



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BOHOL  
City of Tagbilaran 6300

**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 12  
Series of 2020

- A. CREATING THE TREE GROWING PROGRAM - PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TGP-PTWG);
- B. REQUIRING ALL THE CITY/MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT UNITS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A MINI-PLANT NURSERY, IDENTIFY PLANTABLE SITES WITHIN PRIVATE AND PUBLIC LANDS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA OF JURISDICTION; AND
- C. PROVIDING AND AVAILING OF SOURCES OF FUNDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, section 3 (j) of Republic Act No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, which states that the local government units shall share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction, subject to provisions of this Code and national policies;

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Provincial Government that the Governor shall fully exercise his powers and provide leadership over component city and local government units to ensure the perpetual existence of adequate forest and forest resources through local government driven, inter-agency and multi-sectoral sustainable forest resources management;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 8.a.a.2. of the Provincial Ordinance (P.O.) No. 2016-008, otherwise known as the "Revised Bohol Environment Code", in order to maintain the ecological integrity, the Province shall encourage the C/MLGUs an aggregation of 40% of forest cover of the total land area of the city/municipality within ten (10) years upon approval of the Revised Bohol Environment Code. The land area may not necessarily be contiguous;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create the Tree Growing Program-Provincial Technical Working Group (TGP-PTWG) to oversee the overall implementation of the Program;



WHEREAS, section 9.d.7 of P.O. No. 2016-008 states that all city, municipal and private individuals are encouraged to establish and maintain Endemic Plant Nursery in support to the National Greening Program (NGP);

WHEREAS, the launching and signing of the Tree Growing Program memorandum of agreement (MOA) was done on August 31, 2019 at the Bohol Cultural Center, and

WHEREAS, the TGP-PTWG shall ensure effective implementation of the Tree Growing Program in the entire Province of Bohol.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP, Governor of the Province of Bohol, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Philippine Constitution and Local Government Code, do hereby order for the creation of the Tree Growing Program - Provincial Technical Working Group (TGP-PTWG), requiring the City/Municipal Local Government Units to establish and maintain a Mini-Plant Nursery, identify plantable areas within private and public lands in their respective areas of jurisdiction and providing counterpart funds for the effective implementation of the Program.

**Section 1. Creation.** - The Tree Growing Program - Provincial Technical Working Group, hereinafter referred to as the TGP-PTWG is hereby created and organized.

**Section 2. Composition.** - The Tree Growing Program - Provincial Technical Working Group (TGP-PTWG) shall be composed of the following:

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| Chairperson    | : Office of the Governor (represented by the Bohol Environment Management Office (BEMO))                             |
| Co-Chairperson | : Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (DENR-PENRO) |
| Members        | : Office of the Provincial Agriculturist (OPA)   |
|                | : Department of Environment and Natural Resources -  |
|                | : Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Tagbilaran  |
|                | : Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Talibon   |
|                | : Bohol Island State University (BISU) System  |
|                | : Department of Education (DepED) - Bohol Division   |
|                | : Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)   |



- : Religious Sector Representative
- : Business Sector Representative
- : Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Representative
- : Education Development Center (EDCenter)

**Section 3. TGP-PTWG shall have the following roles and responsibilities:**

- a. Act as advisory group to the Tree Growing Program implementers;
- b. Formulate strategies and mechanisms to ensure effective program implementation;
- c. Develop and produce IEC materials to promote the Tree Growing Program;
- d. To promote linkages with local funding and assisting institutions for the implementation of the program;
- e. Develop and adopt a monitoring and evaluation (M&E) system to monitor the planted trees and non-timber species and ensure its sustainability;
- f. Consolidate list of plantable areas and accomplishment report submitted by the LGUs and other program partners;
- g. Draft the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of the Tree Growing Program Ordinance at least six (6) months after the approval;
- h. Develop a criteria and categories for the giving on incentives, awards and recognition to best performing project implementers, and
- i. Meet on a regular basis to discuss plans and updates of the Program

**Section 4. Roles and Responsibilities of all C/MLGUs**

- a. Establish and maintain a Temporary Plant Nursery that can produce yearly at least 5,000 – 10,000 assorted timber, fruit-bearing trees and non-timber species in support of the Tree Growing Program implementation;
- b. Identify and submit to TGP-PTWG the list of plantable areas within private and public lands within their area of jurisdiction;
- c. Allocate counterpart funds for the establishment of a mini-plant nursery and to support other activities related to the program implementation;
- d. Active participation to promote publicity and awareness campaign among the local communities regarding the program;
- e. Facilitate and participate in tree planting and growing activities;
- f. Responsible in the care and maintenance of planted trees and non-tree species within public lands in their area of jurisdiction, and



- g. Document, consolidate and submit accomplishment report to the TGP-PTWG for the province-wide consolidation of accomplishment.

**Section 5. Secretariat – Education Development Center (EDCenter)**

**Section 6. Roles and Responsibilities of the Secretariat**

- a. The TGP-PTWG secretariat shall take charge of sending invites and facilitate meeting of the TGP-PTWG in order to draw up courses of action for the efficient and effective implementation of the Program.
- b. It shall keep a record of minutes, resolutions, proceedings including plans and programs of the TGP-PTWG.

**Section 7. Funding and Operation**

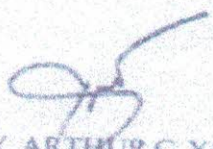
- c. Expenses of the TGP-PTWG shall be charged to the approved project funds from the Provincial Government of Bohol (PGBh) and counterpart funds or donations from NGOs and other concerned government and non-government agencies, subject to COA rules on accounting and auditing procedures.

**Section 8. Separability Clause**

Any provisions of this Executive Order declared illegal shall not nullify the other provisions hereof provided that the remaining provisions can be given force and effect to accomplish the purposes of this Executive Order.

**Section 8. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.**

DONE in the City of Tagbilaran, Province of Bohol, Philippines, this 16th day of March, 2020.

  
ATTY. ARTHUR C. YAP  
Governor

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