

NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Department of Agriculture Main Building 4th FIr., NOAP Office, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City 1101 Philippines



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD Resolution No. 009 Series of 2022

INSTRUCTING DA OPERATING UNITS TO PRIORITIZE PREVIOUS ORGANIC AGRICULTURE AWARDEES AND PGS PRACTITIONERS IN THE PGS CERTIFICATION AND PGS-OCB ACCREDITATION

WHEREAS, Section 5 of Republic Act 10068 (RA 10068), otherwise known as "The Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" established the National Organic Agriculture Program (NOAP);

WHEREAS, RA 10068 has been amended by RA 11511, and Section 2 thereof states to the effect, that the State reaffirms its policy to promote, propagate, develop further, and implement the practice of organic agriculture in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Section 14 of RA 11511 states that "The Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) farmers/fisherfolk, be the mechanism by which small shall farms/associations/cooperatives shall be certified as engaged in organic agriculture and as producers of organic agriculture products."

WHEREAS, to accelerate the process of certification, the Program is targeting long time organic agriculture practitioners to avail of the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) accreditation as a viable alternative in lieu of third-party certification;

WHEREAS, through the conduct of Regional Organic Agriculture Congress (ROAC), the Program has previously awarded organic agriculture practitioners who have exhibited excellence in the field of organic agriculture farming;

WHEREAS, existing PGS practitioners are likewise organic agriculture experts who have wide knowledge in organic farming;

WHEREAS, these Organic Agriculture awardees and existing PGS practitioners are the most suitable candidates as the initial accredited Participatory Guarantee System - Organic Certifying Bodies (PGS-OCBs), since they have already achieved the highest level of knowledge and understanding of organic agriculture and have demonstrated it through actual farm practice;

WHEREAS, the DA-ATI has been directed to coordinate with the DA-RFOs in the identification of the past ROAC awardees and existing PGS groups for certification and PGS-OCB accreditation;

NOW, THEREFORE, considering the foregoing, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, as amended, has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby resolves, instructing the DA Operating Units to prioritize previous ROAC awardees and existing PGS Groups for certification and PGS-OCBs accreditation.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that a copy of this resolution be furnished to all OA Implementing agencies and the DA-RFOs for its reference and information.



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APPROVED by majority of the following Members of the NOAB present in a 1st Special Board Blended Meeting held on 24 February 2022, in Dagupan City, Pangasinan, Philippines.

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(Absent)

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Representative, Visavas Small Farmer PeacePond Farmers Association (PFA)

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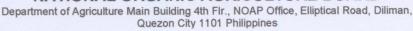
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