



NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD

Resolution No. 15

Series of 2024

**RESOLUTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
BASELINE DATA FOR ORGANIC AGRICULTURE**

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WHEREAS, as of August 7, 2024, a total of 251 PGS organic farmer-members have been certified by BAFS covering a total farm area of 216.58 hectares; In addition, a total of 33 core PGS groups have been accredited by BAFS as organic certifying body as of August 5, 2024;

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Bureau of Agriculture and Fisheries Standards (BAFS) gather the data on organic farms certified by international organic certifying bodies; and prepare analytical report on the slow uptake of organic certification despite recognition of PGS in the country.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of August 2024 in the City of San Fernando, Province of La Union, Philippines by the following NOAB members present:



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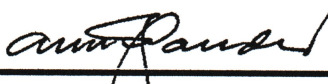
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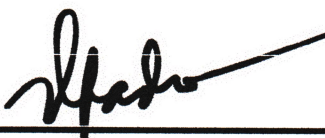
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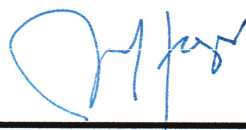

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