



# BALANGA CITY WETLAND & NATURE PARK'S

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## SUCCESS STORY

A central yellow graphic consisting of several overlapping, slanted rectangular shapes that create a sense of depth and movement. The shapes are layered, with some appearing more prominent than others, all set against a dark gray background.

# Profile

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of the City









## PROVINCE OF BATAAN

**“CRADLE OF HEROES” &  
“THE LAST BASTION OF DEMOCRACY IN ASIA”**

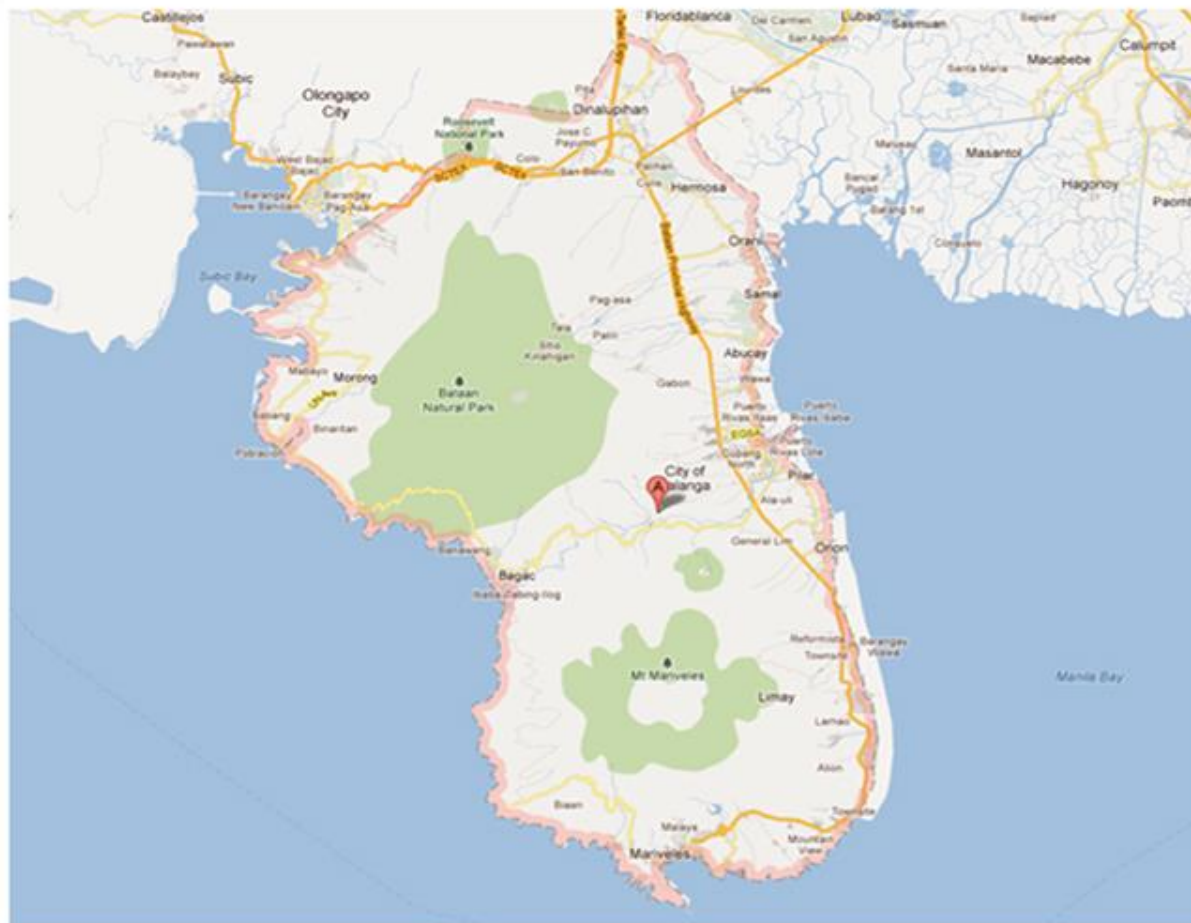
### VISION

**BY 2020, BATAAN PROVINCE WILL BE THE  
PREFERRED LOCATION OF ECO-INDUSTRIAL  
INVESTMENTS LEADING TO THE  
HIGHEST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX  
IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

### MISSION

**EXCELLENT PUBLIC SERVICES TOWARDS  
A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL.**

<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>CITY OF BALANGA</b>
<b>TOTAL AREA</b>	<b>1,372.98 KM2 530.11 SQ.M.</b>
<b>POPULATION</b>	<b>687,482 (2010)</b>
<b>COMPONENT CITY</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>MUNICIPALITIES</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>BARANGAYS</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>DISTRICTS</b>	<b>1ST AND 2ND</b>



**GOV. ALBERT S. GARCIA**



**REP. ENRIQUE T. GARCIA JR.**



**REP. HERMINIA B. ROMAN**









## CITY OF BALANGA

**"WORLD-CLASS  
UNIVERSITY TOWN"**

### VISION

**BY 2020, A WORLD-CLASS UNIVERSITY TOWN  
CENTER FOR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC,  
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INTERACTION  
IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION.**

### MISSION

**BUILD A FAMILY-ORIENTED CITY  
WITH A STRONG ACADEMIC  
ATMOSPHERE THAT WILL ENSURE  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND  
PARTICIPATIVE GOVERNANCE.**

**LGU INCOME CLASS 4TH CLASS C.CITY**

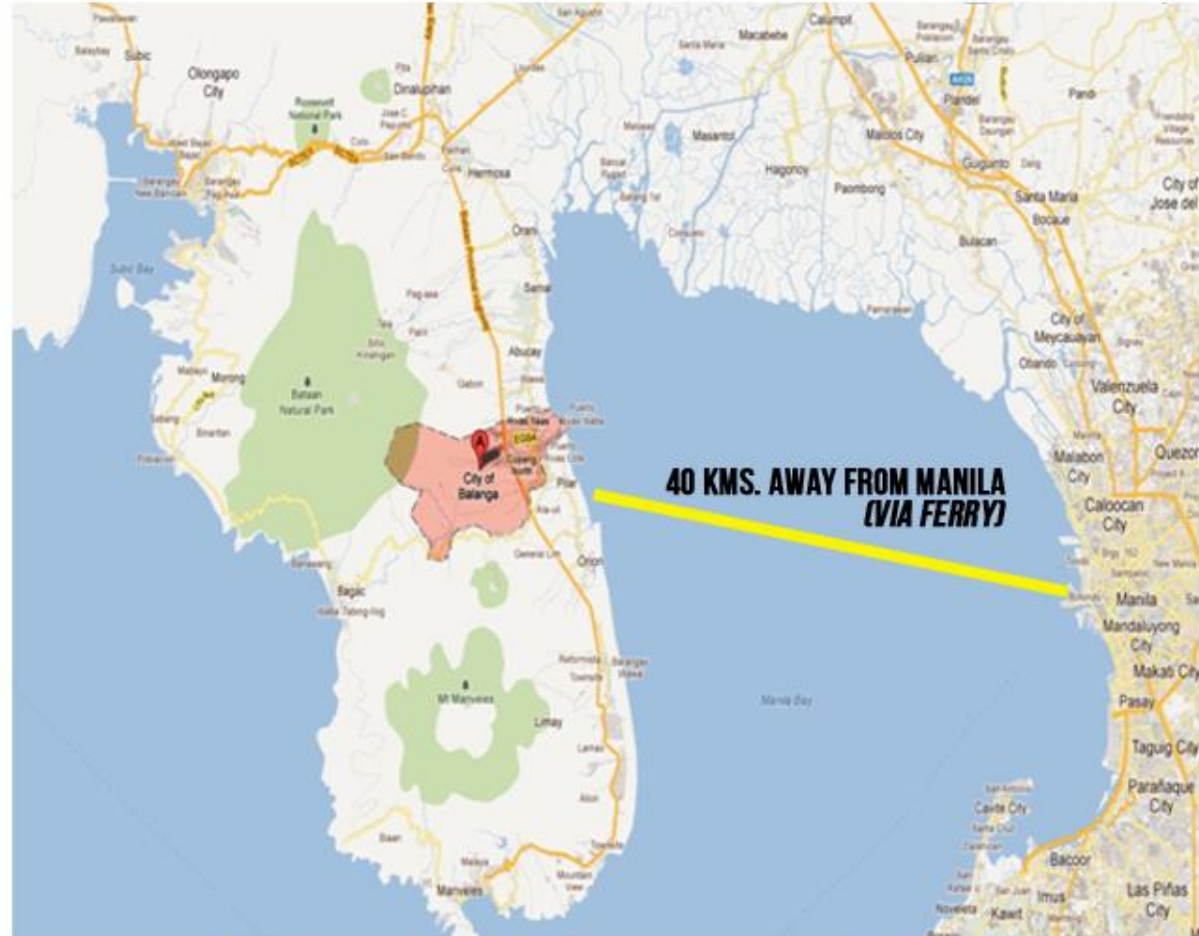
**POPULATION 93,687 (2013)**

**TOTAL AREA 1,63 HECTARES**

**HOUSEHOLDS 21,202 (2013)**

**IRA SHARE P254,800,744.00**

**TOTAL LGU INCOME P451,223,936.05**



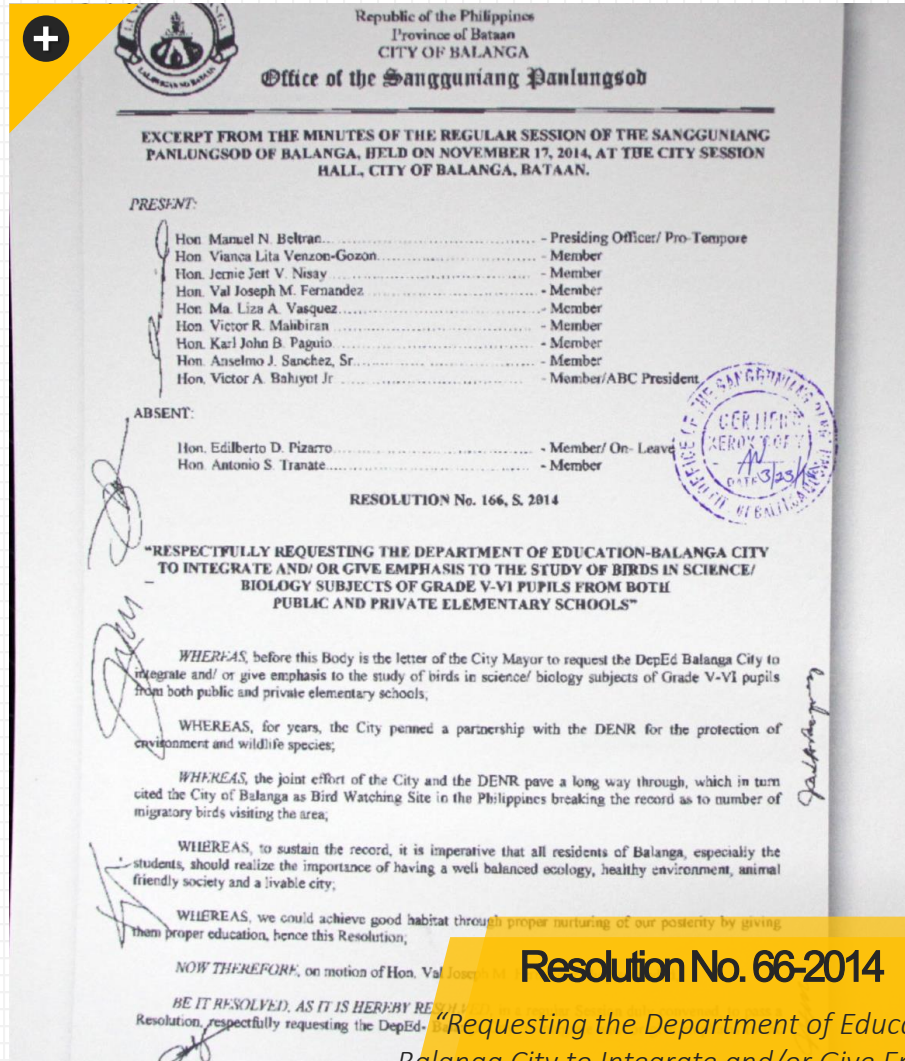
**MAYOR JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III**



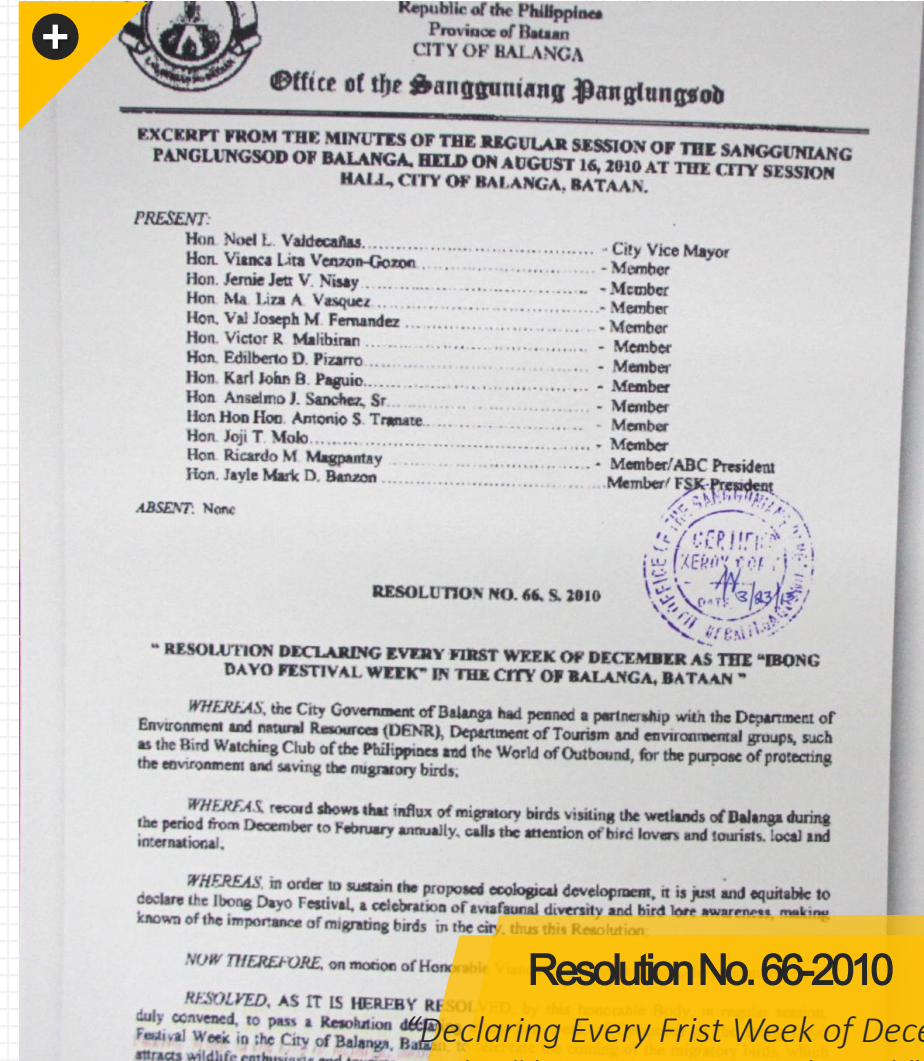
**VICE MAYOR NOEL VALDECANAS**



# CITY ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS



**Resolution No. 66-2014**  
*Requesting the Department of Education Balanga City to Integrate and/or Give Emphasis To the Study of Birds in Science/Biology Subjects of Grade V-VI Pupils*



**Resolution No. 66-2010**  
*Declaring Every Frist Week of December as the "Ibong Dayo Festival Week" in the City of Balanga, Bataan*

# CITY ORDINANCES and Resolutions

## **City Ordinance No. 020-2010**

“Comprehensive No Smoking Ordinance”

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## **City Ordinance No. 104-2002 As Amended**

“Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Ordinance of the City of Balanga”

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## **City Ordinance No. 007-2008**

“Pagbabago sa Pagbabawal sa Pagtatapon at Pagkakalat ng Basura o Anomang Uri ng Dumi sa Kalsada, Ilog, Parke o Plasa at Saan Mang Lugar ng Balanga (Anti-Littering Ordinance)”

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## **City Ordinance No. 009-2008**

“An Ordinance Providing for the Rehabilitation of Talisay River, Prohibiting the Dumping of Garbage and Waste materials anf Other Similar Activities in the Talisay River and Providing Penalty Thereof”

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## **City Ordinance No. 042-1997**

“Kautusang Nagbabawal sa Pagtatapon at Pagkakalat ng Basura O Anumang Uri ng Dumi sa Tapat at Paligid ng Lahat ng Tindahan, Bahay-Kalakalan at mga Stalls sa Pamilihing Bayan ng Balanga na May Kaukulang Parusa”

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## **City Ordinance No. 020-2010**

“Comprehensive No Smoking Ordinance”

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## **City Ordinance No. 14-2014**

“The New Traffic Management Code of the City of Balanga (Particularly, Article XII, Conformity With Clean Air Program, Ban on 2-stroke Engine)”

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## **SP Resolution 034-2011**

“A Resolution Endorsing the Identification of an Approximate 8.64 Hectares Area in Barangay Tortugas, City of Balanga as Critical Habitat”

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# CITY ORDINANCES and Resolutions

## City Ordinance No. 184-2006

“An Ordinance Declaring the Coastal Areas of Barangays Sibacan, Pto. Rivas Ibaba and Tortugas, City of Balanga, Bataan as Birds and Fish Sanctuary”

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## City Ordinance No. 118-2003

“An Ordinance Enforcing Strict Compliance to Provision of PD 856 Otherwise Known as “The Sanitation Code of the Philippines” by the Business Establishments in the City of Balanga”

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# OLD BALANGA CITY BAY PARK



2008

P0.00  
(Net Income)



# NEW BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK



2014

P 140,535.00  
(Net Income in 2014)



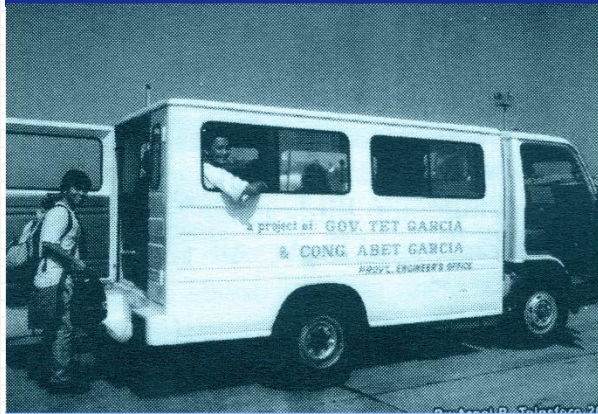


# Wetland Now



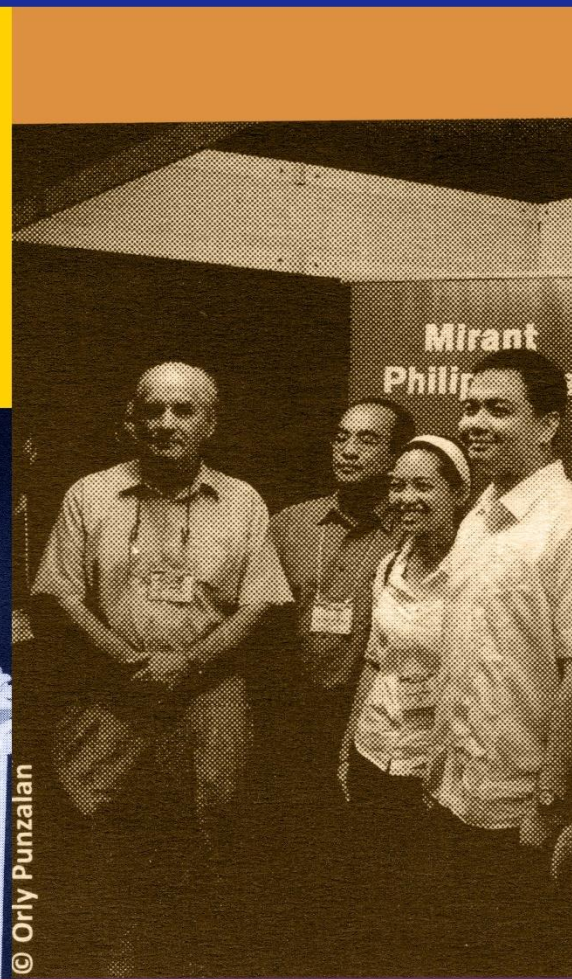
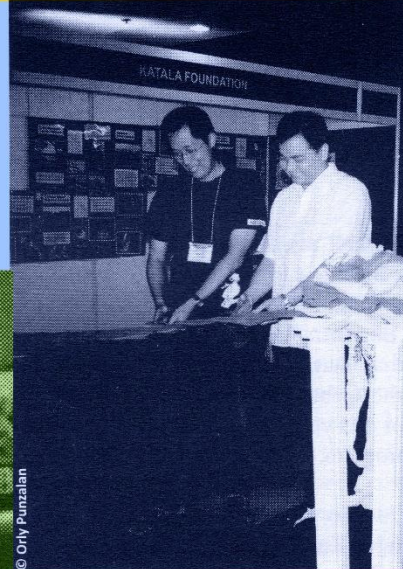
# BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK:

Highlights of a City's Love Affair with Nature



**DISCOVERY OF BALANGA'S TREASURES:** In 2005, Governor Enrique "Tet" Garcia invited members of the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WBCP) to birdwatch in Bataan. WBCP was delighted by the diversity and numbers of migratory and resident birds in Balanga City.

**SOLIDARITY WITH BIRDWATCHERS:** Congressman Albert Raymond "Abet" S. Garcia of the 2nd District of Bataan supported the WBCP as the Guest of Honor at the First Philippine Bird Festival held in Quezon City. A friendship is born.



## ENTHUSIASM FOR BIRDS AND NATURE:

In October 2005, the Provincial Government declared the whole province as a bird sanctuary. The declaration was highlighted by a ceremonial release of two (2) rehabilitated Brahminy Kites at the historical monument of Mt. Samat in Pilar, Bataan.





**DEEPER INVOLVEMENT, NEW HEIGHTS:** The City of Balanga was declared as the venue of the 2009 Philippine Bird Festival during the Closing Ceremony of the 2008 Philippine Bird Festival hosted in Palawan. The 5th Philippine Bird Festival in Balanga in 2009, aptly themed "Ibong Dayo, Kaibigan Tayo" (Migratory Birds, Our Friends) was a huge success, with about 15,000 locals participating in the events!



**WIDESPREAD CONTAMINATION FOR THE LOVE OF BIRDS:** Constant visits, information dissemination drive and series of workshops conducted by conservation groups and environmental protection advocates led by the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines (WBCP) and the Department of Environment & Natural Resources (DENR) raised Balangueños' awareness and appreciation for the birds in their midst.



**SHARING THE TREASURES:** Balanga City was one of the 13 birdwatching sites identified by the Department of Tourism's (DOT) Adventure Philippines Campaign in 2008. Then DOT Secretary Robert "Ace" Durano had his first bird-watching experience at the Sibacan Fishponds!







**COMMITMENT, PRIDE AND HONOR:** Balanga has consistently shown its hospitality for migratory birds as a topnotcher at the annual Asian Waterbird Census. The large numbers of wintering birds are attributed to the excellent conditions of mangroves, wetlands and other wild areas of this progressive city on the shores of Manila Bay. Balanga proves that development is possible without sacrificing nature.



**LEADERSHIP AND THE LONG VIEW:** City Mayor Jose Enrique "Joet" S. Garcia III and Mrs. Isabel Garcia joined other Philippine delegates from birdwatching sites in the country to represent the city at the World Travel Mart & Book-Launching of Book II of "Bird-Watching in the Philippines" in London, November 2008. But it was during the preparations for the 5TH Philippine Bird Festival in Balanga that the idea of setting up a Balanga City Wetland and Nature Park at Barangay Tortugas to further nurture and support Balanga's natural delights.



**SUSTAINING LOVE FOR NATURE:** The Wetland and Nature Park was envisioned to be the country's first wetland and outdoor museum and is designed as collaboration with nature, using available planting materials, and minimal structures. Construction of the information Center started January 2009.

The cause of protecting birds and the entire eco-system is now engraved in the hearts of all Balangueños symbolized by the new Balanga City Wetland & Nature Park!







 <p>REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  <b>CITY PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE</b>          CITY OF BALANGA          PROVINCE OF BATAAN</p>	PROJECT TITLE: <b>PROPOSED BALANGA WETLAND AND NATURE PARK</b>	PREPARED AND CHECKED BY: <b>MARIANNE D. ALPANTA</b> <small>ENGINEERING ASST.</small>	SUBMITTED BY: <b>JESUS M. MANGALINDAN JR.</b> <small>HEAD PLANNING DIVISION OF CBO</small>	RECOMMENDED BY: <b>ARCH. ANNA MARIA M. GONZALES</b> <small>CONSULTANT ARCHITECT</small>	APPROVED BY: <b>MIGUEL A. SANCHEZ III</b> <small>ENR. CITY ENGINEER</small>	SHEET NO. 1:  DRAWN BY: <b>JOSE ENRIQUE S. GARCIA III</b> <small>CITY MAYOR</small>
						MA. CRISTINA G. REYES <small>AUTOCAD OPERATOR</small>





# Community Involvement







## 2014 Official Bird Census Results:

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**2012** 14,899  
Official Bird Census Result

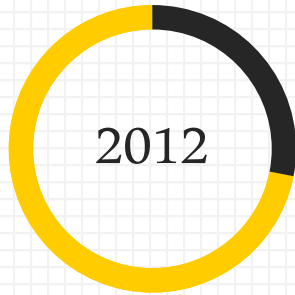
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**2013** 25,935  
Official Bird Census Result

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# Tourist Arrival



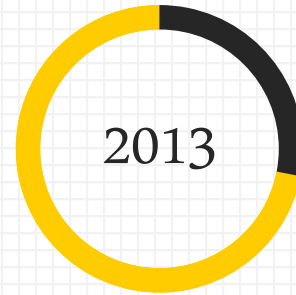
Total  
**36,555**

3,320

Day Tour – BCWNP

33,235

Day Tour – Other City  
Destinations



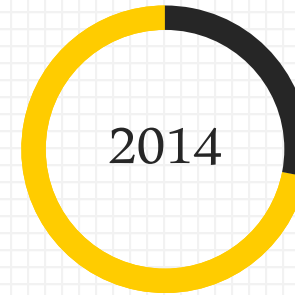
Total  
**22,602**

5,050

Day Tour – BCWNP

15,344

Day Tour – Other City  
Destinations



Total  
**83,922**

6,864

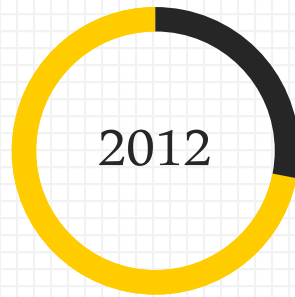
Day Tour – BCWNP

77,058

Day Tour – Other City  
Destinations



# Tourism-related Income



2012

Total

**P 191,730.00**

P 77,831.25

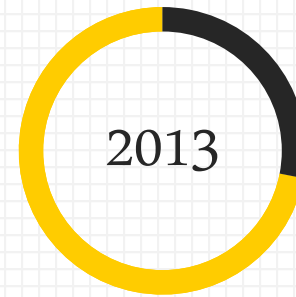
BCWNP Entrance Fee

P 25,943.00

Barangay Share

P 87,955.00

Other Tourism Related Activities



2013

Total

**P 97,375.00**

P 58,425.00

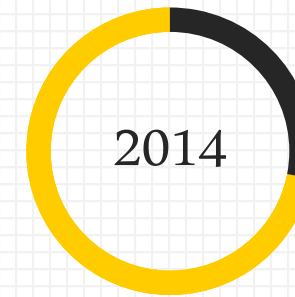
BCWNP Entrance Fee

P 19,475.00

Barangay Share

P 19,475.00

Other Tourism Related Activities



2014

Total

**P 140,535.00**

P 86,006.25

BCWNP Entrance Fee

P 28,668.75

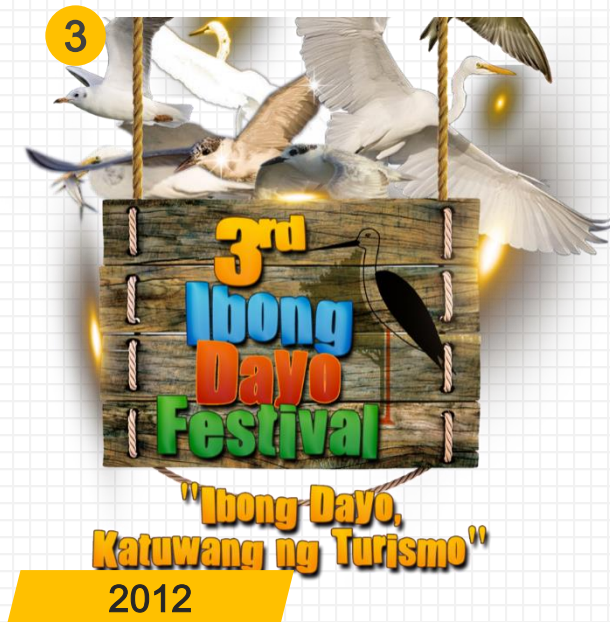
Barangay Share

P 25,860.00

Other Tourism Related Activities



# Ibong Dayo Festival





# ATOP-DOT PEARL AWARD

## “Best Festival – City Category)”



2013



2014



2015





Philippine

10<sup>th</sup> Bird Festival

Bataan