

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

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NOAB Resolution No. 009 Series of 2013

DELINEATING THE BATANES GROUP OF ISLAND AS ORGANIC AGRICULTURE ZONE UNDER RULE 13.4 OF THE IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE LAW OF 2010

WHEREAS, Section 13 of Republic Act No. 10068 otherwise known as the "Organic Agriculture Act of 2010" emphasizes in no uncertain terms the relationship of Organic Agriculture and the Protection of the Environment;

WHEREAS, Rule 13.3 provides that Organic Agriculture promotion and related activities should at all times consider strategies for ecological stewardship.

WHEREAS, Rule 13.4 provides that The DA and the NOAB shall identify protected areas legislated as such under the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (NIPAS Act) and areas adjacent to water tributaries delineated as Organic Agriculture Zones in coordination with the proper government agency. Water resource users through institutional arrangements should be tapped to protect and develop these Organic Agriculture Zones.

WHEREAS, Republic Act 8991 otherwise known as the "Batanes Protected Area Act of 2000", enacted pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586 otherwise known as the NIPAS Act declared Batanes as a Protected Area;

WHEREAS, Batanes Protected Area Act of 2000 provides that it is the policy of the the State to regulate the utilization of fishery and marine resources, aggregates, wild flora and fauna, culture and indigenous knowledge, historical artifacts and sites, ensure the continuity of endangered, threatened and rare species and preserve Ivatan heritage towards the end of conserving, protecting and preserving the scenic, cultural, historical and archeological features of the Batanes Group of Islands including the diverse terrestrial and marine ecosystem thereof for the benefit of its people and humankind.

WHEREAS, agricultural practices in the Batanes Group of Islands remains "organic" within the meaning of RA 10068 and have maintained the indigenous agricultural practices of the Ivatans;

WHEREAS, the promotion of organic agriculture is not solely focused in converting back to organic agriculture practice but includes also as a strategy the preservation of areas that are organic by default.

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture(DA) and the Local Government Unit of Batanes shall formulate strategies for the protection of Batanes Organic Agriculture Zone and shall implement projects that will further enhance the practice of organic agriculture in the island group;

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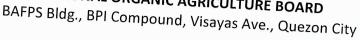
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NOW, THEREFORE, this Honorable Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by RA 10068, has RESOLVED, as it hereby RESOLVES, to delineate the Batanes group of Islands as an organic agriculture zone under Rule 13.4 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Organic Agriculture Law of 2010;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior and Local Government , and Environment and the Governor of Batanes be furnished copies of this Resolution, for reference.

APPROVED by the following Members of the Board this 18th day of June 2013 in Basco, Batanes.

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