



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18
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REORGANIZING THE ISABELA TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLAN TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

WHEREAS, Section 37 of Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as the "Tourism Act of 2009" states that Local Government Units (LGUs) in consultation with stakeholders are encouraged to utilize their powers under Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, to ensure the preparation and implementation of a tourism development plan, the enforcement of standards and the collection of statistical data for tourism purposes;

WHEREAS, the State declares tourism as an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socio-economic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment, and to continue to mold and enhanced sense of national pride of all Filipinos;

WHEREAS, the Province of Isabela is an emerging tourist destination in Northern Luzon due to its pristine natural attractions, gastronomic experiences, cultural and historical heritage and wide-array of tourism activities;

WHEREAS, the separation, transfer and/or promotion from office of the members of the Technical Working Group, have resulted in vacancies in the membership of the TWG;

NOW THEREFORE, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

Section 1. Creation. The Isabela Tourism Development Plan- Technical Working Group (ITDP- TWG) is hereby reorganized.

Section 2. Composition. The ITDP- TWG shall be constituted, to wit:

<i>Head:</i>	<i>Provincial Tourism Officer</i>
<i>Assistant Head:</i>	<i>Atty. Elizabeth C. Binag</i> Head Executive Assistant
<i>Members:</i>	<i>Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez</i> Provincial Administrator
	<i>Atty. Eduardo R. Cabantac</i> Provincial Planning and Dev. Coordinator
	<i>Ms. Elsa M. Pastrana</i> Provincial Budget Officer
	<i>Ms. Maria Theresa Araneta- Flores</i> Provincial Treasurer

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

Antonietta M. Bulan
Provincial Accountant

Rodrigo T. Sawit
Provincial General Services Officer

Marilyn G. Lopez
Provincial Internal Audit and Control Officer

Mr. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr.
Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Engr. Virgilio S. Lorenzo
Provincial Engineer

Dr. Nelson O. Paguirigan
Provincial Health Officer

Ms. Gretchen F. Valdez
Isabela Coastal Development Officer

Ms. Ma. Sofia G. Narag
Provincial Director
Department of Trade and Industry-Isabela

Engr. Corazon D. Toribio
Provincial Director
Department of the Interior and Local Government

All Municipal/ City Tourism Officer or Focal Person

Secretariat: Isabela Tourism Office

Section 3. Functions. The ITDP-TWG shall have the following functions;

1. Assist the Tourism Council in the preparation of the Isabela Tourism Development Plan (ITDP) and present the same to identified tourism stakeholders;
2. Facilitate the gathering and retrieval of data and other relevant tourism information that are useful in the preparation of ITDP;
3. Resolve Technical Issues and other concerns that might arise in the process of drafting and finalizing the ITDP;
4. Call on concerned office, agency or sector as it may deem necessary, for support and facilitation during the process;
5. Coordinate with Municipal/City Tourism Officer or Focal Persons from component cities and municipalities appointed by their respective LGU for the crafting of the ITDP. They shall contribute data from their own local tourism development plan and shall assist in data gathering regarding the plan. The City of Santiago is likewise enjoined to participate to encourage congruence and integration in the provinces over-all tourism development plan;
6. Each LGU shall be appropriately represented in the series of consultative meetings, site inspections and other planning activities;
7. The Isabela Tourism Office shall work in close coordination with the IDTP-TWG in the crafting of the ITDP and provide if necessary logistical support and information to ensure the successful formulation of the ITDP.

8. Oversee and ensure that ITDP is formulated and implemented upon approval by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan;
9. The IDTP-TWG shall provide regular updates to the Provincial Governor and Chairman of the Isabela Tourism Council;

Section 4. Funding. All expenses pertaining to the operation of the TWG shall be sourced from available funds of the Provincial Government subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and guidelines;

Section 5. Repealing Clause. All orders and issuances inconsistent with the provisions of this order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This order shall take effect immediately and let copies hereof be provided to all concerned for their information, reference, and guidance.

Issued this 7th day of June 2023 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 