



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Bohol  
**MUNICIPALITY OF LOON**

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION HELD BY THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL ON THE 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2000 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AT SESSION HALL –

PRESENT	:	Hon. Raul P. Barbarona	Vice Mayor Presiding Officer
		Hon. Rolando L. Paloso	SB Member
		Hon. Francisco R. Pechon, Jr.,	SB Member
		Hon. Hermenegildo M. California	SB Member
		Hon. Zenon R. Perez	SB Member
		Hon. Felix M. Marcojos	SB Member
		Hon. Nicolas M. Labastilla	SB Member
		Hon. Buenaventura L. Orcullo	SB Member
		Hon. Yvonne T. Campoamor	SKMF President (Ex-Officio Member)
ABSENT	:	Hon. Clovis L. Nazareno	SB Member
		Hon. Rosalio S. Sieras	LnB President-On Leave (Ex-Officio Member)

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AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A SHELL GARDEN AND FISH SANCTUARY IN THE MUNICIPAL SEA WATERS OF BARANGAY COGON NORTE, LOON, BOHOL-

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WHEREAS, the fisherfolks who are members of the Cogon Norte Mangrove Planters Association (CONOMPA) are very desirous that the seawaters within this barangay be protected from different illegal methods of fishing;

WHEREAS, this illegal methods of fishing destroys the very seashore the seaweds which is supposed to be the breeding place of the different kinds and species of sea shells and fish;

WHEREAS, the destruction of the area when left alone, without any remedy initiated by the fisherfolks and the local government will result to a lifeless and barren seashore;

“NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled:

**Section 1. TITLE – AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A SHELL GARDEN AND FISH REFUGE AND SANCTUARY IN THE MUNICIPAL SEAWATERS OF COGON NORTE, MUNICIPALITY OF LOON, BOHOL –**

Section 2. DEFINITION TERMS:

2.1 Fish Refuge and Sanctuary – an area declared by the Sangguniang Bayan and to be managed by fisherfolks organization of the barangay to guarantee their food security and to ensure that fish stocks will remain and be abundant for the future generation.

2.2 Spawning Ground – the breeding place for the different species of fish and sea shells and other marine life.

2.3 Fish Coral or Bungsod – a stationary weir or trap to capture fish, consisting of rows of bamboo stocks, nylon nets and other materials fenced with split bamboo mattings or wire mattings with one or more enclosures, usually with easy entrance but difficult exit and with or without leaders to direct the fish to the catching area or chambers, purse or bags.

2.4 Buffer-Zone or marine Reserve – an area ten (10) meters distance around the sanctuary on the case of Cogon Norte shell garden and sanctuary in which case only passive fishing gears will be allowed :

Section 3. Technical Description of the Area

a) Seawaters at Cogon Norte, Loon, Bohol containing an area of six point sixty one (6.61 has.) with Technical Description as follows:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1-2	N 49 – 42'W	154.80 M
2-3	N 25 – 15'E	172.96 M
3-4	N 62 – 51'E	173.72 M
4-5	S 59 – 55'E	98.06 M
5-6	S 57 – 51'E	115.32 M
6-7	S 61 – 47'W	179.06 M
7-1	S 43 – 51'W	194.97 M

Section 4. PROHIBITATION:

4.1 It is unlawful for any person or group of persons to fish or gather sea shells and other marine life in the area of the sanctuary.

4.2 No person shall be allowed to establish a fish coral or bungsod within two hundred (200) meters distance from the shell garden and sanctuary.

4.3 A total ban on diving or snorkeling within the shell garden and fish sanctuary is hereby declared except for study purposes only.

4.4 No boat of any kind will be allowed to drop anchorage in the shell garden and sanctuary and within the ten (10) meter buffer-zone or marine reserve.

4.5 At the buffer-zone, only the following passive fishing gears or methods of fishing be allowed, pangal, pasol, and spear fishing (pana) without the use of scuba diving equipment or compressor.

#### Section 5 EXEMPTIONS:

5.1 Only barangay residents of Cogon Norte and nearby hinterland barangays may fish or glean within the area known as buffer-zone. This will ensure the equitable benefit of the shell garden and fish sanctuary to be mainly distributed to those residents who guard and ensure the continuity of the area.

5.2 Any person wishing to conduct a scientific study of the area may do so only after having secured a written authorization from the Mayor and upon presentation of proof of prior consultation with the MFARMC and Barangay residents where the shell garden and sanctuary is situated and after payment of a permit fee of one hundred pesos (P100.00) per study. Provided the researcher will furnish a copy of their findings to the municipality.

Section 6 PENAL PROVISION – Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subjected to the following penalties:

1<sup>st</sup> offence – P1,000.00 per person plus confiscation of the fish caught.

2<sup>nd</sup> offence – P1,500.00 per person plus confiscation of the fish caught and equipments used.

3<sup>rd</sup> offence – P2,000.00 per person plus confiscation of the fish caught and the equipments used or imprisonment of 2 months or both upon the discretion of the court.

Section 7. REPEALING CLAUSE – Any or all provisions of existing ordinance found to be inconsistent hereto are hereby repealed.

Section 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting in the Barangay Hall of Cogon Norte and the municipality of Loon, Bohol.

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the above-quoted Municipal Ordinance.

ATTY. RAUL P. BARBARONA  
Vice Mayor  
(Presiding Officer)

A T T E S T E D:

FIDELINO P. CORITICO  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

A P P R O V E D:

CESAR TOMAS M. LOPEZ, M. D.  
Municipal Mayor

Date Approved: 04/25/2000