



Republic of the Philippines  
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Office of the Sangguniang Bayan

RESOLUTION NO. 020-2005

RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF RANZO FISH SANCTUARY,

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled that:

WHEREAS, our coastal fishery resources are under tremendous pressure to continuously provide food, employment and economic benefits for our ever-growing population;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government is responsible for the management, conservation, development, protection, utilization and disposition of all fish & fisheries/Aquatic resource;

WHEREAS, we must adopt measures to allow the replenishment of fish stocks and preservation of fish habitats, avoiding over exploitation and environment degradation;

WHEREAS, the people of Barangay Ranzo through a Resolution No. 29, Series of 2004 have expressed a strong support and willingness for this project;

NOW THEREFORE:

On motion of Honorable SB Member Gavino G. Ermita duly seconded by all-

**RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED TO ENACT** an Ordinance establishing and providing for the operation and maintenance of Ranzo Fish Sanctuary.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2005

**Section 1. Title** – This Ordinance shall be known as the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary Ordinance.

**Section 2. Purpose** – The Ranzo Fish Sanctuary will provide protection for Ranzo coral reef and its immediate vicinity, preserve it, allow the rehabilitation of the degraded reef environment. The reef will be restored to enable it to serve as a critical habitat and a feeding, breeding and spawning area of fish and other resources. By protecting it from disturbance, the reef will function as a preserved site from the adjoining fishing grounds. The area surrounding the fish sanctuary will function as the buffer zone.

**Section 3. Declaration of Policy** – It shall be the policy of the Municipality of Pinamalayan to promote the sustainable and wise use of its fishery and aquatic resources. The Municipality shall also ensure the equitable use of these resources, reserve preferential use of these resources for its municipal fisher folk's, and promote the fisher folk's active participation in its management. Towards this end, the Municipality will establish protected areas based on scientific findings and popular acceptance. The Ranzo fish sanctuary is a project of the Municipal Government of Pinamalayan.

**Section 4. Objectives** – The objectives of the Fish Sanctuary are to regenerate & rehabilitate resources to conserve & protect habitat to fish & fisheries/aquatic resource place for the fish and other organisms from all forms of fishing and other activities, and to support fish population in adjacent areas where fishing are allowed. The buffer zone is to protect the Fish Sanctuary where in regulated fish activities are allowed.

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**Section 5. Definition of Terms** – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following definition of terms shall apply:

- a. **Aquaculture** – fishery operations involving all forms of raising and culturing fish and other species.
- b. **Aquatic pollution** – the introduction of substances or energy to the aquatic environment which results or is likely to result in such deleterious effects as to harm living and non-living aquatic resources, pose potential and real hazard to human health, hindrance to aquatic activities such as fishing and navigation, including dumping or disposal of waste and other marine litter, discharge of petroleum or residual products of petroleum or carbonaceous materials and other radioactive, noxious or harmful liquid, gaseous or solid substances, from any water, land or air transport or other human-made structure. Deforestation, unsound agricultural practices such as the use of banned chemicals, excessive use of chemicals, intensive use of artificial fish feed and wetland conversions, which cause similar hazards and deleterious effects, shall also constitute aquatic pollution.
- c. **Artificial Reef** – any structure of natural or man-made materials placed on a body of water to serve as shelter and habitat, source of food, breeding place, shoreline protection and deterrence to active fishing gears.
- d. **BFARMC** – Barangay Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council
- e. **Coral** – the hard calcareous substance made up of the skeleton of marine coelenterate polyps which includes reefs, shelves and atolls or any of the marine coelenterate animals living in colonies where their skeletons form a stony mass.
- f. **Coral Reef** – a natural aggregation of coral skeleton, with or without living coral polyps, occurring in **inter-tidal** and **sub tidal** marine waters.
- g. **FARMC** – Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council
- h. **Fisher folks** – people or directly or personally and physically engaged in taking, culturing or processing fishery and aquatic resources.
- i. **Fishery Reserve** – a designated area where activities are restricted to specific purposes.
- j. **Fishery Resources** – aquatic flora and fauna including but not limited to fish, algae, coelenterates, mollusk, crustaceans, echinoderms and cetaceans.
- k. **Fishing** – the taking of fish and other fishery resources from their wild state or habitat.
- l. **Fish Sanctuary** – a designated area where fishing or other forms of activities which may damage the ecosystem of the area is prohibited and human access may be restricted.
- m. **Health Hazard** – refers to any biological, chemical contamination of physical agent that has adverse effects on human or aquatic organism.

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- n. **Mangroves** – a community of intertidal plants including all species of trees, shrubs, vines, herbs found on coasts, swamps or border of swamps.
- o. **MFMU** – Municipal Fishery Management Unit.
- p. **BUFFER ZONE** – is to protect the fish sanctuary where in regulated fishing activities are allowed.
- q. **MCMWRM** – Municipal Coastal Marine & Island Water Resource Management
- r. **MFARMC** – Municipal Fishing & Aquatic Resource Management Council

**Section 6. Site & Coverage** – the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary is that body of marine waters consisting of ten (10) hectares, situated in Barangay Ranzo Bay and within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro, and enclosed by imaginary straight lines drawn and connecting the following points.

Point / Station

1	13° 121°	7' 33'	20" 45"	N E
2	13° 121°	7' 33'	21" 48"	N E
3	13° 121°	6' 33'	90" 51"	N E
4	13° 121°	6' 33'	85" 44"	N E
5	13° 121°	6' 33'	84" 35"	N E
6	13° 121°	6' 33'	87" 28"	N E
7	13° 121°	7' 33'	15" 45"	N E
8	13° 121°	6' 33'	99" 40"	N E
9	13° 121°	6' 33'	85" 18"	N E
10	12° 121°	34' 30'	30" 81"	N E
11	12° 121°	33' 30'	30" 81"	N E



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The Fishery Reserve is that body of marine waters surrounding the Fish Sanctuary and consisting of ten (10) hectares, also situated in Barangay Ranzo Bay and within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Pinamalayan, Oriental Mindoro, and enclosed by imaginary straight lines drawn and connecting the following points:

Point / Station				
1	13°	7'	20"	N
	121°	33'	45"	E
2	13°	7'	21"	N
	121°	33'	48"	E
3	13°	6'	90"	N
	121°	33'	51"	E
4	13°	6'	85"	N
	121°	33'	44"	E
5	13°	6'	84"	N
	121°	33'	35"	E
6	13°	6'	87"	N
	121°	33'	28"	E
7	13°	7'	15"	N
	121°	33'	45"	E
8	13°	6'	99"	N
	121°	33'	40"	E
9	13°	6'	85"	N
	121°	33'	18"	E
10	12°	34'	30"	N
	121°	30'	81"	E
11	12°	33'	30"	N
	121°	30'	81"	E

Buoys shall be installed to mark the perimeter of the Fish Sanctuary and Buffer Zone. Billboards shall also be placed in prominent places. (see Annex A hereto attached)

**Section 7. Management** – The Ranzo Fish Sanctuary will be managed by the Municipal Government through the Barangay Ranzo Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council (BFARMC). A Fish Sanctuary Management Committees shall assist the said Council.

The Municipal Coastal Marine & Island Water Resource Management (MCMiWRM) whose members shall be designated by the Municipal Mayor from the personnel of the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist & MFARMC shall periodically undertake management supervisions on the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary Project. The MCMiWRM Unit shall render periodic reports to the Office of the Municipal Mayor on the supervisions undertaken. (see Annex B hereto attached)

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**Section 8. Membership** – The members of the Barangay Ranzo Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council and the Fish Sanctuary Management Committee and its sub-committees shall come from the fisher folks of Barangay Ranzo. In the event that no more fisher folks are available for membership civic-minded residents of Barangay Ranzo may be recruited.

**Section 9. Officers** – The Fish Sanctuary and Management Committee shall compose of the following: Chairperson, which be elected from the BFARMC officer/member excluded the BFARMC Chairman. And the sub-committee such as: monitoring committee enforcement will compose of Chairman, Vice-Chairman & three (3) members. Committee Chairperson. Those fisher folks who are not elected as officers are entitled to be a member of the three (3) sub-committees. The officers of the committee and the members of the sub-committees shall serve for a term of one year.

**Section 10. Organization** – Once this Ordinance becomes effective the Barangay Ranzo FARMC Chairperson shall call a meeting of all the fisher folk in Barangay Ranzo to set up the Fish Sanctuary Management Committee and start the implementation of the fish sanctuary ordinance. The BFARMC officers & members shall elect the five (5) officers of the Fish Sanctuary Management officers & members of three (3) sub-committees. Every year thereafter, on the initiative of the Barangay Ranzo FARMC Chairperson, all the fisher folks of Barangay Ranzo shall hold a general meeting to hear the reports of the three (3) sub-committees, to review and propose changes in the implementation of the fish sanctuary to approve the annual work plan, to elect the officers of the committee and to select their assignment to the sub-committees.

The Fish Sanctuary Management & Sub-committee Unit shall supervise the organization of the Barangay Ranzo Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council, the Fish Sanctuary and Fishery Reserve Management Committee, and its sub-committees, immediately thereafter submit to the Officers of the Mayor and the Sangguniang Bayan list of members of the said Council, Committee, its sub-committee and the organizational structure of the entire project.

**Section 11. Functions** – The Fish Sanctuary and Fishery Reserve Management Committee shall operate the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary and Fishery Reserve. The Chairperson of the committee shall provide the overall direction and coordination. He shall also prepare an annual work plan. The Committee will comprise of three (3) sub-committees, namely: *the Monitoring Sub-Committee, the Enforcement Sub-Committee and the Information and Education Sub-Committee*. The Monitoring Sub-Committee will conduct regular observations of the bio-physical and socio-economic results and changes brought about by the operation of the fish sanctuary and fishery reserve. The Enforcement Sub-Committee will conduct surveillance of the area, enforce the fish sanctuary and fishery reserve regulations and cause the apprehension of violators. The Information and Education Sub-Committee will conduct continuing information and education campaign to the public, explain the purpose of the fish sanctuary and fishery reserve, and secure their compliance to the regulations.

**Section 12. Prohibitions** – It shall be unlawful for any person whether natural or judicial, to conduct fishing or aquaculture operation, gathering or collecting any fish, fishery & aquatic resources in side the fish sanctuary. Boats anchoring inside, entering or passing through the fish sanctuary, except or emergency situation, are also prohibited.

On the Buffer Zone – A closed fishing season for three (3) years will be executed upon the establishment of the project. Only hook & line is allowed right after the close season period.

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As exemption to the foregoing prohibitions, single hook and line fishing is allowed only in the Buffer Zone while diving with SCUBA, snorkeling and swimming for monitoring, research, scientific and educational purposes shall be allowed in the fish sanctuary provided permission is granted by the Office of the Municipal Mayor through the recommendation of the Chairperson of the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary and Fishery Reserve Management Committee or in his absence his duly designated representative, and after paying with the Office of the Municipal Treasurer the amount of Php 150.00 per person. Members of the Monitoring Sub-Committee, personnel from the MCMIWRM, Office of the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Agriculturist, and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, personnel from the Office of the Mayor, and Sangguniang Bayan Members conducting monitoring and inspection of the fish sanctuary and fishery reserve are exempted from paying the fee. However, no recreational diving and swimming shall be allowed within the first three years of the project establishment.

Theft, removal, displacement of fish sanctuary, buoys markers shall likewise be punishable.

**Section 13. Funds** – The amount of Php 150,000.00 program of works is hereby appropriated for the purpose of the immediate implementation of this Ordinance. Thereafter, the appropriation for implementing this Ordinance shall be a regular item in the annual appropriations of the Municipality. Entrance fees collected shall be remitted as trust fund for the operation and maintenance of the project.

**Section 14. Enforcement** – The Philippine National Police & Maritime Police assigned to the Municipality of Pinamalayan and Barangay Ranzo, through its Punong Barangay, Barangay Kagawad and Barangay Tanod, members of the Municipal Fishery Law Enforcement Team, members of the Enforcement Sub-Committee, and others who have undergone through law enforcement training and have been designated by the Municipal Mayor of Pinamalayan as Deputized Fish Wardens shall enforce this Ordinance. The Municipal Mayor shall assign two (2) personnel from the Philippine National Police and Maritime Police, respectively, to guard the RANZO FISH SANCTUARY and coordinates with Barangay Officials and the Enforcement of Sub-Committee. A Municipal Patrol Boat shall be used in guarding the Fish Sanctuary. A guardhouse shall be constructed to provide ease and satisfactorily monitoring.

**Section 15. Information Education** – The Municipal Government will support the Information and Education Campaign and Sub-Committee in the development and implementation of an education program to stimulate the necessary community support and awareness and to achieve substantial self-regulation.

**Section 16. Artificial Reef** – If necessary, artificial reefs shall be placed at the corners and along the perimeter of the Fish Sanctuary and on hard sandy bottom to deter the operation of active fishing gears.

**Section 17. Pollution Mitigation** – The Municipal Government shall strongly enforce Municipal Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_ Series of \_\_\_\_\_, which penalizes aquatic pollution arising from the dumping of domestic, petroleum, animal and agricultural waste shall be prohibited. Pollution from these sources, pose health hazards to both the human inhabitants and Fish and Fishery/Aquatic Resources.

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**Section 18. Mangrove Forest Enhancement** – The Municipal Government shall promote mangrove protection, restoration and conservation in the vicinities to complement the ecological functions of the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary.

**Section 19. Supervision** – The MCMIWRM representing the Municipal Mayor and MFSMC shall conduct overall supervision and management of Ranzo Fish Sanctuary project.

**Section 20. Technical and other Assistance** – The Office of the Oriental Mindoro Provincial Agriculturist and the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources shall provide technical, training and other assistance for the implementation and operation of the Ranzo Fish Sanctuary Project.

**Section 21. Periodic Review** – The Municipal Government through MCMIWRM and MFMU shall conduct an annual periodic review of the management and development of the Fish Sanctuary project with in five (5) consecutive years to allow continual refinement on conditions changes and status of the area. They shall consider desirable modification as indicated from the results of the implementation arrangement, surveillance and monitoring results.

**Section 22. Penalty and Sanctions** – Violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall subject the offender for each offense to the following:

- a.) First Offense – A fine of Php 500.00 to Php 1,000.00
- b.) Second Offense – A fine of Php 1,500.00 to Php 2,000.00
- c.) Third Offense – A fine of Php 2,500.00 or an imprisonment of six (6) month or both at the discretion of the court.

In any of the offense above-enumerated, the fishing boats and other paraphernalia shall be held in custody by the Municipal PNP until the case is duly resolved.

**Section 23. Repealing Clause** – All Ordinance, rules and regulations or any parts thereof which are inconsistent or in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 24. Separability Clause** – If any reason any part of provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid, the other parts or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 25. Effectivity Clause** – This Ordinance shall take effect upon the approval of Sangguniang Panlalawigan.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July 2005.

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