



OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

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Ordinance No. 8, 2003

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE (SA) IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DUMINGAG, ZAMBOANGA DEL SUR, PROVIDING MEASURES FOR ITS ADOPTION AND FUNDS FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan in session assembled that:

Section 1. Title. This ordinance shall be entitled, "An Ordinance Adopting Sustainable Agriculture in the Municipality of Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur, Providing Measures for Its Adoption and Funds for Its Implementation Thereof."

Section 2. Legal Bases and Goals. This Ordinance is enacted pursuant to Article II (Declaration of Principles and State Policies), Section 16 of the Philippine Constitution which provides that The state shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature." This is also enacted pursuant to Global Agenda 21 (1992) wherein governments inked their commitment and conformity for the regeneration of sound environment in global scale, the Philippine version called the Philippine Agenda 21 (P.A. 21) (1996) and the Government Medium Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) 2001-2004. This is also in line with the government food security program.

It is a production system that systematically pursues the following goals:

- 2.1. A thorough incorporation of natural processes such as nutrient cycling, nitrogen fixation and pest-predator relationship;
- 2.2. A minimization of the use of external and non-renewable inputs that damage the environment or harm the health of farmers and consumers;
- 2.3. Full participation of farmers and urban and rural people in all processes of research problem analysis, technology development, adaptation and extension;
- 2.4. A more equitable access to productive resources and opportunities;
- 2.5. A greater productive use of local knowledge, practices and resources;
- 2.6. The incorporation of a diversity of natural resources and enterprises within the farms; and
- 2.7. An increase in self-reliance and advocate freedom from debts amongst farmers and urban and rural communities.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. The following terms should mean and be understood according to their use in this ordinance.

- 3.1. **Sustainable agriculture.** It is the agriculture development principle which refers to any practice, method, technique/technology, philosophy or system or production that makes agriculture economically feasible, ecologically sound, socially just and humane (equitable), culturally appropriate and grounded on holistic science.
- 3.2. **Food and health security.** Any plan, policy or strategy aimed at ensuring adequate supplies of appropriate food at affordable prices for the majority of the population.
- 3.3. **IPM. Integrated Pest Management.** It is a farming technology adopting biological method/s in controlling pest infestation. Use of pesticides/insecticides is instituted only when crop damage is in/or beyond the threshold level.
- 3.4. **APM. Alternative Pest Management.** It is a farming technology using solely biological control of plant pests eliminating use of pesticides/insecticides through adoption of culturally accepted and ecologically sound practices.
- 3.5. **Conventional farming.** It is a traditional method of farming using or depending heavily on inorganic fertilizers and chemicals to effect production thus resulting to poor soil and toxic environment, and products harmful to human health.
- 3.6. **Ecology.** The interaction between plants and animals and their environments.

Section 4. Measures for the Adoption of Sustainable Agriculture. The following are the measures for the adoption of sustainable agriculture in the Municipality of Dumingag :

- 4.1. There shall be adopted in the Municipality of Dumingag a proactive, experiential, participatory, and flexible sustainable agriculture including reforestation.
- 4.2. In order to carry out the goals of sustainable agriculture, the following shall be the measures to be adopted :
 - 4.2.1 There shall be adopted gradual change or transformation of farming practices from conventional farming or IPM to alternative pest management (APM) in this municipality.
 - 4.2.2 The Office of the Municipal Agriculture shall spearhead the adoption of sustainable agriculture by establishing a demo or learning farm using participatory and integrated farming systems which shall serve as a show window for farmers, researchers, and other interested people.
 - 4.2.3 There shall also be adopted sustainable agriculture in the barangays within the municipality which shall be spearheaded and sustained by the members of the farmers' association under the supervision of the Municipal Agriculturists.
 - 4.2.4 In order to address this concern, the Municipal Agriculture and Fisheries Council of Dumingag (MAFC) shall be tasked to draw stakeholders to the table for a participatory Planning Workshop to identify trends, strategies and priorities for the adoption of sustainable agriculture in this municipality.
- 4.3. There shall be established a Sustainable Agriculture Institute to train farmers and technicians regarding agriculture, forestry and fishery concerns.

Section 5. Institutionalization of the Program and Budgetary Appropriation. In order to sustain it, the program shall be institutionalized as an integral part of the existing programs and priorities of the Municipal Agriculture Office and shall be appropriated an

Section 6. Enforcement Provision. The Municipal Mayor shall implement this program in coordination with the Municipal Agricultural Officer.

Section 7. Effectivity and Publication Provision. This ordinance shall take effect after the approval of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan and after fifteen (15) days from the date hereof is posted in the bulletin board at the entrance of the municipal hall and in at least two (2) other conspicuous places in the Poblacion, announcement in the local cable TV and FM station and further, published in a local newspaper of general circulation once a week for three consecutive weeks, informing the constituents of the provisions and date of effectivity thereof.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Enacted: November 3, 2003


JESSYL B. PALON
Clerk IV/Acting Secretary

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED.
TO BE DULY ADOPTED:


NACIANCENO M. PACALIOGA, JR.
Municipal Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

APPROVED: 11/10, 2003


EDGARDO G. JAMERO
Municipal Mayor