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2nd INDORSEMENT
August 20, 2025

Sangguniang Panlalawigan
Province of Leyte
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Respectfully returned to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte, through SP Secretary, the attached Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 of the Sangguniang Bayan of Alangalang, Leyte.

Issues/concerns for review/recommendation/legal opinion is/are as follows:

- Ordinance No. 10, series of 2025 entitled: **“Alangalang, Leyte Wildlife Anti-Trafficking and Protection Program.”**

REVIEW/RECOMMENDATION/LEGAL OPINION:

This office is of the opinion that the subject Ordinance is generally in accordance to its power under Section 447(a)¹ of the Local Government Code of 1991 (R.A 7160), pursuant to RA 9147². Hence, we recommend for the declaration of its validity.

We hope to have assisted you with this request. Please note that the opinion rendered by this Office are based on the facts available and may vary or change when additional facts and documents are presented or changed. This opinion is likewise without prejudice to the opinions rendered by higher and competent authorities and/or the courts.

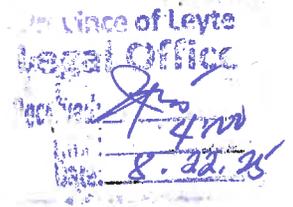

ATTY. JOSE RAYMUND A. ACOL
Provincial Legal Officer

¹;(a) *The sangguniang bayan, as the legislative body of the municipality, shall enact ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare of the municipality and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of this Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the municipality as provided for under Section 22 of this Code,*

² "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act."

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN



1ST INDORSEMENT
22 August 2025

The Provincial Legal Office is respectfully requested to review and submit recommendations on the herein enclosed **Municipal Ordinance No. 10, s. 2025** of the **Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte**, entitled: **An Ordinance establishing the Alangalang, Leyte Wildlife Anti-Trafficking and Protection Program.**


FLORINDA J. S. VYVICO
Secretary to the Sanggunian

LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT
ALANGALANG, LEYTE

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10
SERIES 2025

ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE
ESTABLISHING THE
ALANGALANG,
LEYTE WILDLIFE
ANTI TRAFFICKING
AND PROTECTION
PROGRAM.”

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OFFICE OF THE SB SECRETARY

August 18, 2025

MS. FLORINDA JILL S. UYVICO
SP Secretary
Provincial Capitol, Palo, Leyte

Ma'am:

Respectfully forward herewith copies of Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-10
***"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ALANGALANG, LEYTE WILDLIFE
ANTI TRAFFICKING AND PROTECTION PROGRAM."*** for peruse and
favorable action.

Kindly acknowledge receipt hereof.

Thank you and More Power!

Very Truly Yours,


DANI R. DE VEYRA
Mun. Gov't Department Head I
(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

TO WHOM THIS MAY CONCERN:

This is to certify that Municipal Ordinance No. 2025-10 has been posted for three weeks in the three public conspicuous places within the municipality and will remain posted for the information of the general public.


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(Secretary to the Sanggunian)

ATTESTED:


MARIO V. BAGUE
Municipal Vice Mayor



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Office Of The Sangguniang Bayan

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF ALANGALANG, LEYTE HELD AT THE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING SESSION HALL JULY 28, 2025 .

PRESENT:

- SB Member Kenneth Spice M. de Veyra - Temporary Presiding Officer
- SB Member Gina Balderamos
- SB Member Blesilda M. Yu
- SB Member Elmer D. Matobato
- SB Member Claire G. Yu
- SB Member Kent Jefflord C. Guillermo
- SB Member Atty. Arvin Antoni
- Punong Barangay Sarah T. Apurillo - LIGA President
- SK Chairman Charlze Jericho Duane A. Tan - PPSK President

- ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Mario V. Bague - On Official Travel
 SB Member Ketchie Rex A. Barrantes - On Leave

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2025 - 10

SPONSOR: HON CLAIRE G. YU
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE & COOPERATIVES

"AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ALANGALANG, LEYTE WILDLIFE ANTI TRAFFICKING AND PROTECTION PROGRAM."

APPROVED ON 3rd and final reading on July 28, 2025

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of the people to a balance and healthful ecology in accordance with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9147 also known as the Wildlife Resources Conversation and Protection Act, Section 2 (a) states, "it shall be the policy of the state to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability";

WHEREAS, Section 35 of the same law provides that Local Government Unit shall initiate conservation measure in their areas;

WHEREAS, based on the Department of Environment and Nature Resources (DENR) records, the Philippines is the sole host to 1,137 animal species and 14,000 species of plants, the country is also one of the top biodiversity hotspots with 592 endemic species of amphibians, birds and mammals considered threatened or endangered.

WHEREAS, it is imperative to establish a comprehensive municipal program to present wildlife trafficking, protect indigenous species, and preserve ecological balance in our Municipality.

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 LIGA President

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled, that

Section 1. Short Title. This ordinance shall be known as the "Alangalang, Leyte Wildlife Anti-Trafficking and Protection Program."

Section 2. Declaration of Policy. It shall be the policy of the State to conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability. In the pursuit of this policy, this ordinance shall have the following objectives:

- a. To conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity;
- b. To regulate the collection and trade of wildlife;
- c. To pursue, with regard to national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions on the protection of wildlife and their habitats; and
- d. To initiate support scientific studies on the conversation of biological diversity.

Section 3. Scope. This ordinance shall be enforceable for all wildlife species found within the territorial jurisdiction of Alangalang, Leyte, including migratory species.

Section 4. Definition of Terms. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following shall mean:

- a. **Conservation** - means preservation and sustainable utilization of wildlife, and/or maintenance, restoration and enhancement of the habitat.
- b. **Critically endangered species** - refer to species or subspecies that are not critically endangered but whose survival in the wild is unlikely if the casual factors continue operating.
- c. **Endemic species** - mean species or subspecies which are naturally occurring and found only within specific areas in the country.
- d. **Exotic species** - mean species or subspecies which do not naturally occur in the country.
- e. **Habitat** - means place or environment where species or subspecies naturally occur or has naturally established their population.
- f. **Indigenous Wildlife** - means species or subspecies of wildlife naturally occurring or have naturally established population in the country.
- g. **Wildlife** - means wild forms and varieties of floral and fauna, in all developmental stages, including those which are in captivity or are being propagate.
- h. **By product or derivate** - means any part taken or substance extracted from wildlife, in raw or in processed form. This includes stuffed animals and her-barium specimens.
- i. **Collection or collecting** - means the act of gathering or harvesting wildlife, its by products or derivatives.
- j. **Wildlife Collectors permit** - means a permit to take or collect from the wild certain species and quantities of wildlife for commercial purposes.
- k. **Anti - Trafficking** - refers to actions and policies aimed at preventing combating, and punishing human trafficking, which involves the recruitment, transportation, transfer, harboring, or receipt of a person by force, fraud, or coercion for exploitation.

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Section 5. Local Transport of Wildlife, By Products and Derivatives -
Local transport of wildlife, products and derivatives collected or possessed through any other means shall be authorized unless the same is prejudicial to the wildlife and public health.

Transport of wildlife shall be accompanied by proper permit and documents from the Department of Environment and Natural Wildlife Rescue Center of the Municipality.

Provided further, that should the ownership of the said conveyances belong to a third person who has no participation in or knowledge of the illegal acts, the same may be released to said owner after presentation of proper documents.

Section 6. Prohibited Acts. Unless otherwise allowed in accordance with RA 9147 it shall be unlawful for any person to willfully and knowingly exploit wildlife resources and their habitats, or undertake the following acts:

1. Killing and destroying wildlife species except in the following instances:
 - a) When the wildlife is afflicted with an incurable disease;
 - b) When it is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the wildlife;
 - c) When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being; and
 - d) When the wildlife is killed or destroyed after it has been used in an authorized research or experiment.
2. Trading of wildlife, collecting, hunting, or possessing wildlife, their by products and derivatives.
3. Gathering or destroying of active nests, nest trees, host plants and the like.
4. Transporting of wildlife without proper permit.
5. Engaging in wildlife trafficking.
6. Maltreating or inflicting other acts of cruelty upon any wildlife.
7. Committing any of the following acts in wildlife habitats:
 - Dumping of waste products
 - Squatting or otherwise occupying any portion
 - Mineral exploration or extraction
 - Burning
 - Logging
 - Quarring

Section 7. Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit. There must be a wildlife traffic monitoring unit assigned in the Municipal Veterinary Office, who must have proper training in identifying the wildlife. Such unit, must also disseminate information on what acts are prohibited and banned species in every barangay

Such unit shall regularly monitor all Pet Shop Stores situated in Alangalang, Leyte to ensure that no wildlife are illegally traded.

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Section 8. Creation of Wildlife Protection Council/Task Force. To implement this ordinance a Municipal Wildlife Protection Council of Alangalang, Leyte which shall be known as Bantay Bukid is hereby created consisting of the following:

1. Executive Committee

- Chairman : Municipal Mayor
- Vice - Chairman : Vice - Mayor
- Members : SB Chairman on Environment
Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer (MENRO)
LIGA President

2. Task Force

- Chairman : MENRO
- Members : Chief Police
NGOs in Concerned Area

3. Suveillance Group - There shall be a surveillance group established in every Barangay within the territorial jurisdiction of the Municipality.

- Chairman : Punong Barangay
- Members : Sangguniang Barangay Members
: NGOs

Section 9. Function of Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall formulate and establish comprehensive policy guidelines for the management protection and conservation of wildlife parks and sanctuaries within the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Alangalang, Leyte.

Section 10. Function of the Task Force. The Task Force shall extend all assistance, including Personnel and Equipment as it maybe necessary, in the enforcement of the wildlife laws and ordinance of the Municipality.

Section 11. Function of the Surveillance Group. The Surveillance Group shall have active participation in the operation and coordination with Government Agencies to attain the objectives of this ordinance and perform such other functions as be provided by laws or as requested by the Local Chief Executive.

Section 12. Wildlife Rescue Center - The Municipal Mayor's Office thru the Municipal Veterinary Office shall establish a wildlife rescue center that will temporarily detain all confiscated, abandoned, and/or donated wildlife to ensure their welfare and well-being.

All confiscated wildlife shall be properly turned over to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in accordance with the guidelines set forth under RA 9147.

Section 13. Penalties for Violation. Any person committing any act mentioned in Section 6 herein shall be punished by the following:

First Offense : A fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00)

Second Offense : A fine of One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P1,500.00)

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Third Offense : A fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos
(P2500.00)

Such penalties imposed shall be without prejudice to the penalties imposed by Section 28 of Republic Act 9147 also known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

Section 14. The Local Wildlife Enforcement Officers. Formulate guidelines an Implementing Rules (IRR) for smooth implementation of the ordinance subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

Section 15. Budget. The Municipal shall allocate an annual budget of **Two Million Pesos (Php2,000,000.00)** from the General Appropriation Fund for the purpose for the purpose of this ordinance.

Section 16. Separability Clause. If any part of this Ordinance is declared as unconstitutional or unlawful, such declaration shall not affect the other parts or sections hereof that are not declared unlawful or unconstitutional.

Section 17. Repealing Clause. All previous ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 18. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in a local newspaper of general circulation with the Province of Leyte.

ENACTED July 28, 2025.

I HEREBY ATTEST that the foregoing ordinance, which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Alangalang, Leyte during its Regular Session.

DANI R. DE VEYRA
Secretary to the Sanggunian
Municipal Gov't. Department Head I

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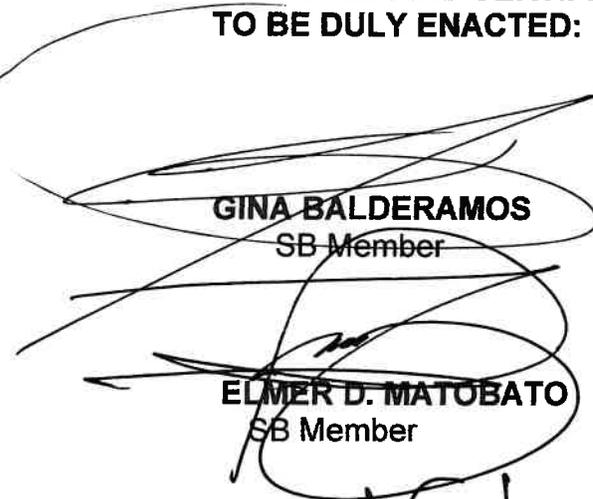
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APPROVED:


LOVELL ANNE M. YU-CASTRO
Municipal mayor



VOTING:

**YES - 8
NO - 0**