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Foundation**

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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 in the municipality of El Nido, Palawan since 1994. For the year 2018, 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 2018:

Component 1. Conservation Management

- A. Working towards sustainability of CMMAs, ENF continued to support two (2) out of 14 barangays with CMMAs in the implementation of their management activities through:

1. Continued support of existing CMMAs through:

- Conduct regular review and updating of CMMA management plan in Barangay Sibaltan in collaboration with the LGU – MCRMO; The Barangay Council endorsed its updated CMMA management plan through a Barangay Resolution. CMMA Mgt plan output of Barangay Manlag was presented to Barangay Council for endorsement through a Resolution.

2. Continued conduct of MPA assessment through the use of MEAT (MPA Effectiveness Assessment Tool) in Barangays Sibaltan and Manlag through sessions integrated in the updating of CMMA management plans.

- B. 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 was presented to the stakeholders during the year. Work on draft CLWUP is still in progress. Once approved, the new plan will help regulate tourism development and address problems in zonation.

- C. Continued advocacy on responsible ecotourism by supporting mooring buoy installation activities in the municipality. ENF provided 21 mooring pins and participated in series of installation activities together with El Nido tourism stakeholders. A total of 7 mooring buoys were installed in three (3)

marine tourism sites namely: off Serenity Beach in Cadlao Island, Twin Rocks Island and Dilumacad Island

D. 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 PA management through:

1. Participation in the regular conduct of ENTMRPA – PAMB meetings, both en banc and ExeCom.

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. As a result, there was a suspension of application of MOA in lieu of SAPA in PA sites, and subsequent cancellation of previously released MOAs by the local DENR offices. Also, there was an endorsement of the carrying capacity study for Lagoon Management.

2. Participation in the series of PAMB Members Orientation and Capacity Building organized and conducted by DENR-MIMAROPA and Biodiversity Management Bureau held in Puerto Princesa in October 16-19, 2018.

E. ENF assisted the Municipal Tourism Office in the conduct of stakeholders' workshops in relation to the amendment of the Municipal Tourism Code. ENF staff organized and co-facilitated the workshops held in February-March 2018, with ENF Trustee Emmanuel Pastores as Lead Facilitator. The outputs of the workshops were then incorporated into the draft Tourism Code for review and consideration by the Municipal Council and various stakeholders.

F. Capacity – building activities conducted / attended for/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 skills and knowledge of 'CRM managers' and partnership between ENF and other CRM key players in the implementation of CRM-related activities in the municipality.
2. Two members of ENF staff underwent a training on Wildlife Forensics and Criminal Investigation sponsored by USAID-Protect Wildlife, held in Puerto Princesa on July 22-27, 2018.

Component 2. Marine Enforcement

ENF continued 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. Continued support in the strengthening of CMMA enforcement in one (1) CMMA – Pasadeña CMMA, through provision of technical assistance in the completion of requirements for the proposed CMMA guardhouse, for possible funding by the barangay's share in the Ecotourism Development Fee (ETDF) funds;
ENF served as key contact point in the transmission of classified information from reports of
2. concerned individuals in barangays where alleged violations such as indiscriminate mangrove cutting, unregulated sand and gravel quarrying, and *kaingin* farming, 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;
Participation in related LGU Special Bodies such as the Municipal Fisheries and Aquatic Resource
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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 MEDO);

Helped maintain the two CMMA guardhouses in Barangays Sibaltan and New Ibajay thereby

4. contributing to marine enforcement operations in the municipality.

Acquisition of fiberglass boat- *Mamsa*- used in the enforcement that serves as floating station in Tres

5. Marias for 24/7 patrolling in the vicinity of the marine sanctuary and surrounding areas. *Rumpi* speedboat is regularly used as logistic support for Tres Marias Bantay Dagat and as transport service during conduct of Three - Tier biological monitoring within Bacuit Bay area.

Repair and maintenance of patrol boat and speed boat to ensure that these equipment are

6. operational at all times.

Component 3 – Information, Education and Communications

- Continued IEC support to existing CMMAs through conduct of Community Feedbacking of CMMA results in two (2) barangays with CMMAs: Sibaltan and Manlag where a total of 21 community members were reached and informed on the status of their CMMA management and biodiversity. The activity was integrated in the conduct of updating of CMMA management plan and in the course of MPA MEAT assessment.
- Continued to impart and raise awareness on environmental conservation and protection through facilitation of sessions on Basic Eco-tour Guiding Skills Training conducted in partnership with the LGU through the Municipal Tourism Office and El Nido Tour Guides Association. A total of 82 individuals were reached, imparting values on their roles and responsibilities as partners / stakeholders/ ambassadors of marine environmental conservation and protection.
- Participated in the municipality –led environmental activities such as International Coastal Clean-up, held in September.

Component 4. Sustainable Livelihood

- 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 2018, a total of 1,066 EED beneficiaries comprising of households, individuals and establishments were reached by ENF. The EED activities implemented are as follows:
 - Seed distribution beneficiaries -- 389 new (individuals, households, and establishments) and 485 continuing clients;
 - EME distribution (192 individuals, households, and establishments benefited) to increase agricultural production as a component of organic farming method, and help address sanitation requirements of the municipality;
 - Continued operation of ENF Demo Farm (*Gulayan, Babuyan, Atbp.*) showcasing sustainable agriculture concepts such as organic farming methods in the production of high-value vegetables and in raising organic pigs (“Happy Pig”), thus enabling local communities to become self-sufficient in terms of food production. Improvement of Demo Farm facilities is on-going, as well as community mobilization, in preparation for the implementation of Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) in the municipality.
 - Continued Marketing linkage – coordination with farmers and establishments on their farm produce availability.

- Continued technical assistance on High Value Organic Vegetable Farming and Organic hog-raising (“Happy Pig”) in El Nido
 - 19 cooperators trained in Organic Vegetable Farming in Villa Paz and Mabini.
- Technical assistance to bamboo producers/processors
 - 3 Bamboo Treatment Facilities installed in Barangay New Ibajay, Villa Paz, and Sibaltan, to improve production quality, consequently improving the price and contributing to additional income of beneficiaries.
- Support through administrative and technical assistance to the 6 members of Lio Singers Group who regularly perform at the Lio Airport, towards effective management of their operations.

Component 5 – Institutional and Financial Sustainability

- Continued support to the ETDF Management Board through participation in meetings wherein improvement in the utilization of ETDF fund was discussed to aid in the implementation of tourism and environment related programs and projects, as mandated in the Ordinance.
- Participation in ETDF Board meetings held on February 2, May 22, July 6 and July 13, 2018
- Continued monitoring of collection and utilization of ETDF as Committee Chair on Project Monitoring and Evaluation. ETDF collection for 2018 amounted to PHP 80 Million.
- Continued advocacy on responsible ecotourism by supporting the mooring project. ENF lobbied for additional allocation of PhP1M for the Project from the ETDF savings fund.
- Regular attendance in Municipal Agriculture and Fishery Council (MAFC) special body activities, where ENF is a member.
- Participation in the conduct of Solid Waste Management Plan Formulation Workshop, the objective is to come up with an action plan for El Nido Solid Waste Management to address the growing waste problem brought about by rapid tourism development, increase in population, and to improve efficiency of garbage collection system.
- Participation in Solid Waste Management Board Meeting held at MMO- Conference room dated January 31, 2018.
- Participation in the Municipal Solid Waste Management Board IEC meeting and brainstorming held on February 7, 2018 at the Municipal Mayor’s Office Conference Room.
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Component 6 – Biodiversity, Research and Monitoring

- 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 through 24/7 patrolling by eight (8) Tres Marias Bantay Dagat members. This Bantay Dagat group has been augmented with two (3) new recruits namely Reich Mañibo, Nicholas Dawisan and Jerick Daquer

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: a) maintain mooring buoys installed in the area and b) participate in fish and coral monitoring activities.

D. Conducted regular bi-annual Tier 2 (management-level) fish and coral monitoring and underwater photo documentation in the reef restoration site by the composite monitoring team (composed of representatives from Municipal CRM Office and ENF).

E. IEC activities conducted for the year 2018 included the inclusion of Tres Marias Project in the modules discussed during the Ecotour-guiding Training.

F. Assisted research teams led by the UP-MSI (under projects funded by DOST and CCRES) in the conduct of on-site research activities on coral resiliency, hydrology study and monitoring of sea temperature. Assisted UPMSI Mr. Daryl Valino for the survey on fish and corals and bleaching status in Tres Marias held on April 5, and Mr. Patrick Cadeliña for a thesis fieldwork on enhancing coral reef management utilizing technology, held on May 16, 2018.

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 7th year in El Nido, the following were implemented:

- Continued Green Fins (GF) awareness activities on responsible ecotourism in El Nido through conduct of Basic Ecology Training and Green Fins Training for Green Fins membership certification reaching 86 individuals (tour guides, boat crew and dive center/tour booking office staff members) with the aim of effecting behavioral change towards marine conservation and protection.
- Continued conduct of Green Fins membership held in May and in September, targeting local dive shops and tour booking offices in El Nido. Four (4) tour booking offices were assessed by the local assessment team in 2018, leading to the establishments' Green Fins membership renewal.
- Strengthened partnership and collaboration in Green Fins implementation as local partner organization in El Nido through conduct of a Local Assessors / Coordinators Training course held in August, in partnership with and facilitated by Reef-World Foundation, with resource counterpart
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from DENR-MIMAROPA. A total of eight (8) personnel from DENR – ENTMRPAO / CENRO-Taytay¹, ENF staff and 1 Volunteer completed the training: five (5) as certified Green Fins Local Assessors and two (3) as Local Coordinators

IV. ~~Capacity Building for Local Ecosystems (CCRES) Project~~ *Capacity Building for Local Ecosystems (CCRES) Project* ~~is a~~ *Global Environment Facility-World Bank and University of Queensland-funded project. The Project seeks to make explicit the value of natural capital and ecosystem services to coastal communities and other stakeholders in the management of the country's natural assets for sustainable development through research and capacity building,*

- ENF and LGU – MCRMO as members of the CCRES Component II Core Modeling Team (CMT) participated in Systems Thinking Analysis Training-Workshop, particularly in simulation model development; skills and knowledge gained from the training aided the CMTs in gathering additional information for the development of systems models that were presented/validated during the conduct of the 3rd round of FGDs in El Nido in 2017.
- ENF staff participated in trainings on Marine Spatial Planning, Business Development, and

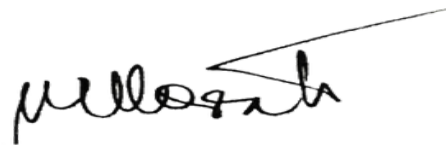
	<p>Stakeholders Engagement and Behavior Change Workshop at the CCRES Tools Training, and held at Hotel Kimberly, Tagaytay City, Philippines in April 2018. The Team was also engaged by the University of Queensland Team Leader to co-facilitate a training on the use SESAMME tool in Systems Thinking at the Tagaytay training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ENF participated in a 2-day workshop on Fish SPACE held at Casa Kalaw at Lio State, El Nido in September.
<p>V. Integrated Population and Coastal Resource Management Initiative</p>	<p>Latest data on Contraceptive Prevalence Rate (CPR), an indicator of Modern FP user rate, is constantly increasing with the 2018 data at 71.72% (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.</p>
<p>VI. Community-Based Malaria Control Project</p>	<p>A. ENF continues to support malaria control through provision of mosquito bednets at cost. For the period January – December 2018, a total of 4 pieces were sold amounting to PhP860.00. The amount generated is plowed back to the bednet revolving fund, established by ENF from initial funds set up under an Embassy of Japan grant, to ensure continuous bednet supply in the municipality. As of end of December 2018, the revolving fund stood at PHP 198,710.23.</p> <p><i>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 with zero malaria case) to two (2) reported cases in 2015, three (3) in 2016 and four (4) in 2018.</i></p> <p>B. ENF led the 20th Annual Celebration of <i>Pista ng Kulamboon</i> December 7, 2018. The fiesta is a culminating event held every first Friday of December as an awareness campaign against Malaria, with the integration of environmental conservation and protection, and sustainable livelihood promotion in the municipality. Dr. Mary Ann H. Navarro of the Palawan Provincial Health Office and Dr. Louie R. Ocampo, UNAIDS Country Director, were two of the guest speakers. The year’s celebration’s theme was <i>“Malusog na Mamamayan, Malinis na Kapaligiran, Tungo sa Maunlad na Pamayanan”</i> with public and private sector supporting the costs of the celebration through cash and in-kind contributions coursed through ENF. Highlights of the event were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Active participation of 18 barangays in various activities conducted such as: <i>Gawad Pangkaunlaran Award and the SAMBISIG Award, Kulambo Parade – Most Creative Group, Best Kulambo Attire, Lantern Contest, Jingle contest, Search for Mrs & Mr. Kulambo, and Natatanging Booth contest</i> ▪ Recognition of community members who have been actively participating in Tier 1 biodiversity monitoring, Bantay Dagat, and other active partners of conservation and development programs in the municipality.
<p>VII. Institutional Highlights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continued participation of ENF until mid-2018 as active member of the Philippines’ Country Coordinating Mechanism (CCM) of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM) in various activities such as regular meetings, site evaluation visits, KAP-related activities to strengthen the participation of KAPs, workshops to review the country proposals, and screening of candidates for Principal Recipients to the Global Fund project funds. ENF also participated in the Palawan KAP Core Committee activities held in June and September 2018 in Puerto Princesa. ▪ ENF was invited and participated as NGO representative in workshops organized by the Office of Provincial Agriculture (OPA) towards the formulation and implementation of a Management Plan for the Northeast Palawan MPA Network, held in September and October, for adoption by

the LGUs of member municipalities (El Nido, Roxas, Taytay, Dumarán, Araceli, Linapacan). ENF initiated a CRM partners' meeting, held twice in November to level off expectations among partners and managers in the implementation of CRM programs and projects. As part of its role as duly accredited NGO with the Local Government of El Nido, the Foundation is an active member of the LGU's Municipal Development Council and other special bodies, continuing its advocacy in promoting good governance, transparency, and accountability. Special bodies where ENF is a member are as follows:

- Municipal Zoning Board Review Committee (MZBRC)
- Municipal Agriculture & Fisheries Council (MAFC)
- Municipal Fisheries Aquatic Resource Management Council (MFARMC)
- Eco-tourism Development Fee Management Board
- Municipal Quasi-Judicial Body
- Municipal Ecological Solid Waste Management Board
- Municipal Risk Reduction Management Council
- Bids & Awards Committee
- Municipal Council for the Protection of Children
- Municipal Local Health Board
- Municipal Peace and Order Council
- Municipal ECAN Board
- Municipal Local Investment Plan for Health Planning Management Structure
- Municipal Sewerage Treatment Technical Working Group
- Municipal Nutrition Council
- Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council
- Market Committee
- Technical Working Group of the Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan
- Municipal Development Council
- Technical Working Group of the PAMB Manual of Operation
- Municipal Law Enforcement Committee
- Municipal Project Monitoring Committee

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 this 29th day of April 2019 in El Nido, Palawan.



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