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Republic of the Philippines
Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
Province of Tawi-Tawi

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
Bongao

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE
SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF TAWI-TAWI HELD AT
THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN SESSION HALL,
CAPITOL BUILDING, BONGAO, TAWI-TAWI,
ON JANUARY 5, 1999

Present:

Hon. Abdulkarim J. Nuruddin SP Member and
Acting Presiding Officer
Hon. Hadji Yacob S. Harun SP Member
Hon. Datu Abubakar I. Dawila SP Member
Hon. Laurel "Lao" T. Tahir SP Member
Hon. Hadji Kadir J. Matolo SP Member

Absent :

Hon. Abubakar J. Mohammad Vice-Governor and
Presiding Officer (OB)
Hon. Datu Hadji Alawangsa M. Amilbangsa ... SP Member
Hadja Myrna C. Ajihil Ex-Officio Member
(PCL)

RESOLUTION NO. 042
Series of 1999

RESOLUTION

**ENDORING THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTIRE TURTLE
ISLANDS AS WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, ITS REQUISITE
MANAGEMENT PLAN AND THE PHILIPPINE TURTLE ISLANDS
ECOTOURISM CONCEPTUAL MASTERPLAN**

WHEREAS, the Turtle Islands was selected as one of the ten priority areas of the Integrated Protected Areas System (IPAS) of the Philippines as the only major nesting place for the endangered green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) in the world and the only major aggregation of hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) turtles in the ASEAN Region; by virtue of which, R.A. 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Law requires a management plan for effective project management of such wildlife sanctuaries;

WHEREAS, the Philippines is signatory to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of Malaysia on the Establishment of the Turtle Island Heritage Protected Area (TIHPA) composed of six islands designated by the Philippines: Buan, Langawan, Great Bakungan, Lihiman, Taganak, and Baguan; and three island designated by Malaysia: Palau Selingan, Palau Gulisaan, and Palay Bakkungan Kechil;

WHEREAS, one of the islands was declared in June 8, 1982 as the Baguan Island Marine Turtle Sanctuary by virtue of Min. of Nat. Res. Admm. Order No. 8;

WHEREAS, a legislative measure is filed before the House of Representatives (HB No. 3186) which provides for the development of Turtle Islands composed of Buan, Lihiman, Taganak, Langawan, Baguan Turtle Sanctuary, Sibaung, and Great Bakungan in the Province of Tawi-Tawi into an ecology tourism zone to be known as the Turtle Reservation Point for Pawikan (TRIP);

WHEREAS, endorsements from Barangays Likod and Dambilah located in Baguan which have the political jurisdiction and boundary of the sanctuary has favorably endorsed the proclamation of the entire Turtle Islands as wildlife sanctuary;

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Bayan and the Municipal Development Council of Turtle Islands, Tawi-Tawi favorably endorsed the resolutions of Barangays Likod and Dambilah, and the management plan of the entire Turtle Islands Group on March 28, 1995 and August 25, 1995, respectively; the latter being endorsed to the Provincial government and the Sangguniang Panlalawigan for appropriate action.

WHEREAS, nature-based tourism (which range from appreciation and exploration visits to natural areas of wildlife and bird sanctuaries, cycling, mountain climbing, turtle watching, diving, snorkeling, swimming, hiking, trekking, sea kayaking, island hopping to scientific researches of turtles and the marine environment) has a great potential for development in the Turtle Islands; thus, it is making it imperative to designate zones for conservation and recreation for visitor enjoyment and understanding of the area's sensitivity in the proposed land use in the Philippine Turtle Islands Ecotourism Conceptual Masterplan;

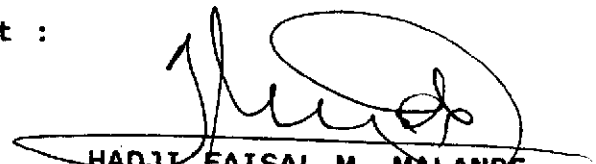
NOW THEREFORE

On session duly assembled, **RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolved, to respectfully endorse the proclamation of the entire Turtle Islands as wildlife sanctuary, its Requisite Management Plan and the Philippine Turtle Islands Ecotourism Conceptual Masterplan.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for information and appropriate action. Copies of the same shall be furnished the Turtle Islands Sangguniang Bayan.

Adopted this 5th day of January, 1999, on motion of Hon. Hadji Kadir J. Matolo, duly seconded by Hon. Hadji Yacob S. Harun.

Certified true and correct :


HADJI FAISAL M. MALANDE
Secretary, SP

Attested :


HON. ABDULKARIM J. NURUDDIN
SP Member and
Acting Presiding Officer

Approved :

HADJI SADIKUL A. SAHALI
Provincial Governor

Date: 
7 Jan 99