



Republic of the Philippines  
PROVINCE OF BOHOL  
City of Tagbilaran

## PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXECOM) HELD ON JANUARY 31, 2023 AT THE CAMBANGAY CONFERENCE ROOM, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, LINO CHATTO DRIVE, COGON DISTRICT, TAGBILARAN CITY, BOHOL, PHILIPPINES**

In Attendance:

Gov. Erico Aristotle C. Aumentado.....Chairman, Presiding Officer

and

Majority of the Members of the PDC Executive Committee

### **PDC EXECOM RESOLUTION NO. 39-2023**

**A RESOLUTION FAVORABLY ENDORSING TO THE CENTRAL VISAYAS REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (RDC) THE PROPOSED TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR CARMEN, LOBOC, ANDA AND THE ISLAND OF PANGLAO IN THE PROVINCE OF BOHOL FOR SUPPORT AND FURTHER ENDORSEMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM (DOT) AND TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AUTHORITY (TIEZA).**

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9593, The Tourism Act of 2009, declares that tourism is an indispensable element of the national economy and an industry of national interest and importance, which must be harnessed as an engine of socioeconomic growth and cultural affirmation to generate investment, foreign exchange and employment and to continue to mold an enhanced sense of national pride for all Filipinos;

**WHEREAS**, Tourism is the prime vehicle for continued development and progress of the Province of Bohol through robust and vibrant economic activities in the province that has resulted in the improvement of the quality of life of its constituents;

**WHEREAS**, some of the most prominent and densely populated major tourism areas in the Province of Bohol are located in Carmen, Loboc, Anda and Panglao Island;

**WHEREAS**, there is a dire need for a tourism development plan in these selected major tourism destinations of the province, as well as on the vulnerability and the carrying capacity of every ecotourism activity;

**WHEREAS**, Tourism planning can ensure the longevity of the tourism industry in the area, take good care of the environment, have positive economic outcomes and a positive benefit to the community;

**WHEREAS**, the determination of the carrying capacity (CARCAP) of the area/site by identifying and establishing the threshold and limitations of the area as basis for planning and development towards a more sustainable tourism and ecosystem management of the locality;

**WHEREAS**, this Body has discussed the merits of the proposal and has found the same to be in order and fully supportive of the development thrusts of the national government as well as the Provincial Government of Bohol, particularly in preserving its primary asset of Tourism.

**WHEREFORE**, upon proper motion duly seconded, be it resolved by this Body in a meeting duly convened -

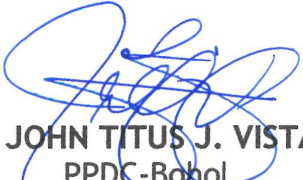
to favorably endorse to the Central Visayas Regional Development Council (RDC) VII the proposed Tourism Development Planning for Carmen, Anda, Loboc and Panglao Island for support and further Endorsement to the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA) for support and assistance

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, to furnish copies of the same Resolution to the Congressmen of Bohol: Hon. Edgar M. Chatto, 1<sup>st</sup> District; Hon. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, 2<sup>nd</sup> District; and Hon. Kristine Alexie B. Tutor, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, for their support and follow-up.

**UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED.**

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I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
**JOHN TITUS J. VISTAL**  
PPDC-Bohol  
Head, PDC Secretariat

APPROVED:

  
**ERICO ARISTOTLE C. AUMENTADO**  
Governor  
Chairman, PDC-Bohol 

**Subject: TOURISM DEVELOPMENT PLANNING FOR IDENTIFIED TOURISM AREAS**

**Proposed Site: Anda, Carmen, Loboc and Panglao Island**

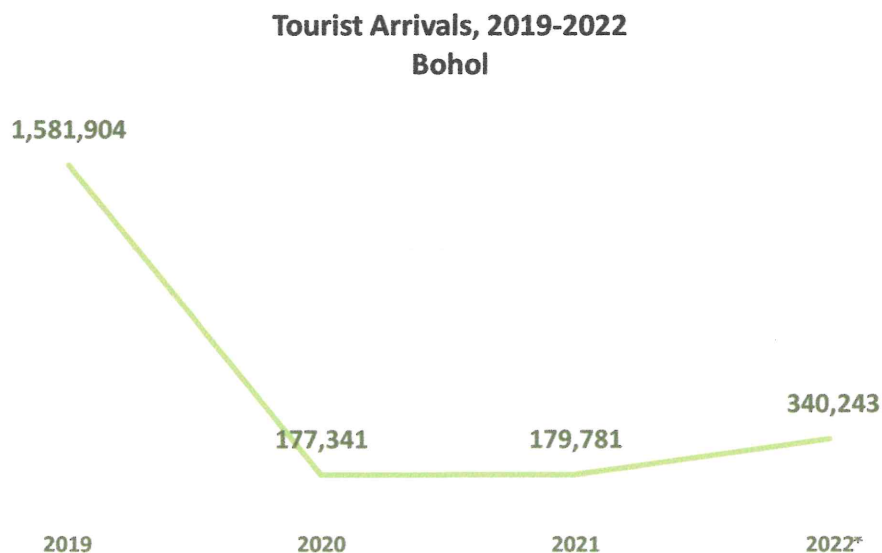
**Action Requested: For endorsement to the RDC-7 for support and funding assistance**

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## **PROJECT BRIEF**

### **Background of the Project:**

The tourism industry is one of the major economic drivers of Bohol. In 2019, the Department of Tourism's statistical data recorded 1,581,904 tourist arrivals in Bohol. However, the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020 severely affecting the tourism industry and causing tourist arrivals to plunge by 89% or only 177,341 recorded tourists. Despite this, the tourism industry has been steadily recovering and the Bohol Provincial Tourism Office recorded 340,243 tourist arrivals for 2022, which is an almost 90% increase from the 2020 arrivals.



Source: Department of Tourism – Regional Office 7 and Bohol Provincial Tourism Office (BPTO)  
\* Partial Data from BPTO

As the tourism industry in the province continues to grow, numerous destinations are being discovered and offered as attractions to visitors with the most prominent areas being the Chocolate Hills in Carmen, the Loboc River Cruise in Loboc and the famous white sand beaches of Anda and Panglao. With the booming tourism industry, it is critical that a development plan for these areas must be established, thus ensuring sustainable tourism development.

Tourism can have positive and negative effects on the area due to population dynamics and every form of human activity causes changes in environmental conditions. Sustainable management of ecotourism areas is a foremost dream and a big challenge. In order to attain this goal, there is a dire need for a tourism development plan in selected major tourism destinations of the province, as well as on the vulnerability and the carrying capacity of every ecotourism activity.

**Project Location:**

Municipality of Carmen, Bohol  
Municipality of Loboc, Bohol  
Municipality of Anda, Bohol  
Municipalities of Daus and Panglao, Panglao Island, Bohol

**Project Component:**

**1) Tourism Development Planning**

- TDP for Anda
- TDP for Carmen
- TDP for Loboc
- TDP for Panglao Island

On a basic level, the main stages in tourism development planning include: the analysis of previous tourist development; evaluation of the position of tourism in the area including competition; formulation of relevant tourism policy by the Government; identification of a development strategy and the formation of a programme of action.

**2) Integration of Vulnerability Assessment and Carrying Capacity Study for Identified tourism sites and activities**

**Project Objective:**

- 1) Tourism planning can ensure the longevity of the tourism industry in the area, take good care of the environment, have positive economic outcomes and a positive benefit to the community. Tourism development planning enables a range of benefits to all stakeholders involved, namely:
  - increases income and jobs from tourist spending
  - helps preserve cultural and natural heritage for tourists
  - builds new tourism support facilities
- 2) To determine the carrying capacity (CARCAP) of the area/site by identifying and establishing the threshold and limitations of the area as basis for planning and development towards a more sustainable tourism and ecosystem management of the locality.

**Agency/ Agencies Requested for Funding/ Assistance:**

Department of Tourism (DOT)  
Tourism Infrastructure Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

**Estimated Investment Cost: ₱ 40 Million**