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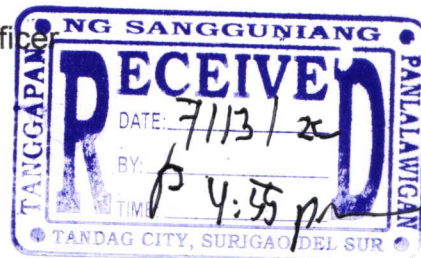
July 13, 2026

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Thru: **HON. RUEL D. MOMO**
Acting Vice Governor & Presiding Officer



Sir:

Greetings!

May we respectfully request for a passage of a Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution authorizing the Acting Provincial Governor to enter into by and among and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Agriculture – Philippine Rural Development Project Scale Up-Regional Project Coordination Office 13, duly represented by its Regional Project Director, Eng. Ricardo M. Oñate, Jr., et al., for the Interagency Convergence to Institutionalize Support for the Implementation and Sustainability of Seaweed Production in the Province of Surigao del Sur.

Truly yours,



PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

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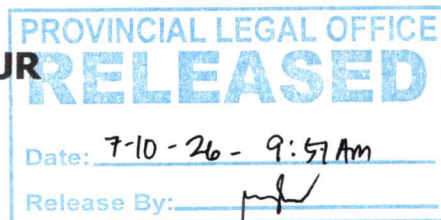
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MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Acting Provincial Governor



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2nd Indorsement

July 10, 2026



Respectfully returned to **HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA**, Acting Governor, the attached 1st Indorsement dated July 8, 2026, pertaining to the **SUB-MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR INTERAGENCY CONVERGENCE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF SEAWEED PRODUCTION IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR** among various agencies, including the **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**.

After a thorough review, the undersigned finds the MOA to be valid in both form and substance. Accordingly, the undersigned recommends its approval and signature subject to the condition that the requisite authority is first obtained from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.


ATTY. LIMUEL L. AUZA
Provincial Legal Officer



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BAGONG PILIPINAS

Office of the Governor

SUBJECT: LETTER DATED JULY 7, 2026, REGARDING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE INTERAGENCY CONVERGENCE TO INSTITUTIONALIZE SUPPORT FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY OF SEAWEED PRODUCTION IN THE PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR BETWEEN THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCALE UP-REGIONAL PROJECT COORDINATION OFFICE 13

1st Indorsement

July 8, 2026

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Respectfully indorsed to **Atty. Limuel L. Auza, Provincial Legal Officer**, this Province, the herein basic communication from Esmeraldo S. Raymundo, R.Agr., Provincial Agriculturist/PPMIU Head, for your comments and recommendations.

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Acting Provincial Governor

For the Governor:

JOHN VINCENT C. PIMENTEL
Provincial Administrator

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OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURIST

Philippine Rural Development Project

Provincial Project Management and Implementation Unit (PPMIU)

July 7, 2026

MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
Acting Provincial Governor
Capitol Hills, Telaje, Tandag City

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Dear Acting Governor Alameda,

Warm greeting of peace and solidarity!

In pursuit of strengthening collaborative efforts for fisheries and agri-based development, the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur, together with D.A-PRDP, CODESPA, CTPCMC, BFAR, NEMSU and the Local Government Unit of Hinatuan, Barobo, Lianga and Carrascal, is advancing the Convergence Program under the D.A-PRDP I-Plan Subcomponent 1.2. To formalize this partnership, we respectfully transmit for your office's review and consideration the attached draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), intended to be jointly executed by the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur and the aforementioned institutions as a collective commitment to shared objectives and coordinated implementation.

The said MOA specifically highlights the seaweed commodity, identified as a priority under the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP). This initiative seeks to strengthen seaweed farming systems through the conduct of research studies on climate-resilient propagules and sustainable tying materials, the provision of practical training for farmers, and the formulation of a comprehensive Provincial Seaweed Roadmap. These interventions are envisioned to ensure sustainable production, enhance competitiveness, and secure livelihood opportunities for coastal communities across Surigao del Sur.

In view of the foregoing, we respectfully seek your approval, **to be marked as urgent**, to request authority from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan granting you the mandate to sign the said MOA on behalf of the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur. Given the urgency of program implementation and the critical importance of timely collaboration among stakeholders, we earnestly appeal for your prompt and favorable action on this matter.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration. May God bless you always.

Very truly yours,

ESMERALDO S. RAYMUNDO, RAgri.
Provincial Agriculturist/ PPMIU Head

**Memorandum of Agreement
for Interagency Convergence to Institutionalize Support
For the Implementation and Sustainability of Seaweed Production in the Province of Surigao
del Sur**

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Agreement is executed and entered into by and between the following parties:

The **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCALE UP-REGIONAL PROJECT COORDINATION OFFICE 13**, with office address at Capitol Site, Butuan City, represented herein by its Regional Project Director, **ENGR. RICARDO M. OÑATE, JR.**, hereinafter referred to as “DA-PRDP SU 13”.

The **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF SURIGAO DEL SUR**, with office address at the Provincial Capitol, Capitol Hills, Brgy. Telaje, Tandag City, represented herein by its Acting Governor, **HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.**, hereinafter referred to as the “PLGU”;

The **BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES – Caraga**, with office address at Peñaranda St., Brgy. Taft, Surigao City, represented herein by its Regional Director, **DIR. OMNIA B. OLAMA**, hereinafter referred to as the “BFAR-Caraga”;

The **CODESPA FOUNDATION PHILIPPINES**, with office address at Unit 2006, 20/F Cityland Condominium 10, Tower 1, 156 H.V. Dela Costa St., Salcedo Village, 1227 Makati City, Metro Manila, represented by its Country Manager, **GEMMA C. GOLIAT**, hereinafter referred to as “CODESPA”;

The **CTP CONSTRUCTION & MINING CORPORATION**, with office address at Brgy. Adlay, Carrascal, Surigao del Sur, represented by its President and Chief Executive Officer, **ATTY. ROSS JOSEPH J. ROMANILLOS**, hereinafter referred to as “CTPCMC”;

The **NORTH EASTERN MINDANAO STATE UNIVERSITY**, with office address at Rosario, Tandag City, Surigao del Sur represented by its University President, **DR. NEMESIO G. LOAYON**, hereinafter referred to as “NEMSU”.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE- PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SCALE UP (PRDP SU), a special project of the Department of Agriculture funded by World Bank under World Bank (IBRD-WB), specifically by virtue of the Loan Agreement No. IBRD – 8421;

WHEREAS, under PRDP, the Provincial Commodity Investment Plan (PCIP) of Surigao del Sur has been approved and is now being used as reference by the Provincial Government, DA and other government agencies in the planning and budgeting processes and in prioritizing investments to support the province’s agriculture and fishery development where private sector is actively participating;

WHEREAS, there are prioritized interventions drawn from the results of value chain analysis by which industry enablers were identified to provide support to the PLGU in addressing these gaps and constraints and translated into prioritized investments in the PCIP;

WHEREAS, in spite these interventions, there is a need to strengthen support from various agencies and institutionalize a platform to harmonize all efforts and investments from participating government agencies/stakeholders;

WHEREAS, among the priority commodities identified in the Province’s CIP is seaweed and among the key gaps in the value chain are: i) lack of supply and access to good quality seedlings (disease resistant/high yield/fast growing).; ii) low appreciation on benefits of complying with good aquaculture practices;

WHEREAS, the I-PLAN component of PRDP, in collaboration with other stakeholders organized an interagency convergence as a mechanism to bring together the value chain enablers who can provide support in sustaining the projects and assist the PLGU in addressing key challenges they encountered in the course of its project implementation;

WHEREAS, cognizant to the recommendations of World Bank and the agreement made among enablers during the interagency consultation cum situation analysis workshop organized by I-PLAN last 3-5 February 2026 at Grand Palace Hotel, Butuan City, a **Memorandum of Agreement** is hereby forged to institutionalize a mechanism of support in helping the Province of Surigao del Sur;

WHEREAS, it is envisaged that this multilateral agreement will become a platform to institutionalize synergistic partnership among participating agencies and other stakeholders to support the PG in improving the performance of its operation and in sustaining the project. Among the target benchmarks towards this end is the achievement of the objectives as stipulated in their project proposal and the convergence Work and Financial Plan - as attached in Annex A which from part of this Agreement;

ARTICLE I

The Objective

This multilateral agreement is hereby forged with the main goal of putting in place a synergistic mechanism that will bring together the value chain enablers who can provide support in improving the performance of the Province's seaweed industry and in sustaining the project.

ARTICLE II

Statement of Need

- 2.1 There is a need for a synergetic partnership among enablers and other stakeholders to mainstream support to PLGU Surigao del Sur for a successful implementation of their proposal and in helping them sustain the project. This Memorandum of Agreement is an instrument to institutionalize government agencies' (enablers) support to PLGU in addressing key challenges/gaps affecting the industry and assist them maximize opportunities so that the PLGU will eventually attain its objectives as stipulated in their project proposal. Also, this Agreement stipulates among others the "what, where, when and how much" of the interventions to be carried out by the participating stakeholders aligned to their mandates, programs and projects. Depending on the availability of funds and priorities of the participating agencies, the activities/actions embodied in this Agreement (see Annex A – as attached) could possibly be mainstreamed into the regular budgeting and planning processes of participating agencies and to sustain the efforts initiated in this platform.
- 2.2 Primarily, the convergence actions in this Agreement is a pump priming activities to address key challenges and opportunities encountered by PLGU in line with its operations and for sustainability, such as: Conduct research studies and/or assessments on climate-resilient seaweed strains, alongside the exploration of alternative tying materials for seaweed farming in Surigao del Sur. This initiative also includes the development of a Provincial Roadmap for Seaweed, the conduct of production training, and other related activities (see Annex A – attached).

ARTICLE III

Other Participating Stakeholders

Other participating stakeholders in this multilateral agreement which will provide technical and advisory package of assistance to PLGU, include:

1. The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BAROBO, SURIGAO DEL SUR**, with office address at Brgy. Poblacion, Barobo, Surigao del Sur, represented herein by its Municipal Mayor, **HON. RONITO L. MARTIZANO**, hereinafter referred to as the "MLGU Barobo";
2. The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF HINATUAN, SURIGAO DEL SUR**, with office address at Brgy. Aquino, Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur, represented herein by

its Municipal Mayor, **HON. TITO A. CAÑEDO III** hereinafter referred to as the “MLGU Hinatuan”;

3. The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF LIANGA, SURIGAO DEL SUR**, with office address at Brgy. Poblacion, Lianga, Surigao del Sur, represented herein by its Municipal Mayor, **HON. AMADO M. LAYNO, JR.** hereinafter referred to as the “MLGU Lianga”;
4. The **MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF CARRASCAL, SURIGAO DEL SUR**, with office address at Brgy. Embarcadero, Carrascal, Surigao del Sur, represented herein by its Municipal Mayor, **HON. JOSEPH L. URGEL** hereinafter referred to as the “MLGU Carrascal”;

ARTICLE IV

The Purpose of the Agreement

- 4.1 The purpose of this Agreement is to set out a platform for a synergistic partnership among government agencies to provide support to PLGU and in describing the commitments to be undertaken by the signatories. This Agreement acknowledges the participating government agencies and private stakeholders such as; DA-PRDP 13, Municipality of Barobo, Municipality of Hinatuan, Municipality of Lianga, Municipality of Carrascal, DA BFAR, NEMSU, CODESPA and CTPCMC and agree to align their existing programs and projects and utilize their resources in support to PLGU Surigao del Sur. This Agreement respects the existing relationships, policies, and operating procedures of each participating agency in line with their mandates, programs and projects and reserves the right of the participating agencies to prioritize programs and projects as they deem necessary. Although the signatories recognize that participation in this convergence initiative does not require them to prioritize their expertise, programs and projects or access to their facilities in favor of the proponent but this Agreement reflects their intent to work cooperatively to support the PLGU in addressing their key challenges and help them maximize opportunities, whenever is necessary and consistent with applicable authorities and funding restrictions of each participating agency.
- 4.2 More stakeholders and agencies may participate in this Agreement in the future.

ARTICLE V

The Authority and Limitations

- 5.1 Each of the signatories will conduct activities under this agreement within the scope of and to the extent authorized by their existing statutory authorities and in the bounds of their commitments to support PLGU Surigao del Sur and in the joint undertaking in the schedule of activities for CY 2026 Work and Financial Plan as prescribed in Annex A which form part of this Agreement.
- 5.2 This instrument is an agreement among the signatories, including components of the signatories' organizations, and does not create or confer any right or benefit on any other person or party. Nothing in this agreement is intended to restrict the authority of any signatory to act as provided by law or regulation, or to restrict any agency from enforcing any laws within its authority or jurisdiction.
- 5.3 All commitments arising from this Agreement are subject to each signatory's budget, priorities, and the availability and limitations on the use of appropriated funds for such purposes. If any signatories or representatives of components of signatories' organizations determine it would be appropriate to utilize each other's network or capacity, they may enter into any further necessary agreements or arrangements. However, nothing in this Agreement obligates any of the signatories to expend appropriation, sort or enter into any contract, assistance agreement, or inter agency agreement or arrangement, or to incur other financial obligations other than those activities and budget committed in Annex A which form part of this Agreement.
- 5.4 Nothing in this Agreement impairs or otherwise affects the authority of the heads of a signatory agency over the other signatory agency.

ARTICLE VI
Commitment of Signatories in this Agreement

6.1 DA-PRDP 13 shall:

- i. Through its I-PLAN Component will provide leadership, steering function and necessary coordination in planning and execution of activities prescribed in Annex A, hereto attached and form part of this Agreement;
- ii. Provide the financial requirement amounting to Six Hundred Seventy Thousand Pesos (P670,000.00) to exclusively cover the budgetary requirements for the installation of seaweed grow-outs, labor expenses for the implementation of the research study, and the conduct of capacity-building activity. The release and utilization of said funds shall strictly adhere to the Sub-component 1.2 Operational Guidelines and shall be subject to standard government accounting and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.
- iii. Ensure that the I-PLAN Subcomponent 1.2 funds are being utilized according to its intended purpose with due regard to economy, efficiency, and the achievement of the project's objectives;
- iv. Provide technical support to PLGU for the overall planning, management and coordination of activities related to the project to ensure smooth and efficient implementation of the activities;
- v. Regularly monitor the progress of the execution of activities under this agreement and provide necessary feedback to signatories of this Agreement;

6.2 PLGU Surigao del Sur shall:

- i. Ensure that all activities and listed interventions prescribed in the 2026 WFP hereto attached as Annex A are carried out with due diligence and efficiency, and in conformity with appropriate financial, administrative, technical, good practices and sound social and environmental standards, acceptable to existing laws and policies, and provide the necessary support to the signatories in the execution of activities/action hereto prescribed;
- ii. Lead the steering committee tasked with drafting and institutionalizing the Provincial Roadmap for Seaweed;
- iii. In collaboration with DA-PRDP 13, serve as facilitator for the effective execution of the MOA and coordinate with concerned signatories in the planning, execution of activities and interventions as prescribed in the WFP, hereto attached as Annex A;
- iv. Designate regular Focal Person and his/her alternate to represent the agency in any activities related to this Agreement;
- v. Provide all signatories with regular feedbacking on the status of implementation of planned targets and schedules in Annex A, hereto attached and form part of this Agreement;
- vi. Facilitate the enactment of provincial ordinances/resolutions through the Sangguniang Panlalawigan that protect seaweed farming zones and prioritize local investments in coastal logistics; and
- vii. Provide counterpart and logistic support to concerned agencies in capability building and coordination activities in line with the execution of activities covered by this Agreement.
- viii. Fund and cover all necessary traveling expenses, including transportation, accommodation, and daily allowances, of the PLGU research team for the duration of the research study, subject to standard government auditing laws, rules, and regulations.
- ix. As the Lead Agency in this Agreement, ensure that signatories are properly informed and adequately represented during consultations, meetings, briefings and other similar activities

6.4 DA-BFAR shall:

- i. Ensure to provide support to PLGU and MLGUs and other signatories of this Agreement in the implementation of activities as prescribed in Annex A, hereto attached and form part of this Agreement;
- ii. Provide access to regional laboratory facilities for regular water quality testing and early diagnostic testing of seaweed tissue samples;
- iii. Designate regular Focal Person and his/her alternate to represent the Agency in any activities related to this Agreement; and,
- iv. Assist the Lead Agency in monitoring the progress of the execution of activities under this Agreement.

6.6 CODESPA shall:

- i. Subject to the agency's approved budget, strategic priorities, and the availability of resources within its mandate, CODESPA will collaborate in the alignment and implementation of programs, projects, and activities, and other initiatives specified in Annex A, which forms an integral part of this Agreement.
- ii. Designate regular Focal Person and his/her alternate to represent the agency in any activities related to this agreement;
- iii. Assist the Lead Agency in monitoring the progress of the execution of activities under this Agreement;

6.7 CTPCMC shall:

- i. Ensure to provide support to DA-PRDP 13, PLGU and other signatories of this Agreement in the implementation of activities as prescribed in Annex A, hereto attached and form part of this Agreement;
- ii. Provide a financial allocation amounting to Four Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Pesos (P474,320.00) to exclusively cover the establishment, operational, and maintenance expenses of the designated research site located in the Municipality of Carrascal. The fund shall be utilized strictly for project-related site requirements as detailed in the approved work and financial plan.
- iii. Designate regular Focal Person and his/her alternate to represent the agency in any activities related to this Agreement;
- iv. Assist the Lead Agency in monitoring the progress of the execution of activities under this Agreement;

6.8 NEMSU shall:

- i. Ensure to provide support to PLGU and other signatories of this Agreement in the implementation of activities as prescribed in Annex A, hereto attached and form part of this Agreement;
- ii. Lead the scientific oversight and technical direction throughout the implementation of the research project, ensuring methodologies align with established marine biology and agricultural research standards;
- iii. Undertake data management responsibilities, encompassing data entry, quality control processing, and statistical analysis of all project variables;
- iv. Maintain an on-campus or coastal land-based nursery dedicated to propagating climate-resilient and fast-growing seaweed strains for continuous distribution.

6.9 OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES (MLGUs) shall:

- i. Ensure to provide support to PLGU and other signatories of this Agreement in the implementation of activities as prescribed in Annex A, hereto attached and form part of this Agreement;
- ii. Ensure participation of farmer-members and key stakeholders in the project activities;
- iii. Designate at least one (1) technical staff from the Municipal Agriculture Office to act as local focal person and field guide for the researcher team;
- iv. Provide assistance to PLGU in monitoring the daily or weekly condition of the research sites, including early reporting of early signs of disease outbreaks, infestations, or any physical damage caused by adverse weather conditions.

ARTICLE VII
Execution, Modification and Termination

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original and all of which, taken together, will constitute one Agreement. Upon execution and delivery of a counterpart signature page hereto by any entity indicated as a signatory on the signature pages of this Agreement, such entity will become a party to this Agreement. The execution and delivery of a counterpart signature page will not require the consent of any participant that has already consented. Any participant in this Agreement may propose modifications to this Agreement. No modification will be effective until approved in writing by all or majority of the signatories.

This Agreement, when signed by all signatories representing all of the organizations listed on the signature page/s, will continue indefinitely as to such signatory. However, any participant in this MOA may terminate its participation herein at anytime. If appropriate to do so, signatories will provide 30 days of written notice to the other participants. The DA-PRDP 13, which is the Lead Agency of this Agreement will call for an assessment and/or performance review on a periodic basis to monitor and evaluate the performance of each signatory in relation to this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned agree to mainstream and harmonize support in the execution of convergence activities, hereto attached in Annex A which form part of this Agreement in support to PLGU Surigao del Sur. This MOA shall take effect immediately upon signing and remain enforced until revoked in writing

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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City of Butuan) S.S
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BEFORE ME, this _____ day of _____ 2026, in the City of Butuan, personally appeared the following persons:

Name	Gov’t Issued ID	Place / Date Issued

1. ENGR. RICARDO M. OÑATE JR.
(PDA-PRDP 13)
2. HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.
(Provincial LGU)
3. DIR. OMNIA B. OLAMA
(DA-BFAR 13)
4. GEMMA C. GOLIAT
(CODESPA)
7. ATTY. ROSS JOSEPH J. ROMANILLOSS
(CTPCMC)
8. OTHER PARTICIPATING AGENCIES:

	Gov't Issued ID No., Place/Date Issued
<u>HON. RONITO L. MARTIZANO</u> (MLGU BAROBO)	
<u>HON. AMADO M. LAYNO, JR.</u> (MLGU LIANGA)	
<u>HON. TITO A. CAÑEDO III</u> (MLGU HINATUAN)	
<u>HON. JOSEPH L. URGEL</u> (MLGU CARRASCAL)	

All known to me by the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and signed their signatures above and acknowledge to me the execution hereof is their free and voluntary act and those of the Offices they represent.

This instrument consisting of nine pages, including the page on which this Acknowledgement is written, has been signed on each and every page by the parties and their witnesses, and sealed with my notarial seal.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereof set my hand, the _____ day, of _____, 2026, _____ and place above written.

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