



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

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 149<sup>th</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF LOON, PROVINCE OF BOHOL HELD ON THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2001 AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN AT SESSION HALL –**

**PRESENT :** Hon. Raul P. Barbarona, Vice Mayor, Presiding Officer  
Hon. Clovis L. Nazareno, SB Member  
Hon. Hermenegildo M. California, SB Member  
Hon. Zenon R. Perez, SB Member  
Hon. Felix M. Marcojos, SB Member  
Hon. Buenaventura L. Orcullo, SB Member

**ABSENT:** Hon. Rolando L. Paloso, SB Member  
Hon. Francisco R. Pechon, Jr., SB Member  
Hon. Nicolas M. Labastilla, SB Member  
Hon. Rosalio S. Sieras, LnB President, Ex-Officio  
Member  
Hon. Yvonne T. Campoamor, SKMF President, Ex-Officio  
Member

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 01-004**  
Series of 2001

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A FISH REFUGE AND SANCTUARIES IN THE MUNICIPAL SEAWATERS OF BARANGAY CUASI AND BASDACU, LOON, BOHOL-**

“WHEREAS, the fisherfolks of barangays, Cuasi and Basdacu, Loon, Bohol are very much interested to establish a fish refuge and sanctuary;

“WHEREAS, these barangays conducted a public hearing to ascertain the interest and approval of the populace;

“WHEREAS, the barangay councils of these two barangays seek assistance from DENR to survey and determine the area proposed for the establishment of a fish refuge and sanctuary;

“WHEREAS, the establishment of a fish refuge and sanctuary will develop the habitat and the spawning ground of fish, thus abundant species of fish will thrive in the area;

“WHEREAS, Section 81, Republic Act 8550, provides that in municipal waters, the concerned LGU in consultation with the MFARMC may establish fish refuge and sanctuaries;

“NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, be it ordained by the 7<sup>th</sup> Sangguniang Bayan of Loon, Bohol in session duly assembled:

**SECTION 1. TITLE. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A FISH REFUGE AND SANCTUARIES IN THE MUNICIPAL SEAWATERS OF CUASI AND BASDACU, LOON, BOHOL:**

**SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS**

- 2.1 Fish refuge and sanctuary – An area declared by and to be managed by small fisherfolks of the barangay to guarantee their food security and to ensure that fish stocks will remain for the future generation.
- 2.2 Fisherfolks – people directly or personally and physically engaged in taking and or culturing and processing fishery and/or aquatic resources.
- 2.3 Spawning ground – the breeding place for the different species of fish and other marine species.
- 2.4 Buffer-Zone or marine reserve – an area of fifteen meters (15 m.) around the sanctuary in the case of Cuasi and twenty meters (20m.) in the case of Basdacu, in which only passive fishing gears will be allowed.

**SECTION 3. TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION.**

- a) Barangay Cuasi, Loon, Bohol containing an area of ten (10) hectares.

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1 – 2	N 17 0'W	630.10 M
2 – 3	N 87 29'E	364.29 M
3 - 4	S 0 54'E	459.65 M
4 - 1	S 49 38'W	245.56 M

- b) Barangay Basdacu, Loon, Bohol containing an area of ten point twenty three (10.23) hectares more or less with Technical Description as follows:

LINE	BEARING	DISTANCE
1 – 2	S 88 40'W	100.5 M
2 – 3	S 10 57'W	880.39 M
3 - 4	N 78 35'W	148.83 M
4 - 1	N 08 15'W	846.02 M

**SECTION 4. PROHIBITIONS:**

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

- 4.2 No person shall be allowed to establish a fish coral or bungsod within the 200 meters distance from the sanctuary.
- 4.3 A total ban on diving or snorkeling within the sanctuary is hereby declared, except for study purposes only.
- 4.4 No boat of any kind will be allowed to pass or drop anchorage in the sanctuary and within the ten (10) meter buffer-zone/marine reserve.
- 4.5 At the buffer-zone, only the following passive fishing gears be allowed: pangal, pasol and spear fishing (Pana) without scuba/diving equipment or compressor.

**SECTION 5. EXEMPTIONS:**

- a.) Only barangay residents may fish or glean within the area known as Buffer-zone. This will ensure the equitable benefit of the sanctuary to be mainly distributed to those residents who guard and ensure the continuity of the sanctuary.
- b.) 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 consultation with the MFARMC and Barangay residents where the sanctuary is situated and after payment of a permit fee of one hundred (P100.00) pesos 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 subject to the following penalties.**

- 1<sup>st</sup> offense – P1, 000.00 per person plus confiscation of the fish caught
- 2<sup>nd</sup> offense – P1, 500.00 per person plus confiscation of the fish caught and the equipment used.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> offense – P2, 000.00 per person plus confiscation of the fish caught and the equipments used or imprisonment of 2 months or both, in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION 7. REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any or all provisions of existing ordinance found inconsistent hereto are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon approval and posting in the two barangays, Cuasi and Basdacu, this municipality.

Unanimously Approved.

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

ATTY. RAUL P. BARBARONA  
Vice Mayor  
Presiding officer

ATTESTED:

FIDELINO P. CORITICO  
Secretary of the Sanggunian

APPROVED:

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

Date Approved: 05/04/2001