



**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF SIAYAN,  
ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL SESSION HALL ON THE 10TH DAY OF JULY 2023.**

**PRESENT:**

Hon. Josecor S. Gepolongca, Presiding Officer	Municipal Vice Mayor
Hon. Raul P. Dominise, Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore	Sangguniang Bayan Member
Hon. Daisy A. Limbang, Majority Floor Leader	-do-
Hon. Wilfredo A. Siasico, Asst. Majority Floor Leader	-do-
Hon. Rey L. Anugon	-do-
Hon. Roel J. Fabiran,	-do-
Hon. Wencito B. Intoy,	-do-
Hon. Billynel C. Catig,	-do-
Hon. Estrella S. Zapatos, Minority Floor Leader	-do-
Hon. Maribel C. Okay, LIGA President	-do-
Hon. Phil A. Saraga, SK Fed. President	-do-
Hon. Johnny C. Anugon, Sr. IPMR	-do-

**ABSENT:**

None

**PREFATORY STATEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, it is the prime duty of the government to protect and conserve national patrimony, advance the rights of the people to healthy environment, and commit to promote industrialization through industries that make use of human and natural resources in the manufacture of competitive products aligned with the requirements of both domestic and international markets;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, provides the devolution to a certain extent to local government units the management of local environment and natural resources to include, but not limited to, rivers, creeks forests and watershed areas, among others;

**WHEREAS**, to protect the banks of water bodies from erosion, and to help preserve natural resources from destruction, development measures have to be undertaken to include planting of vegetation in these areas with durable and fast-growing plant species that could withstand natural destruction;

**WHEREAS**, studies show that bamboo, apart from the cheaper cost of production, is also an ideal renewable resource that when planted and managed properly can significantly contribute in the mitigation of climate change considering its carbon capture characteristics. Deeply-rooted bamboos planted along the banks of rivers, creeks and other water bodies can help prevent soil erosion and sitting of these water bodies.

**WHEREAS**, on the economic aspect, bamboo can be a sustainable source of income of local residents and other processors/manufacturers as it can be easily transformed into cash crop for its shoots and as a raw material input in the manufacture of various bamboo by-products;

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**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 879 created the Philippine Bamboo Industry Development Council (PBIDC) and set the development directions of the government for the bamboo sector considering both its economic as well as environmental contributions;

**WHEREAS**, in order to strengthen the raw material base for a sustainable supply of quality bamboo materials and to help mitigate climate change, establishment of bamboo nurseries and bamboo plantations in watershed areas, flood and landslide prone areas, idle and marginalized agricultural lands, upland areas covered by Community Based Forest Management as well as banks of water bodies should be instituted;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the Municipal Government of Siayan to enact an enabling ordinance to address the aforementioned concerns, and for the effective implementation of the Bamboo Development Project.

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled:

**"MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23-08  
Series of 2023**

**AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF SIAYAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE AND PROVIDING FUNDS THEREOF.**

**SECTION 1. TITLE.** This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the **"ORDINANCE INSTITUTIONALIZING THE BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OF SIAYAN, ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE"**.

**SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.** To promote environmental protection and to help accelerate development, it is hereby declared as a policy of the Municipal Government of Siayan to develop competitive, sustainable and environment-friendly industries that provide equal employment opportunities for all and raise the standard of living of the constituents. This will be achieved by supporting the Bamboo Development Project through purposive and massive establishment of bamboo plantations in designated area/s. Along this line, the municipal government of Siayan shall extend support to all bamboo stakeholders, public or private, who shall be implementing programs, projects and activities along the bamboo development value chain.

**SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS.** As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- a. **Bamboo Development Project** - a project to upscale the bamboo industry through the establishment of bamboo nurseries and plantations along the banks of the Cagayan River and its tributaries and in watershed areas.
- b. **Bamboo Industry Value Chain** - Full range of activities (from propagation to processing) that are required to bring a product from its conception to its end use, including all the market channels available to all firms.
- c. **Communal Forest** - a tract of forest land set aside by the Secretary of the DENR upon there commendation of the concerned LGU for the use



d. laws and regulations and subject to the provision that utilization of resources therein shall be in accordance with sustainable development.

d. **Communal Bamboo Nursery** - a cooperative venture between and among community members who all play a part in running it and all benefit from it. As a larger unit more feasible than the individual level, it has more leverage in accessing inputs and selling its outputs. Collective facilities can be established for the benefit of all, such as central propagation facilities and machinery.

e. **Local Bamboo Farmer Producers** - local residents engaged in the implementation of the Bamboo Development project in the municipality. If Bamboo Plantations-Productions - those intended for the production of shoots and culms for industrial uses.

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g. **Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)** — a non-profit group that functions independently of any government. NGOs are organized on community, national and international levels to serve a social or political goal such as humanitarian causes or the environment.

h. **Bamboo Plantations** — are intended for environmental protection. Harvest of culms will be limited for their maintenance.

i. **Community** — a group of people living in the same place.

j. **Riparian Zones** — interface between land and a river or stream.

k. **Watershed Areas** - areas of land that feed all the water running under them and draining off of it into a body of water. It combines with other watersheds to form a network of rivers and streams that progressively drain into larger water areas.

l. **Barangay Resident Farmers** — Those identified to plant and grow or take care of the bamboos as stewards of the Bamboo development projects in their respective areas.

**SECTION 4. KEY ACTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION.** The Municipal Government of Siayan shall undertake the following activities to implement this ordinance:

- a. Prepare a Comprehensive Bamboo Development Plan for the City that incorporates identification of suitable land areas in all barangays along riparian zones, watershed areas and communal forests for the establishment of bamboo plantations;
- b. Conduct survey mapping and establish boundary demarcation for production and protection plantations;
- c. Conduct social preparations and comprehensive capacity development for local bamboo beneficiaries;
- d. Organize, create and mobilize community and other non-government organizations/groups or private sectors in the areas in planting bamboo in the required and identified locations, and managing these plantations to ensure sustainability;



- e. Identify resident-farmers who shall establish and maintain communal bamboo nurseries;
- f. Extend appropriate technical assistances and services to investors who will venture into bamboo nurseries and plantations particularly in private lands;
- g. Link with academe, national government agencies, other local government units and private sector groups for technical and funding support;
- h. Conducts advocacy campaign to encourage more LGUs to replicate the project;
- i. Monitor and evaluate all initiatives undertaken relative to this ordinance

**SECTION 5. BAMBOO DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE.** To carry out the provisions of this Ordinance, a Bamboo Development Task Force is hereby organized with following composition and functions:

#### **5.1 COMPOSITION:**

Chairperson: Mr. Xavier M. Indiape – MENRO Officer - Designate  
 Vice Chairperson – Mr. Edu Velasco – Municipal Agriculturist  
 Members – all Barangay Captains in the identified locations/areas  
     Mr. Jose Edison A. Adaza - MSWDO  
     Mr. Ryan S. Zapatos - Municipal Tourism Officer (Designate)  
     Mrs. Airma B. Baculpo – HRMO - Public Employment Service  
     Officer Manager (Designate)  
     Head of an accredited Non-Government Organization

#### **5.2 FUNCTIONS:**

- a. Prepare and implement a Localized Roadmap and action plan approved by the City Mayor and as a basis for appropriating funds thereof;
- b. Conduct meetings for planning, consultation updating reporting and other activities which may be deemed important to implement this ordinance;
- c. Coordinate and Collaborate with national government agencies, other local government units and/or non-government organizations for partnership and/or assistance to ensure effective implementation of identified activities;
- d. In consultation with various stakeholder, prepare the Implementing Rules and Regulations within 60 days upon the approval of this ordinance;
- e. With the assistance of Punong Barangays, identify concerned barangay resident-farmers in identified locations/areas who shall be stewards of Bamboo Development Project of the LGU;
- f. Submit periodic status reports of implementation to the Office of the Mayor and the Office of the Sangguniang Bayan;
- g. Perform such other functions as may be necessary to implement the intents of this ordinance;

**5.3 MEETINGS AND QUORUM OF THE TASK FORCE.** The Task Force shall meet once a month, or as necessary, on such a day and time as it may fix. The presence of at least a majority of all the members constitutes a quorum.