



OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 22
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**RATIONALIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LGU MANILA BAY TASK FORCE
(MBTF) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF BONGABON, NUEVA ECIJA**

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that “(t)he State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;”

WHEREAS, Section 445 (b) (iii), Chapter 3, Title III of the Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, mandates local chief executives to “(i)ssue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;”

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court, in its decision in the case of *Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, et al, vs. Concerned Residents of Manila (G.R. No. 171947-48)*, dated December 18, 2008, ordered the coordinative and collective efforts of Local Government Units (LGUs) and their respective instrumentalities, NGAs, and the private sector;

WHEREAS, the Department of the Interior and Local Government, through the Manila Bay Clean-up, Rehabilitation, and Preservation Program (MBCRPP) Implementing Rules and Regulations, series of 2015, directs LGUs to create a Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) or Monitoring Team responsible for the overall planning, and implementation of programs relative to the rehabilitation of the Bay, and in complying with the protocols, and policies that may be issued by the concerned agencies in relation to the Program;

WHEREAS, the establishment of an LGU MBTF is instrumental to the sustainability of plans, programs, and activities as well as compliance with pertinent laws and policies relative to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. Its creation will also ensure a holistic approach to the implementation of the MBCRPP that focuses on the cross-cutting impacts of Manila Bay on the environmental economic, and socio-cultural sectors of an LGU and the whole of the Manila Bay region.

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RICARDO I. PADILLA**, Local Executive Chief of the Municipality of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija, by virtue of the powers vested in me by Law, hereby order the Establishment of the LGU Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) in Bongabon, Nueva Ecija.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. POSSIBILITIES

The LGU Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) shall be composed of, but not limited to the following:

Chairperson : **Hon. RICARDO I. PADILLA**
Municipal Mayor

Vice-Chairperson : **Hon. JOEL H. BACDAYAN**
SB Chairman
Committee on Environmental Management

Secretariat : **DR. GIL R. DINGLASAN**
MENRO

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President of the Liga ng mga Barangay

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Municipal Health Officer

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Acting Municipal Agriculturist

Ms. JOY A. CAMANIA
MSWDO

Mr. CHARLEZ BRYAN M. CRUZ
Designated Information Officer

SOLIMAN EC
Representative from Concessionaire/
Service Provider

Mr. VIC ROMFEL O. SUAREZ
Kabalikang Civicom 618 (CSO)

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

The LGU Manila Bay Task Force (MBTF) shall exercise the following powers and functions:

1. Planning and Policy Development

- 1.1. The MBTF shall be the body primarily responsible for the development and recommendation of local policies for endorsement to the Sanggunian, pertinent national laws supporting the rehabilitation of Manila Bay, including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Presidential Decree (P.D.) No. 856 or the Code on Sanitation of the Philippines, as amended;
 - b. P.D. No. 198 or the Provincial Water Utilities Act, as amended;
 - c. R.A. No. 9275 or the Clean Water Act of 2004;
 - d. R.A. No. 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000;
 - e. R.A. No. 7279 or the Urban Development and Housing Act of 1992; and
 - f. R.A. No. 8550 or the Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 as amended by R.A. No. 10654
- 1.2. Ensure LGU compliance with the development of local plans that will facilitate the implementation of programs, projects, and activities (PPAs) that contribute to the objectives of the MBCRPP, and the fulfilment of the LGUs' roles, and responsibilities under the program.
- 1.3. Ensure the LGU's compliance with the organization of pertinent local committees and boards for the implementation of PPAs under the aforementioned priority areas.

2. Implementation and Enforcement

- 2.1 Assist pertinent local bodies offices in ensuring that existing sewage lines of all structures, including Commercial Establishments (CEs), Industrial Factories (Ifs), and Private Homes (PHs), are connected to available sewerage systems or Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs), or have septic tanks compliant with national standards, and impose fines, penalties, and other administrative sanctions to compel compliance thereof.
- 2.2 Assist Solid Waste Management Board (SWMB) in ensuring the LGU's compliance with the provisions of R.A. No. 9003 focusing on, but not limited to the establishment of functional Materials Recovery Facilities and/ or Systems (MRFs/MRS); closure and rehabilitation of Open Dumpsites; establishment/ use of a Sanitary Landfill (SLF); and effective implementation of the LGU's 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP).
- 2.3 Pursuant to the Supreme Court Mandamus and in accordance with the provisions of RA No. 7279, the MBTF shall assist the pertinent local

waterways through inventory and identification of these ISFs, identification of suitable relocation sites, and implementation of corresponding Socialized Housing Projects (SHPs).

- 2.4 Ensure that the LGU facilitates comprehensive and strategic Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign as well as engage in partnerships with NGAs, Non-Government Organizations (NGOs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and the private sector to establish support and buy-in on the Manila Bay clean-up, rehabilitation, and preservation efforts.
- 2.5 The MBTF shall convene, at least, quarterly to discuss initiatives and efforts of the LGU relative to the implementation of their mandates under the environmental laws that support the rehabilitation of Manila Bay.
- 2.6 In the conduct of meetings, ensure that a quorum is met, and that proceedings and agreements are well documented. For reference of the DILG Local Government Operations Officers, and compliance with the documentary requirements of the MBCRPP LGU Compliance Assessment.

3. Monitoring and Evaluation

- 3.1 Ensure regular monitoring of accomplishments relative to the implementation of the MBCRP Program within their locality.
- 3.2 The MBTF, in close coordination with the respective MBCRPP-Program Management Teams (PMTs) of their regions, shall ensure that all reportorial requirements under the MBCRPP are submitted in a timely and accurate manner.
- 3.3 Regularly evaluate the implementation of its PPAs, and produce accomplishment reports and catch-up plans for areas of the MBCRPP that the LGU needs to direct its focus on.
- 3.4 Ensure the sustainability of the rehabilitation efforts, the MBTF shall ensure that the results of the LGU Compliance Assessment, through the Regional Interagency Committee (RIAC) and the National Interagency Committee (NIAC), are aptly evaluated and utilized for effective planning and development of necessary interventions and remedial actions.
- 3.5 Ensure the accurate and timely submission of the LGU's Manila Bayanihan-Data Capture Forms (MB-DCFs) quarterly, pursuant to MC No. 2022-019.

4. Responsible for safekeeping copies of all related MBCRPP reports, and documents of the LGU, and shall, at all times, ensure the proper turnover of the same to their successors in the event of replacements in representatives, and/or, re-organization of the Task Force.
5. Serve as the coordinating body responsible for all concerns related to the rehabilitation of Manila Bay. It shall not in any way, diminish, limit, or restrain the mandate of any local department or office but instead work to harmonize all efforts relative to the fulfilment of the MBCRPP goals.
6. Perform such other functions which may hereafter be assigned by law or executive issuance.

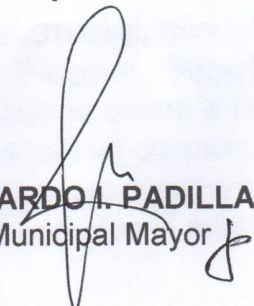
SECTION 4. REPEALING CLAUSE

All orders and issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded, repealed, and/or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 5th day of September 2022 at Bongabon, Nueva Ecija.


RICARDO I. PADILLA
Municipal Mayor