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MUNICIPALITY OF LOON

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 67TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 12TH SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 17TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2014 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN (SB) OFFICE, LOON, BOHOL-

PRESENT:

Hon. Elvi Peter L. Relampagos,	Vice-Mayor, Presiding Officer
Hon. Nilo P. Branzuela,	SB Member
Hon. Lydia L. Almasa,	SB Member
Hon. Romel C. Legitimas,	SB Member
Hon. Kristel P. Tecson,	SB Member
Hon. Ricky U. Masamayor,	SB Member
Hon. Zaide Y. Coritico,	SB Member
Hon. Damaso C. Pasilbas,	SB Member
Hon. Edwin R. Ladeza	SB Member
Hon. Pedro M. Literatus, Jr.,	LnB President, Ex Officio Member

ABSENT:

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MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 14-003
Series of 2014

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE LOON COASTAL GEOMORPHIC CONSERVATION PARK AT THE UPLIFTED INTERTIDAL ZONE FROM SONG-ON TO CANHANGDON OCCIDENTAL, IT BEING A PART OF THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL

Be it enacted by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled:

WHEREAS, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Loon, Province of Bohol, envisions a peaceful town whose economic growth is anchored on agriculture, trading, ecotourism and people empowerment through shared and service-oriented governance;

WHEREAS, in realizing its vision the LGU of Loon makes every effort to create a tourist- and business-friendly environment by sustainably managing the town's resources and heritage while promoting peace, health and prosperity;

WHEREAS, the devastating 7.2-magnitude earthquake that shook Bohol and neighboring provinces on October 15, 2013 resulted in, among others, the uplift of a portion of the intertidal zone within the municipal waters of Loon, from Song-on on the South up to Canhangdon Occidental on the north with an area of 417 hectares;

WHEREAS, for various reasons, the uplifted coastal zone has become an object of interest of the local and national governments, community members, the academe, scientists, land-use planners, and private individuals;

WHEREAS, there is a need to protect the geological and ecological site and enhance the public's awareness of its scientific and socio-cultural significance;

WHEREAS, being an unexpected addition to the mainland of Loon and only through which access to the municipal waters is possible, it is of utmost concern for the LGU to develop the area for what it is most suited with due consideration to environmental protection and conservation; development of sustainable livelihood; promotion of cultural heritage; and enhancement of people's creativity;

NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, be it ordained by the 12th Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled;

Section 1. Establishment of the Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park. – There shall be established a Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park at the uplifted intertidal zone, from Song-on to Canhangdon Occidental, it being a part of the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality of Loon, Province of Bohol.

Section 2. Definition of Terms. – The following terms, as mentioned in this ordinance, are hereby defined:

- 2.a. Intertidal zone - also known as foreshore and seashore and sometimes referred to as the littoral zone, is the area that is above water at low tide and under water at high tide. In other words, it is the area between low tide and high tide marks.
- 2.b. Geomorphic - relating to the form of the landscape and other natural features of the earth's surface
- 2.c. Mangrove areas - a forest or dense thicket of tropical evergreen trees or shrubs having stiltlike intertwining aerial or prop roots that grow below the highest tide levels in swampy areas
- 2.d. Highest high tide – the tide at its fullest, when the water reaches its highest level at a certain time of the year

Section 3. Determination of Boundaries and Total Area. – The boundaries of the Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park shall consist of the following:

- 3.a. Loon-Maribojoc municipal boundary following a straight line from the mainland boundary to the municipal waters boundary;
- 3.b. Canhangdon Occidental-Sandingan Island boundary; and
- 3.c. Landward to seaward, from the pre-earthquake original shoreline including the mangrove areas up to twenty (20) meters from the sea water's edge taken during the highest high tide.

The actual boundaries and total area of the conservation park shall be determined by the Offices of the Municipal Engineer and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator, and confirmed by the concerned national government agencies.

Section 4. Drafting of Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park Development Master Plan. – The Local Government Unit of Loon shall draft a master plan for the development and conservation of the uplifted intertidal zone subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan. The plan may include, but not limited to, the following major components:

- 4.a. Construction of a southern coastal road with support infrastructure;
- 4.b. Establishment of areas for amusement, recreation, sports and other physical activities;
- 4.c. Development of tourism products that involve nature and heritage appreciation and conservation, as well as sports and extreme adventure;
- 4.d. Construction of strategic infrastructure for tourism-related activities; and
- 4.e. Enhancement of the existing fish sanctuaries and development of other fishery-related projects.

Section 5. Research and Development. – In order to generate relevant information on the uplifted intertidal zone, the Local Government Unit, in coordination with educational and scientific institutions and organizations, shall conduct research and launch activities that promote widespread dissemination of the generated information and encourage the protection and conservation of the park's natural resources.

Section 6. Creation of Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park Management Council. – There shall be created a management council known as Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park Management Council to be composed of the following:

Chairperson:	Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairperson:	Municipal Vice Mayor
Members:	Chairman, SB Committee on Environment
	Chairman, SB Committee on Agriculture and Fishery
	Chairman, SB Committee on Tourism
	Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC)
	Punong Barangay or any currently elected barangay official duly authorized by the Barangay Councils of Song-on, Tontonan, Cuasi, Tangnan, Pig-ot, Basdacu, Lintuan, Napo, Cogon Norte, Basac and Canhangdon Occidental
	Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
	Municipal Action Officer for Tourism and Cultural Heritage
	Local Economic and Investment Promotion Officer
	or Representative of the Business Sector
	Representative, Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO)
	Representative, Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARC)
	Representative, Education Sector

The Secretariat of the Council shall be selected from among the personnel and staff of the Offices of the Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 7. Source of Funds. – The budget for the development and conservation of the Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park shall be charged to local funds including user's fee and other fees to be imposed. Other funding sources, like grants and public-private partnerships, shall be explored.

Section 8. Prohibited Acts. – The following acts are strictly prohibited on the uplifted intertidal zone:

8.a. Construction of any structures like multipurpose sheds and buildings, residential houses, berthing or mooring facilities, and others that are not part of the development master plan for the area;

8.b. Collection or extraction of any materials or objects like sand, stones, pebbles, dead and broken corals, empty shells of marine organisms, and others that have ecological, geological or educational significance;

8.c. Cutting of trees especially in the mangrove areas as well as in the new-growth areas;

8.d. Unauthorized planting of any species of trees;

8.e. Unauthorized excavation for collection, construction or any other purpose;

8.f. Dumping of garbage;

8.g. Driving or parking of motorized vehicles; and

8.h. Other acts that destroy or diminish the ecological, geological and educational significance of the area;

Section 9. Regulation. – Activities and/or infrastructure, agricultural, fishery or other projects that entail the utilization of the conservation park are subject to the approval of the Loon Coastal Geomorphic Conservation Park Management Council in conformity with other pertinent government laws and regulations.

Section 10. Penalties. – Penal provisions of applicable laws and ordinances shall apply to any violation of this ordinance.

Section 11. Applicability of Existing Laws. – Whenever applicable, local and national laws on health, environment, tourism, trade and industry, and others shall be enforced at the conservation park.

Section 12. Repealing Clause. – Any existing ordinance that is inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance is hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 13. Effectivity Clause. – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted ordinance.

FIDELINO P. CORITICO, LLB
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED:

ELVI PETER L. RELAMPAGOS
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

A P P R O V E D:

LLOYD PETER M. LOPEZ, M.D.
Municipal Mayor

Date: _____