



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Sorsogon  
MUNICIPALITY OF GUBAT

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 16-A Series of 2018**

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING THE GUBAT MANAGED ACCESS AREAS +  
SANCTUARY (GMAAS) MANAGEMENT BOARD, MUNICIPAL ADJUDICATION BOARD  
(MAB), AND MUNICIPAL BOARD OF APPEALS (MBA) OF THIS MUNICIPALITY**

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Gubat owns vast coastal resources and habitats, however, these resources are under threat caused by anthropogenic factors such as poor integrated resource management, illegal fishing, weak law enforcement of fishery laws and regulations, and destruction of marine habitats resulting to ecological disturbance and imbalance;

Whereas, Municipal Ordinance No. 2017-011, otherwise known as "A Comprehensive Municipal Ordinance Providing for the Sustainable Management, Development, and Conservation of the Municipal Waters and Its Coastal Resources, Harmonizing and Integrating All Ordinances Pertinent Thereto, and for Other Purposes", remains as the primary municipal comprehensive ordinance to ensure improvement of biodiversity and sustainability of the coastal resources of the municipality;

Whereas, Section 12 of the aforementioned ordinance provides for the creation of GMAAS Management Board to serve as the primary body in charge of management and monitoring of the GMAAS;

Whereas, Section 72 of the aforementioned ordinance provides for the creation of MAB to be the primary and original authority to hear unsettled grievances referred to it by the Grievance Committee and exercise jurisdiction for adjudication of offenses in violations of this Ordinance and other existing fishery ordinances;

Whereas, Section 75 of the aforementioned ordinance provides for the creation of MBA to have the exclusive appellate authority to review and decide appealed cases decided by the MAB;

NOW THEREFORE I, **SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Gubat, Province of Sorsogon, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order the following;

**SECTION 1. CREATION OF GUBAT MANAGED ACCESS AREAS + SANCTUARY (GMAAS) MANAGEMENT BOARD.**

<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	: SB Chairman on Committee on Agriculture and Fisheries -	HON. CESAR D. ESPERIDA JR.
<b>MEMBERS</b>	: Municipal Agriculturist -	YOLANDA F. PATRIARCA
	: Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer - Designate -	LEA E. SANTOS
	: Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Management Council (MFARMC) -	ARMANDO FELICES PEDRO ESPENA JORGE ESPENOCILLA ALLAN DINA ELMER IGNEO ROMEO JARABEJO RONILO POLLO REYNALDO DELLOSA HECTOR DOMEGINA JESUS ESCOTE ANTHONY ESPERIDA RODOLFO ESSLER DANILO JOVEN MICHAEL B. ESQUIJO
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*Provided*, that additional members from academe and people's organizations maybe invited for their involvement in the GMAAS Management Board as deemed appropriate and necessary.

*Provided further*, that sub-committees may be created as deemed appropriate and necessary. Chairmanship and membership shall be defined by the GMAAS Management Board during its organizational meetings.

**SECTION 2. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.** The GMAAS Management Board shall have the following powers and functions:

1. Act as the primary policy making and recommending body of GMAAS subject to the approval by the Mayor and concurrence of the Sangguniang Bayan;
2. Formulate and develop overall management plan and special management plans for different management zones within the GMAAS;
3. Develop administrative system and manual of operations of GMAAS Management Board and define the duties and responsibilities of different committees and bodies under its supervision
4. Come up with a list of disputes falling under the authority/responsibility of the Grievance Committee and the guidelines in grievance handling;
5. Promulgate the Rules of Procedure of the MAB and the MBA;
6. Manage the special trust fund derived from the funding support of the Municipality and its share from all the monies collected from payment of registration fees, licenses, permits, penalties and fines, as a consequence of coastal and fisheries law enforcement;
7. Hold regular quarterly and special meetings and thru the Chairman convene the initial meetings of different committees and bodies for them to elect and sworn in their respective officers and members;
8. Define the roles of various committees and stakeholders—including fishers, fisherfolks associations, Barangay LGUs, BFARMC, national government agencies



- (NGAs), non-government organizations (NGOs) and the Academe in the implementation of the TURF+Reserve strategy in GMAAS;
9. Develop project proposals for funding of its various programs and projects in GMAAS;
  10. Oversee the conservation and protection of protected zones, enforce the catch monitoring and reporting among the registered and license fishers, market linkaging, and the coastal and fisheries law enforcement operations within and around the municipal waters of Gubat;
  11. Consult with fishers regularly to get their feedbacks and inputs regarding the implementation of MAA+S and MPA strategy in the management of near shore fisheries.
  12. Establish a database and institutionalize data gathering to benchmark fisheries management control, monitoring and surveillance system for short and long term evaluation of the program.
  13. Undertake periodic assessment of the implementation MAA+S strategy in meeting its biological, economic and social goals.
  14. Link-up with NGAs, NGOs and Academe to avail of their technical assistance and network of scientists and experts in fisheries management at the national and regional levels.
  15. Perform such other functions as may be necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance of GMAAS.

**SECTION 3. TERMS OF OFFICE.** The term of office of the GMAAS Management Board shall be for three (3) years inclusive of the term of the Mayor: Provided, however, that after the expiration of the term of the Mayor the GMAAS Management Board shall continue to discharge their duties until after new appointments are issued by the appointing authority. Any vacancy that may occur shall be filled up by appointment for the unexpired term only.

**SECTION 4. CREATION OF MUNICIPAL ADJUDICATION BOARD (MAB)**

**COMPOSITION:**

<i>CHAIRMAN</i>	: Municipal Agriculturist -	YOLANDA F. PATRIARCA
<i>VICE</i>	: Municipal Environment and	
<i>CHAIRMAN</i>	Natural Resources Officer -	
	Designate -	LEA E. SANTOS
<i>MEMBERS</i>	: Municipal Planning and	
	Development Officer -	FAUSTINO TACLAN JR.
	MFARMC Chairman -	ARMANDO P. FELICES
	Priest/Pastor -	ROMMEL J. BONTO
<i>SECRETARIAT</i>	: AT Fisheries -	MICHAEL B. ESQUIJO

**SECTION 5. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF MAB.** The MAB is hereby vested with the primary and original authority to hear and decide unsettled grievances referred to it by the Grievance Committee. It shall also exercise jurisdiction for adjudication of offenses in violation of this Ordinance and other existing fishery ordinances whereby the offender was apprehended and expressed willingness to admit his offense and pay the corresponding fine. Provided, That if the offender fails to pay the fine he shall render community service and attend fisheries class. The MAB may, upon proper complaint or recommendation from GMAAS Management Board, impose upon habitual offenders the penalty of suspension or revocation of license to fish or permit to operate fishpen, fish cage, fish corrals or seaweeds

farm and/or the denial of their application for renewal therefor. The resolution of the MAB shall become final and executory after the lapse of fifteen (15) days from receipt thereof and no appeal is taken to the Municipal Board of Appeals (MBA) as provided in the succeeding sections.

**SECTION 6. TERMS OF OFFICE OF MAB.** The term of office of the MAB shall be for three (3) years inclusive of the term of the Mayor: Provided, however, after the expiration of the term of the Mayor the MAB shall continue to discharge their duties until after new appointments are issued by the appointing authority. Any vacancy that may occur shall be filled up by appointment for the unexpired term only.

**SECTION 7. CREATION OF MUNICIPAL BOARD OF APPEALS (MBA)**

**COMPOSITION:**

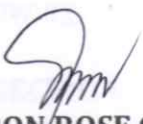
<b>CHAIRMAN</b>	: Municipal Mayor -	HON. SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO
<b>VICE CHAIRMAN</b>	: Municipal Local Government Operations Officer -	SHIRLEY DEL VALLE
<b>MEMBERS</b>	: SB Chairman, Committee On Agriculture & Fisheries	HON. CESAR D. ESPERIDA JR. ESPERIDA JR.
	- MFARMC Chairman -	ARMANDO P. FELICES
	- NGO Representative -	ALLAN ESPALLARDO
<b>SECRETARIAT</b>	: AT Fisheries -	MICHAEL B. ESQUIJO

**SECTION 8. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF MBA.** The MBA shall have the exclusive appellate authority to review and decide appealed cases decided by the MAB, to determine whether or not the decision is in accord with law and evidence on record and within its delegated authority. It may affirm in its entirety, modify or reverse it. Although no hearings shall be required but the MBA thru the Chairman may require submission of position papers before decision is rendered. The decision shall be in writing and furnished to the parties and it shall be final and immediately executory. No further appeal shall be entertained or allowed.

**SECTION 9. CAPACITY BUILDING.** For this purpose, the Municipal Adjudication Board (MAB) and Municipal Board of Appeals (MBA) in partnership with NGAs and NGOs shall conduct seminars, workshops and other capacity building activities for the members of the MAB and MBA in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

**SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY.** This order shall take effect immediately.

Done this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018 at Gubat, Sorsogon, Philippines.

  
**SHARON ROSE G. ESCOTO**  
Municipal Mayor