



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Agriculture  
**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**  
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**NATIONAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE BOARD**

Resolution No. 06  
Series of 2025

**RECOMMENDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO DECLARE THE  
PROVINCE OF BATANES AS AN ORGANIC FARMING PRACTITIONER PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, Batanes is known as an organic agriculture province because its agricultural practices largely align with the definition of organic farming as outlined in the Organic Agriculture Act of 2010, as amended by Republic Act No. 11511. The province's indigenous farming systems, practiced by the Ivatan people, have historically relied on natural methods; Further, the farmers of Batanes continue to engage in organic agriculture practices, demonstrating their commitment to environmentally sustainable methods;

**WHEREAS**, the Batanes Group of Islands has been established as a protected area, and its peripheral waters as buffer zones, under Republic Act No. 8991, also known as the Batanes Protected Area Act of 2000, to regulate the utilization of resources in the province to conserve its ecological and cultural heritage and ensure the preservation of biodiversity and Ivatan heritage;

**WHEREAS**, the NOAB has issued Resolution No. 09, Series of 2013, delineating the Batanes Group of Islands as an organic agriculture zone, recognizing the widespread use of organic farming practices in the province;

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Batanes, through its Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries Development, has enacted Ordinance No. 456, Series of 2024, also known as the "Batanes Organic Agriculture (OA) Ordinance of 2024" to mainstream organic agriculture as one of the main agriculture practices in the Province, and to support the nationwide educational and awareness campaign among consumers on the benefits of consuming organic products to boost local production of organic food and non-food products;

**WHEREAS**, all the six municipalities of the Province have issued municipal ordinances to institutionalize, promote and develop organic agriculture in their localities:

1. Ordinance No. 244, Series of 2024 of the Municipality of Basco;
2. Ordinance No. 24-184 of the Municipality of Itbayat;
3. Ordinance No. 24-31 of the Municipality of Ivana;
4. Ordinance No. 24-09 of the Municipality of Mahatao;
5. Ordinance No. 09, Series of 2025 of the Municipality of Sabtang
6. Ordinance No. 15-100 of the Municipality of Uyugan

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**WHEREAS**, the Cagayan Valley Regional Agricultural and Fishery Council (RAFC) recognizes that the farmers of Batanes predominantly engage in organic agriculture practices and that the Province has a strong commitment to organic agriculture which not only enhances food security but also contributes positively to environmental health, demonstrating a sustainable model for agricultural development; As such, the RAFC issued Resolution No. 4, Series of 2025, recommending the DA, through its Secretary, to declare the Province of Batanes as an Organic Farming Practitioner Province;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, this Board, by virtue of the powers vested in it by Republic Act No. 10068, as amended by Republic Act No. 11511, has **RESOLVED, as it is hereby RESOLVED**, to endorse and recommend that the Department of Agriculture, through Secretary Francisco P. Tiu-Laurel Jr., declare Batanes as an Organic Farming Practitioner Province in order to protect and preserve its indigenous farming practices and encourage sustainable resource management;

**RESOLVED FINALLY**, that this resolution be endorsed to the Secretary of Agriculture for the issuance of the corresponding order;

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 21st day of May 2025 in Basco, Batanes, by the following NOAB members present:

**USEC. CHERYL MARIE NATIVIDAD-CABALLERO, MTM**

Chairperson

Alternate Representative

Department of Agriculture (DA)

Date signed: 06-25-2025

**ASEC. ELIZABETH N. LOPEZ DE LEON**

Vice - Chairperson

Permanent Representative

Department of the Interior and Local Government  
(DILG)

Date signed: 06-02-2025





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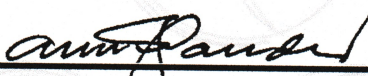
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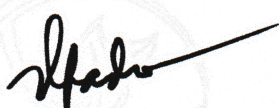


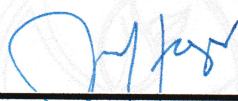


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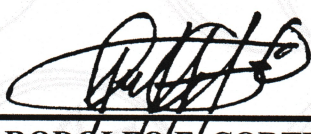
  
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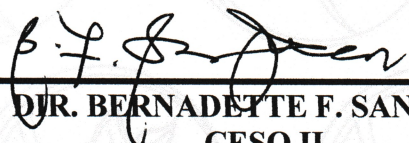
  
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Representative, PGS Group  
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Attested by:

  
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NOAB Secretary  
Date signed: 06-16-2025