



**El Nido
Foundation**

ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT 2021





Republic of the Philippines
Province of Palawan
Municipality of El Nido

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT the El Nido Foundation, Inc. (ENFI), a duly-organized non-government organization (NGO) registered with the Securities and Commission on June 21, 1994, has been assisting the Municipal Government of El Nido in the implementation of the following programs and projects below in the municipality of El Nido, Palawan since 1994. For the year 2021, the following are the programs accomplished by the Foundation, all in accordance with the municipality's Resource Management Framework, specifically the environmental management and development plans as embodied in the municipality's Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP):

PROGRAMS / PROJECTS

- I. El Nido Foundation, Inc. (ENFI) continues to fulfill its mandate to El Nido community – improving the quality of life of the communities while preserving the area's natural integrity through implementation of the following activities for the period January to December 2021:

Component 1. Conservation Management

- A. Involvement of ENF as member of the municipality-mandated Technical Working Group for the CLWUP enhancement, through participation in meetings and presentation of related policies to the Sangguniang Bayan which will aid the SB members in the finalization of the updated Zoning Ordinance. The enhanced El Nido CLWUP have been presented to the stakeholders. Work on draft CLWUP is still in progress. Once approved, the new plan will help regulate and direct development, including tourism development, and address problems in zonation and non-conforming uses.
- B. Continued advocacy on responsible ecotourism by supporting mooring buoy installation and rehabilitation activities in the municipality.
- C. Continued support to El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area Management Board (ENTMR-PAMB) through involvement in policy formulation and advocating for reforms, with the objective of improving Protected Area (PA) management through:
 - Participation in the regular conduct of ENTMRPA – PAMB meetings, Enbanc, ExeCom and Conflict Resolutions Committee. A highlight of ENF's involvement is the lobbying for policies on improving island destination management to conserve and protect frequently

visited tourism sites, following the principle of carrying capacity. CENRO-Taytay supported this policy advocacy moves through drafting of resolution and conducting stakeholders' consultations targeting affected stakeholders.

D. Capacity– building activities conducted and/or attended by key target local stakeholders and staff, to enhance management strategies in the implementation of CRM-related projects:

1. Participation in various capacity-building activities such as partners' meetings and training workshops, which strengthened the skills and knowledge of 'CRM managers' and reinforced partnerships between ENF and other CRM key players in the implementation of CRM-related activities in the municipality.

Component 2. Marine Enforcement

ENF continues to advocate for strengthening of environmental law enforcement and protection to address increasing environmental problems brought by rapid economic growth and urbanization through the following activities:

1. ENF served as key contact point in the transmission of classified information from reports of concerned individuals in barangays where alleged violations such as illegal fishing and indiscriminate mangrove cutting, unregulated sand and gravel quarrying to concerned agencies such as the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Council Staff (PCSDS), El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area Office (ENTMRPA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Local Government Unit;
2. Participation in related LGU Special Bodies such as the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource Management Council (MFARMC), Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Council (MAFC), where actions and/or recommendations on marine and terrestrial environmental problems relating to agricultural and fisheries management / production were advocated to ensure conservation and protection; and in the Municipal Quasi-judicial Body where ENF is involved in coming up with consensual decisions in relation to violations reported by the Municipal Environmental Law Enforcement team (under the MENRO);
3. Helped maintain the **two CMMA guardhouses** in Barangays **Sibaltan** and **New Ibajay** that contribute to marine enforcement operations in the municipality.
4. Regular maintenance of fiber glass boat- **Mamsa**- used in the enforcement that serves as floating station in Tres Marias for 24/7 patrolling in the vicinity of the marine sanctuary and surrounding

areas. *Rumpi* speedboat is maintained and regularly used as logistic support for Tres Marias Bantay Dagat and transport service during conduct of Three-Tier biological monitoring within Bacuit Bay area.

Component 3 – Information, Education and Communications

1. Continued to impart and raise awareness on environmental conservation and protection through facilitation of sessions on the UNEP- Green Fins Approach conducted in partnership with the DENR-PAMO. A total of 7 Tour Booking Offices which composed of Owner/ Manager, Tour Organizer, Boat Operator and Tour Guides were reached, imparting values on their roles and responsibilities as partners / stakeholders/ ambassadors of marine environmental conservation and protection.
2. Participated in the municipality-led environmental activities such as International Coastal Clean-up and Scuba Basura held in September.
3. Participated in the municipality-led environmental activities such as Crown of Thorns Sea Star manual collection and injection in popular diving and snorkeling areas in Bacuit Bay.

Component 4. Sustainable Livelihood

1. Continued implementation of Environment-Friendly Economic Enterprise Development (EED) activities in El Nido for a comprehensive and integrated approach in the enhancement of agricultural production, thereby benefiting other livelihood activities in the municipality. For 2021, the EED activities implemented are as follows:
 - a. Seeds beneficiaries – **30 new and 1,679 continuing**
 - b. **EME distribution (31 individuals, households, and establishments benefiting)** to increase agricultural production as a component of organic farming method, and to help in sanitation requirements of the municipality.
 - c. **Continued Marketing linkage** – coordination with Farmers and establishments on their farm produced availability.

Component 5 – Institutional and Financial Sustainability

1. Continued support to the ETDF Management Board through participation in meetings wherein improvement in ETDF fund utilization was discussed to aid in the implementation of tourism and environment-related programs and projects, as mandated in the Ordinance.
2. Continued monitoring of collection and utilization of ETDF as Committee Chair on Project Monitoring and Evaluation. ETDF collection for the year 2021 amounted to PhP 3,671,150.00

3. Continued advocacy on responsible ecotourism by supporting mooring buoy installation. ENF will be provided a grant allocation of PhP 944,670.00 coming from Linde Philippines through CAF America.
4. Continued advocacy on regular allocation of funds from General Fund for CMMA Projects and other conservation program.

Component 6 – Biodiversity, Research and Monitoring

1. **Maintained biodiversity databases and information systems** to support policy advocacy and planning. Data gathered are continuously recorded and analyzed and serve as feedback information to communities in 14 barangays during the Community Feedback sessions conducted on the progress of the CMMAs, and are also used to aid policy formulation at the PAMB-LGU level.

II. El Nido Coral Reef Restoration and Education Program

- A. Lobbied for support from the LGU to sustain enforcement activities of Tres Marias Bantay Dagat through access to ETDF funds; enforcement activities are done with **24/7 patrolling by seven (7) Tres Marias Bantay Dagat members**.
- B. To enhance Bantay Dagat operations, orientation and assessment meetings were regularly held during the year.
- C. **Continued enforcement activities with 24/7 patrolling** by active Tres Marias Bantay Dagat members. Assessment meetings were held three times during the year to continuously improve the enforcement system in Tres Marias. Other activities of the Tres Marias Bantay Dagat are as follows: a) maintain mooring buoys installed in the area and b) participate in Crown of Thorns collection activities.
- D. ENF facilitated the weekly resupply to the Bantay Dagat.

III. Green Fins Initiative – is a United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) conservation initiative implemented in El Nido with ENF as local implementing partner since 2012, with the objective of helping local tourism operators adopt and promote eco-friendly/sustainable diving and snorkeling practices. In its ninth year in El Nido, as of 2021, the following were implemented:

- Continued Green Fins (GF) awareness activities on responsible ecotourism in El Nido through conduct of **Green Fins Training/Orientation** for Green Fins membership certification with a total of seven (7) **Tour Booking Offices which composed of owners/managers, boat captains, crews and tour guides** reached. The aim of the program is to effect behavioral change towards marine

conservation and protection.

IV. Reproductive Health

- Latest data on Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), an indicator of Modern FP user rate, is constantly increasing with the 2021 data at 80.50% (source: Rural Health Unit – El Nido), given the ready availability of FP commodities in town both at the RHU and in commercial stores (sari-sari stores and pharmacies). ENF continues to promote RH methods.

V. Community-Based Malaria Control Project

- Latest data on actual malaria cases in the Municipality of El Nido shows recurrence from zero (0) in 2014 (third consecutive year of El Nido as zero malaria case) to three (3) reported cases in 2021.

Institutional Highlights

- Participated in the Review of the Draft MDRRM Plan for calendar year 2021-2023
- Participated in Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF) Management Board on the discussion with the Budget Officer and the Accountant Officer regarding Personnel charged against ETDF.
- Participated in the El Nido Municipal Tourism Council Meetings (ENMTC)
- Participated in the Local Health Board Meetings.
- Participated in the ECAN Board meetings to discuss important issues and projects.
- Participated in the Review of MDRRM Manual of Operation for calendar year 2021-2023.
- Participated in the MDRRMC Meetings.
- Participated in Scholarship Executive Committee Meeting during presentation of the results of the schools' evaluation, Financial Report and Accomplishment and Plans for the year 2020-2021.
- Participated in the Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC) Meeting to discuss the preparations for the upcoming plebiscite.
- Participated in the Municipal Nutrition Committee First Quarter Meeting to discuss the schedule of Monitoring and Evaluation of local Level Plan Implementation Protocol (MELLPI Pro)
- Participated in the 4-day Workshop for the Finalization of the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP) to accomplish the long-term municipal master plan.
- Participated in the Municipal Project Monitoring Committee Meeting (MPMC) to discuss the status of the Programs, Projects and Activities (PPA's) of the Municipality.
- Participated in the Trainer's Training for the Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment Technical Working Group (TWG). The training will involve the Establishment, Introduction, Overview and Purposes of the

Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment.

- Participated in the meeting of the Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA) Core Planning Team to address the CDRA Overview and Purpose.
- Participated in the Board Meeting of the Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (MZBAA).
- Participated in the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) First Quarterly Council Meeting (Via Zoom). The meeting focused on the Presentation of reports and updates of the concerned offices for the month of July to December, 2020 and January to March, 2021.
- Participated in the small group meeting called by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) regarding outbreak of Crown-of-Thorns (COT) Starfish in the Bacuit Bay.
- Participated in the joint meeting of the Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC), Municipal Anti- Drug Abuse Council (MADAC), Municipal Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (MTF-ELCAC) and Municipal Road Clearing Task Force (MTF-Road Clearing) to update the council on the General Peace and Order and COVID-19 situation in the municipality.
- Participated in the meeting of the Municipal Council for Culture and Arts (MCCA) to finalize the draft MCCA Plan which was the requirement for the preparations of Annual Investment Plan (AIP) for Culture and Arts Development.
- Attended in the Virtual Orientation of the Asian Development Bank and the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the support from the ASEAN Australia Smart Cities Trust Funds (AASCTF) led by the Municipality of El Nido.
- Participated in the Municipal Development Council (MDC) First Annual Planning Conference, 2021.
- Participated in the Municipal Council for Culture and Arts (MCCA) meeting to discuss its Programs, Projects and Activities (PPA), Review its Vision and Mission and Election of Treasurer.
- Participated in the Quasi-Judicial Body meeting/ hearing apprehended by the LGU- Environmental Law Enforcement Team.
- Participated in the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) Second Quarterly Council Meeting (Via Zoom). The meeting focused on the Presentation of MCPC Guidelines, MOV's Seal of Child Friendly Local Governance Audit- Knowledge Management System and reports in CNSP for the month of January to June 2021.
- Participated in the Revitalization meeting on Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network led by the LGU- Municipal Environment and Natural Resources in partnership with the Provincial Agriculturist Office and WWF- Philippines.
- ENF renewed its accreditation with the Local Government of El Nido in August 2019, thereby keeping the Foundation as an active member in LGU's Municipal Development Council and other special bodies to continue its advocacy in promoting good governance, transparency, and accountability. Special bodies where ENF is a member:

- Municipal Zoning Board Review Committee (MZBRC)
- Municipal Agriculture & Fisheries Council (MAFC)
- Municipal Fisheries Aquatic Resource Management Council (MFARMC)
- Eco-tourism Development Fee Management Board
- El Nido Municipal Tourism Council (ENMTC)
- Municipal Quasi-Judicial Body
- Municipal Ecological Solid Waste Management Board (MESWMB)
- Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC)
- Bids & Awards Committee
- Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC)
- Municipal Local Health Board (MLHB)
- Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC)
- Municipal ECAN Board
- Municipal Local Investment Plan for Health Planning Management Structure
- Municipal Sewerage Treatment Technical Working Group
- Municipal Nutrition Council (MNC)
- Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC)
- Market Committee
- Technical Working Group of the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan
- Municipal Development Council (MDC)
- Technical Working Group of the PAMB Manual of Operation
- Municipal Law Enforcement Committee
- Municipal Project Monitoring Committee
- Municipal Council for Culture and Arts (MCCA)
- Municipal Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (MZBAA)

This certification is being issued upon the request of El Nido Foundation, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 8, Series of 2006, of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Issued in the Municipality of El Nido, Palawan this

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Municipal Mayor

