result

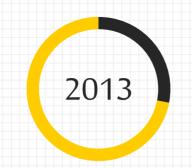
2013 25,935
Official Bird Census Result

Tourist Arrival



36,555

3,320
Day Tour — BCWNP
33,235
Day Tour — Other City
Destinations



22,602

5,050
Day Tour – BCWNP
15,344
Day Tour – Other City
Destinations



83,922

6,864
Day Tour – BCWNP
77,058
Day Tour – Other City
Destinations

Tourism-related Income



P 191,730.00

P 77,831.25

BCWNP Entrance Fee

P 25,943.00

Barangay Share

P 87,955.00

Other Tourism Related Activities



P 97,375.00

P 58,425.00

BCWNP Entrance Fee

P 19,475.00

Barangay Share

P 19,475.00

Other Tourism Related Activities



P 140,535.00

P 86,006.25

BCWNP Entrance Fee

P 28,668.75

Barangay Share

P 25,860.00

Other Tourism Related Activities

Ibong Dayo Festival











