



**El Nido  
Foundation**

**ACCOMPLISHMENT  
REPORT  
2022**





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 2022, 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**

- A. 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 2022:

***Component 1. Conservation Management***

- 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 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.
- C. Continued advocacy on responsible ecotourism by supporting mooring buoy installation and rehabilitation activities in the municipality.
- 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 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.

### **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:

- A. 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;
- B. 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);
- C. 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**

- A. 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 LGU-MTO. A total of 38 individual 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.

- B. Participated in the municipality-led environmental activities such as International Coastal Clean-up and Scuba Basura held in September and October, 2022.
- C. 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**

- A. 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 2022, the EED activities implemented are as follows:
  - a. Seeds beneficiaries – 25 new and 1,714 continuing
  - b. EME distribution (35 individuals, households, and establishments benefiting) to increase agricultural production as a component of organic farming method
  - c. Conduct of vegetable training with 19 women participants.

#### **Component 5 - Institutional and Financial Sustainability**

- A. 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.
- B. Continued monitoring of collection and utilization of ETDF as a member on Project Monitoring and Evaluation. As of writing, the ETDF amount for the year is still being calculated.
- C. Continued advocacy on responsible ecotourism by supporting mooring buoy installation. ENF will provided a grant allocation of PhP 944,670.00 coming from Linde Philippines through CAF America. ENF installed 9 mooring buoys using the Tubbataha Mooring System in five (5) sites in Bacuit Bay.
- D. Continued advocacy on regular allocation of funds from LGU General Fund and Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Protected Area Management Office (DENR-PAMO) for CMMA Projects and other conservation program.

## 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 six (6) 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 10th year in El Nido, as of 2022, 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 thirty-eight pax (34 male, 4 female) 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 2022 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 five (5) reported cases in 2022.

### Fund Raising Activities:

1. Registration to the Philippine Council for NGO Certification – All document requirements and forms were submitted to PCNC. There will be an interview on February 2, 2023 for Board Members, Staff, Beneficiaries and Partners. The Board Members who will be present are Mr. Alberto Lim, Atty. Charlie Yu, and Emmanuel Pastores. The staff present will be Naty Petalbo, Jose Alferes, Leilani Mabaquia, and Emmanuel Pastores. The partners who will be present are Mayor Edna Gacot-Lim, Board member and former Mayor Nieves Rosento, Ms. Merriam Arzaga of Municipal Environment Office (Coastal Resource Management). The people's organization beneficiaries will be represented by Mr. Benedicto Cabiguen – Sibaltan and Marine Protection Enforcer. There are talking points to be sent to these individuals that will serve as a guide for them to answer questions by the PCNC evaluators. ENF will also send additional documents required by PCNC for the assessment. Foremost of this is the financial report and annual plans of ENF currently under review by the staff and ED. The certification is needed for fund raising because this is required by most donors. This is key for resource mobilization.
2. The Linde, Inc. has provided a grant amounting to US\$ 19691.59 for the mooring buoy project. This allowed us to build 9 mooring buoys in 5 sites and provided us a savings of PhP 200,000. The remaining grant funds have been allocated to sustain the knowledge shared during the training; hence, post-training support and site visits for the next months will be conducted. In addition, the grant will also support the local women's organizations through promotion of local arts and products.
3. Submission of new proposal to the Forest Foundation for watershed management in the amount of P3,978,750 wherein which the ENF is asking the Forest Foundation for P2,974,120. The ENF has a counterpart of PhP 868,030 and the LGU has a counterpart of PhP 136,600. This project aims to protect and manage Bulalacao watershed, a source of potable water for El Nido. We aim to save some of the expenses to put to general funds. Forest Foundation will review the proposal on 12 January 2023.
4. Draft proposals are being written on home gardening and fish aggregate device. Both are aimed at ensuring that there is food security among the villagers. These are targeted for implementation in non-tourism barangays of El Nido. These proposals are aimed to be finished by mid-February and submitted by March. ENF also has a generic mooring buoy project proposal for other donors. Various embassies and private entities

are targeted as donors. Other proposals to be written:

- Mangrove reforestation
  - Tuberculosis and Malaria prevention
  - Teenage pregnancy prevention
5. The ENF also will endeavor in income generating projects (I.e. poultry egg laying, organic piggery, etc.) using family or clan approach for better accountability.

### Institutional Highlights

- Participated in Eco-Tourism Development Fee (ETDF) Management Board during the presentation of 2023 budget, amendments of ETDF Resolution NO. 22-004, presentation and approval of the budget proposals from the savings of 2019- 2021 ETDF Work and Financial Plan and presentation and approval of the ETDF Barangay Budget Proposals for the Year 2022.
- 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 MDRRMC Meetings.
- Participated in the Municipal Council for the Protection of Children (MCPC) meetings.
- Participated on the Local Committee on Anti-Trafficking and VAWC meetings.
- Participated in the Fisheries Workplan Formulation as inputs to El Nido AIP conducted by the Municipal Agriculturist Office and Malampaya Foundation, Inc.
- Participated in the Orientation Kapit-Bisig Laban Sa Kahirapan, Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services National Community Driven Development Program, Additional Financing (KALAHI-CIDDS-NCDDP-AF)
- Participated in the Municipal Development Council (MDC) meeting.
- Participated in the Municipal Council for Culture and Arts (MCCA) meeting during updating on Municipal Culture and Arts Plan and approval of Annual Cultural Plan.
- ENF renewed its accreditation with the Local Government of El Nido in September, 2022, 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 and Fisheries Council (MAFC)
  - Municipal Fisheries Aquatic Resource Management Council

- (MFARMC)
- Eco-tourism Development Fee Management Board (ETDF-MB)
  - 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 and 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 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)
  - Municipal Project Monitoring Committee (MPMC)
  - Municipal Housing Board (MHB)
  - Municipal Special Drug Education Center Team (MSDECT)

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

  
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