



Across the middle of Bicolandia is Camarines Sur. Only 9 hours either by train or bus and an hour flight by plane, landing at Pili Airport.

The province is dominated by rich and fertile ricelands. Historically, it is the seat of the Roman Catholic religion during the Spanish period. Today, it remains the pilgrimage center made prominent by the Peñafrancia Festival held every September of the year in honor of the region's patroness, Our Lady of Peñafrancia.

The focus of the celebration is at Naga City, a throbbing commercial center, called the heart of Bicol where the most of the major Catholic churches were erected. The image of Virgin Mary is housed at Basilica Minore, a palatial structure replicating the Gothic architecture.

Thousands of devotees, pilgrims and visitors flock to this cathedral and along the river edges to witness Our Lady's fluvial procession, the highlight of the festival, carried on a well decorated flotilla.

Camarines Sur is famous for the world's smallest edible fish, locally known as tabios (scientific name *Mistichtys*) abundantly found in the serene waters of the scenic Lake Buhi. The other lake, Bato, is noted for its tilapia (scientific name *Tilapia Nituka*) production. Iriga City is known for the famous Tinagba festival – a harvest offering held every February 11.

## HOW TO GET THERE

### By Land

Naga City in Camarines Sur is accessible from Manila via the scenic Pan-Philippine Highway. Air-conditioned coaches plying the Manila to Naga route leave the Araneta Center at 30 minutes intervals starting at about 4 p.m. thru 9:30 p.m. daily. For tourists coming from the Ermita Center, another set of air-conditioned buses, can take you through the same route to Naga. For the weary business traveler, arrive in tip-top shape, sleep thru the whole length of the ten-hour trip and for the starving passenger dine in style, your choices are enourmouse - a piping hot porridge, the delectable Filipino chicken "adobo," or the more cosmopolitan sandwiches. Which way you want it, the buses stop at designated restaurants that serve these kinds of food.



### By Air

Naga City can also be reached by plane through the Pili airport. Philippine airlines and Asian Spirit for traveler eager to reach Camarines Sur faster.

## BRIEF HISTORY

CAMARINES SUR situated at the southeastern portion of Luzon, is bounded on the north by the Pacific Ocean, on the east by the Maqueda Channel, on the south by the Province of Albay, on the west by the Ragay Gulf, and on the northwest by the province of Camariens Norte and Quezon.

With a land area of 5,266 square kilometers, Camarines Sur has 34 municipalities and two cities. In May 2000, it had a population of 1,551,549 composed of Bicolanos, Tagalogs, Visayas and Ilocanos.

Noted for its volcanic soil, the province produces abaca, rice and coconut. Fishing is an important activity of its coastal towns. The smallest fish “**sinarapan**” in the world is found in Lake Buhí. Pili trees, known for its nuts, grow abundantly in Camarines Sur. The capital town of Pili is named after the fruit.

Camarines Sur derived its name from “camarin” the Spanish word for “rice granary” or warehouse.

In 1569, Luis Enriquez de Guzman, with Augustinian friar Alonzo Jimenez, reached the present town of Camalig, then a thriving village or rancheria. The natives lived in houses or thatched sheds called “Kamalig,” “rice granary” in the native tongue.

Andrez de Ibarra, in search for provisions, followed the route taken by De Guzman and reached Kalilingo and Bua (the present towns of Bato and Nabua) in 1570.

In 1571, Miguel Loped de Legazpi dispatched Juan de Salcedo to explore the area as far as Paracale. A year later, Salcedo cruised the Bicol River and went as far as Bato Lake. Later, a Spanish garrison under Captain Pedro de Chavez was set up in Naga, a prosperous native rancheria. In 1575, de Guzman founded the City of Nueva Caceres after the birth-place of Governor General Francisco de Sande in Caceres, Spain.

Camarines was divided into Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur in 1829. The two were united Ambos Camarines in 1854, and again united in 1893.

The Philippine Revolution started in Ambos Camarines when Elias Angeles and Felix Plazo, Filipino corporals in the Spanish Army, sided with revolutionist and fought the local Spanish forces on September 17, 1898. Governor Vicente Zaidin capitulated to the revolutionist on the following day. With the arrival of General Vicente Lukban, the revolutionary government in the Bicol region was established.

The American forces occupied the Bicol Peninsula in January 1900. In March of the same year, General John M. Bell was made the military governor of the southeastern Luzon. Civil government was finally established in Ambos Camarines in April 1901.

In March 1919, the Philippine Legislature issued an Act authorizing the Governor General to divide the province into Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur.

At the outbreak of World War II, guerilla units were organized by Wenceslao Q. Vinzon that waged underground operations against the Japanese troops stationed in Camarines Sur. After the capture of Vinzons on July 8, 1942, the guerilla movement was carried on by Lieutenant Francisco Boayes. In April 1945, Camarines Sur was finally liberated from the Japanese invaders.

Among the great sons of Camarines Sur were W. Q. Vinzons, Bishop Jorge Barlin, first Filipino Catholic Bishop; Elias Angeles and Felix Plazo, leaders in Naga during the Philippine Revolution; and the Bicol martyrs, led by Manuel and Domingo Abella, who died for freedom against Spanish sovereignty.

## **GEOGRAPHY**

The province lies across the middle of the peninsula at the southern tip of Luzon. It embraces the fertile valleys of the Bicol River and its contributing tributaries as well as the volcanic regions of Mt. Isarog and Mt. Iriga.

On the north, it is bounded by Camarines Norte and San Miguel Bay. On the south, by Albay. On the east, the Pacific Ocean and Lagonoy Gulf. On the west, by Ragay Gulf.

It is traversed by the long wide and meandering Bicol River and other streams that descend from the southwestern side of Pasacao-San Fernando-Libmanan mountain ranges and on the northwestern side of Mt. Isarog.

Except for some highlands found in some island towns such as Ocampo, Baao and Iriga, the rest are mountain ranges, which bordered the rugged coastlines. They surround the vast fertile plains and arable lowlands except those along found in Nato, Sagñay, Sabang and San Jose beaches in Partido, San Miguel, Cabusao and Calabanga.

Camarines Sur boasts of three beautiful lakes namely: Baao, Bato and Buhi and four mountains such as: Isarog, Iriga, Buhi and Tangcong Vaca.

## **POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS**

The province is politically subdivided into four districts: first district (Del Gallego, Ragay, Lupi, Sipocot, Libmanan, Cabusao, Pasacao, Pamplona, Minalabac and San Fernando), second district (Naga City, Bombon, Calabanga, Camaligan, Canaman, Gainza, Magarao, Milaor, Ocampo, and Pili), third district (Caramoan, Tinambac and Siruma) and fourth district (Iriga City, Baao, Balatan, Bato, Buhi, Bula and Nabua).

## **CLIMATE**

Its climate is characterized generally by no dry season and no pronounced maximum rain period.

## **POPULATION**

Not to include the Cities of Naga and Iriga, the 1990 Census of Population and Housing statistics show that the province has reached 1,115,402.

## **LANGUAGE/DIALECT**

If Bulacan Tagalog is to the Tagalogs, the Naga Bikol is to the Bicolanos. Variations of the Bicol dialect have reached not only in some parts of Camarines but in the other provinces of the region. Language authorities have considered the Naga Bikol as grammatically correct in comparison with the other Bikol dialect of similar shades of diction and word usages.

## **MAJOR INDUSTRIES**

Rice and Coconut are the leading industries in the province. Abaca and banana are next because of the kind of soil prevalent in the province. It is indeed very suitable for these two kinds of plants.

Mining is a growing industry, too. Aside from this it is also sufficient in fish due to its virtually untapped, rich fishing grounds.

Cottage industries are rising source of income Bamboocraft is a booming industry in Nabua. For the town of Baao, it is embroidery. The rest of the province, fibercraft is the common means of livelihood engaged in by the people.

CAMARINES SUR..... At a Glance... 2006

| INDICATORS  | CAM. SUR  |
|---|-----------|
| Land Area (sq.m.) (Source: DENR, 2000)                | 5,481.6   |
| Percentage to the Region's Land Area                  | 30.2      |
| No. of Cities   | 2         |
| No. of Municipalities                                 | 35        |
| No. of Barangays                                      | 1,063     |
| No. of Districts                                      | 4         |
| <b>POPULATION</b>                                     |           |
| Population 2000 (Source: NSO)                         | 1,551,549 |
| Population Growth Rate (1995-2000)                    | 1.72      |
| Household Population (2000)                           | 1,549,388 |
| Average Household Size (2000) Persons/HH              | 5.37      |
| Population Density (Pop/sq.km)                        | 283.0     |
| Projected Population 2004                             | 1,727,209 |
| Projected Population 2005                             | 1,758,962 |
| Projected Population 2006                             | 1,787,840 |
| Projected Population 2007                             | 1,816,710 |
| Projected Population 2008                             | 1,845,666 |
| Projected Population 2009                             | 1,874,536 |
| Projected Population 2010                             | 1,903,414 |
| Income Classification (Source: NSCB 2001)             | 1st       |
| <b>Agricultural Areas ( Source: BSWM 1998) (has.)</b> |           |
| Palay   |           |
| Irrigated   | 52,623    |
| Rainfed   | 22,380    |
| Upland  | 4,615     |
| TOTAL   | 79,618    |
| Corn  | 8,811     |
| Coconut   | 155,765   |
| Sugarcane   | 5,344     |
| Abaca   | 6,811     |
| Diversified Crops                                     | 4,473     |
| Coffee  | 277       |
| Citrus  | 1,820     |
| Banana  | 3,287     |
| Pineapple   | 37        |
| Grassses  | 93,550    |
| Shrubs  | 56,393    |

## LIST OF MUNICIPALITIES

| <b>CAM. SUR/ MUN.</b> | <b>MAYOR</b>                 | <b>TELEPHONE NO.</b>          |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1st District          |                              |                               |
| CABUSAO               | NORBERTO U. GENOVA           |                               |
| DEL GALLEGO           | BAYANI B. VELUZ              | (042)304-8536                 |
| LIBMANAN              | RODOLFO A. JIMENEZ , SR.     | (054) 451-2528                |
| LUPI                  | RAUL M. MATAMOROSA           |                               |
| MINALABAC             | LEOVEGILDO BASMAYOR, JR      | (054) 470-4068                |
| PAMPLONA              |                              |                               |
| PASACAO               | MANUEL SA. LEE OLIVER, JR.   | (054) 513-9111                |
| RAGAY                 | RENATO E. AQUINO             | (054) 741-1045                |
|                       |                              | Email-Iguragay@digitelone.com |
| SAN FERNANDO          | SABAS M. MABULO              | (054) 471-4009                |
| SIPOCOT               | MARIA TERESA B. DE LA PEÑA   | (054)256-6128                 |
| 2nd District          |                              |                               |
| BOMBON                | LORETO A. AREVALO            |                               |
| CALABANGA             | EVELYN S. YU                 | (054) 470-1340                |
| CAMALIGAN             | PABLO N. PRADO               | (054) 473-2144                |
|                       |                              | 811-3963                      |
| CANAMAN               | JOEL DAVID S. ABANTE         | (054) 474-8713                |
| GAINZA                | ROMEO A. GONTANG *           |                               |
| MAGARAO               | LOURDES A. SENAR             | (054)471-2136                 |
| MILAOR                | EDGARDO D. FELIZMENIO        | (054)473-9302                 |
| OCAMPO                | FIDEL C. CARIDO              | (054) 477-3845                |
| PILI                  | TOMAS P. BONGALONTA          | (054) 477-7707                |
| NAGA CITY             | JESSE M. ROBREDO             | (054) 473-2240                |
| 3rd District          |                              |                               |
| CARAMOAN              | FRANCIS R. BENEMERITO        |                               |
| GARCHITORENA          | EDMUNDO L. SIMANDO *         |                               |
| GOA                   | MARCEL S. PAN                | (054)453-1485/453-0298        |
| LAGONROY              | ASELA MARIA VALENCIA FLORECE | c/o Police stn.               |
|                       |                              | (054) 453-7145                |
| PRESENTACION          | JAIME V. DELENA *            |                               |
| SANGAY                | ROBERTO A. BRIONES           | (054) 452-3530                |
| SAN JOSE              | GIL P. PACAMARRA *           | (054) 454- 2003               |
| SIRUMA                | SANDY ONDIS, JR.             |                               |
| TIGAON                | ELMO L. BOMBASE              | (054) 452-3792                |
| TINAMBAC              | ROSITO T. VELARDE *          |                               |
| 4th District          |                              |                               |
| BAAO                  | MELQUIADES I. GAITE          | (054)266-3083                 |
| BALATAN               | JIMMY B. VILLAREAL           |                               |
| BUHI                  | DIONES N. BELZA              | (054) 621- 1444               |
| BULA                  | ROLANDO N. CANET             | (054) 655- 0327               |
|                       |                              | (054) 455- 2123               |
| BATO                  | JAIME T. GONZALES *          |                               |
| NABUA                 | FERNANDO D. SIMBULAN         | (054) 631-1209                |
| IRIGA CITY            | MADELAINE A. GAZMEN          | (054) 655-0329                |
|                       |                              | Telefax (054)655-0329         |

Philippine Standard Geographic Code

Province of Camarines Sur

**REGION V (Bicol Region)** Code: **050000000**

Province: **6** City: **7** Municipality: **107** Barangay: **3,471** District: **14**

**CAMARINES SUR** Code: **051700000**

Income Class: **1st** City: **2** Municipality: **35** Barangay: **1,063** District: **4**

| City/Municipality | Code      | Income Class | City Class            | Rural/ Urban    | District |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------|
| BAAO              | 051701000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| BALATAN           | 051702000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| BATO              | 051703000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| BOMBON            | 051704000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| BUHI              | 051705000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| BULA              | 051706000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| CABUSAO           | 051707000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| CALABANGA         | 051708000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| CAMALIGAN         | 051709000 | 5th Class    |                       | Urban           | 2nd      |
| CANAMAN           | 051710000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| CARAMOAN          | 051711000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| DEL GALLEGO       | 051712000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| GAINZA            | 051713000 | 6th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| GARCHITORENA      | 051714000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| GOA               | 051715000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| IRIGA CITY        | 051716000 | 3rd Class    | Component             | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| LAGONROY          | 051717000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| LIBMANAN          | 051718000 | 2nd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| LUPI              | 051719000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| MAGARAO           | 051720000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| MILAOR            | 051721000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| MINALABAC         | 051722000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| NABUA             | 051723000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 4th      |
| NAGA CITY         | 051724000 | 1st Class    | Independent Component | Urban           | 2nd      |
| OCAMPO            | 051725000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| PAMPLONA          | 051726000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| PASACAO           | 051727000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| PILI (Capital)    | 051728000 | 1st Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 2nd      |
| PRESENTACION      | 051729000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| RAGAY             | 051730000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| SAGÑAY            | 051731000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| SAN FERNANDO      | 051732000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| SAN JOSE          | 051733000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| SIPOCOT           | 051734000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 1st      |
| SIRUMA            | 051735000 | 5th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| TIGAON            | 051736000 | 4th Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |
| TINAMBAC          | 051737000 | 3rd Class    |                       | Partially Urban | 3rd      |

As of March 2001

Source: NSCB R5

## PHYSICAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES

### A. Land use

#### a. Physical Area

| MUNICIPALITY | PALAY |       |        | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
|              | IRRIG | RAINF | UPLAND |       |
| C A M. S U R | 52623 | 22380 | 4615   | 79618 |

|              |      |      |      |       |
|--------------|------|------|------|-------|
| Baao         | 3304 | 1572 | 6    | 4882  |
| Balatan      | 81   | 624  | 7    | 712   |
| Bato         | 592  | 1538 | 24   | 2154  |
| Bombon       | 1095 | 400  |      | 1495  |
| Buhi         | 3205 | 331  | 76   | 3612  |
| Bula         | 3638 | 1312 | 14   | 4964  |
| Cabusao      | 875  | 274  |      | 1149  |
| Calabanga    | 1183 | 260  | 80   | 1523  |
| Camaligan    | 373  | 570  |      | 943   |
| Canaman      | 511  | 1079 |      | 1590  |
| Caramoan     | 319  | 1008 | 1629 | 2956  |
| Del Gallego  |      | 70   | 345  | 415   |
| Gainza       | 444  | 1019 |      | 1463  |
| Garchitorena | 61   | 92   | 22   | 175   |
| Goa          | 1165 | 126  | 440  | 1731  |
| Iriga City   | 1765 | 509  | 25   | 2299  |
| Lagonoy      | 628  | 345  | 364  | 1337  |
| Libmanan     | 7232 | 2263 | 756  | 10251 |
| Lupi         | 150  | 568  | 210  | 928   |
| Magarao      | 1575 | 319  |      | 1894  |
| Milaor       | 1178 | 200  |      | 1378  |
| Minalabac    | 3667 | 1012 | 98   | 4777  |
| Nabua        | 1929 | 953  |      | 2882  |
| Naga City    | 1440 | 835  |      | 2275  |
| Ocampo       | 5176 | 480  | 90   | 5746  |
| Pamplona     | 1856 | 1166 |      | 3022  |
| Pasacao      | 123  | 311  | 16   | 450   |
| Pili         | 1789 | 283  | 42   | 2114  |
| Presentacion |      | 42   | 73   | 115   |
| Ragay        | 261  | 386  | 69   | 716   |
| San Fernando | 976  | 1259 |      | 2235  |
| Sangay       | 1774 | 149  |      | 1923  |
| San Jose     | 2192 | 395  |      | 2587  |
| Sipocot      | 230  | 240  | 21   | 491   |
| Siruma       | 11   | 321  | 33   | 365   |
| Tigaon       | 1652 |      | 94   | 1746  |
| Tinambac     | 173  | 69   | 81   | 323   |

| MUNICIPALITY | CORN | COCONUT | SUGAR CANE | ABACA | DIVERSIFIED CROPS | COFFEE | CITURS | BANANA |
|--------------|------|---------|------------|-------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| CAM. SUR     | 8811 | 155765  | 5344       | 6811  | 4473              | 277    | 1820   | 3287   |
| Baao         | 623  | 3530    | 452        |       | 46                |        |        | 98     |
| Balatan      | 12   | 1804    |            |       | 28                |        |        | 100    |
| Bato7        | 29   | 3361    |            |       | 40                |        |        | 54     |
| Bombon       |      | 1834    |            |       | 8                 |        |        | 49     |
| Buhi         | 562  | 5780    |            | 90    | 126               |        | 10     | 82     |

|              |      |       |      |      |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|------|-------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Bula         | 35   | 6395  |      |      | 70  |     |     | 12  |
| Cabusao      |      | 874   |      |      | 6   |     |     | 60  |
| Calabanga    | 135  | 4081  |      | 86   | 245 |     |     | 82  |
| Camaligan    |      | 20    |      |      |     |     |     |     |
| Canaman      |      | 156   |      |      |     |     |     |     |
| Caramoan     | 143  | 5931  |      | 203  | 438 |     |     | 161 |
| Del Gallego  |      | 60    | 7769 |      | 146 | 114 | 24  | 569 |
| Gainza       |      | 12    |      |      |     |     |     |     |
| Garchitorena | 12   | 3692  |      | 179  | 156 |     |     | 111 |
| Goa          | 345  | 9677  | 1475 | 1756 | 94  |     |     | 32  |
| Iriga City   | 1733 | 4551  |      | 30   | 25  |     |     | 226 |
| Lagonoy      | 225  | 10143 | 120  | 1756 | 356 | 48  |     | 629 |
| Libmanan     | 512  | 12767 |      |      | 161 |     |     | 19  |
| Lupi         | 467  | 11007 |      | 35   | 227 |     | 207 | 346 |
| Magarao      |      | 408   |      |      | 4   |     |     | 7   |
| Milaor       |      |       |      |      |     |     |     |     |
| Minalabac    | 55   | 4102  |      |      | 65  |     |     | 52  |
| Nabua        | 30   | 3658  |      |      | 26  |     |     | 83  |
| Naga City    | 501  | 2437  | 750  | 14   | 58  |     | 60  | 53  |
| Ocampo       | 208  | 2535  | 1079 |      | 84  |     |     | 2   |
| Pamplona     |      | 1502  | 7    |      | 59  |     |     | 95  |
| Pasacao      | 180  | 8301  |      | 11   | 352 |     |     | 155 |
| Pili         | 1062 | 872   | 322  | 195  | 52  |     |     | 2   |
| Presentacion |      | 63    | 1140 |      | 962 | 890 | 12  |     |
| Ragay        | 220  | 5159  |      | 24   | 59  | 15  | 271 | 121 |
| San Fernando | 57   | 2978  | 68   |      | 21  |     |     | 28  |
| Sangay       | 435  | 2244  | 60   | 136  | 75  | 169 | 9   | 33  |
| San Jose     |      | 755   |      |      | 67  |     |     | 9   |
| Sipocot      | 289  | 9782  |      |      | 18  |     | 694 | 50  |
| Siruma       | 80   | 1700  |      |      | 155 |     |     | 83  |
| Tigaon       | 498  | 2149  | 1011 | 1072 | 56  |     |     | 45  |
| Tinambac     | 240  | 12659 |      | 116  | 292 | 9   |     | 188 |

| MUNICIPALITY | PINE-APPLE | GRASSES | SHRUBS | MANGROVE  |           | FISH POND | INLAND MARSH | TOTAL  |
|--------------|------------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------------|--------|
|              |            |         |        | TREE TYPE | PALM TYPE |           |              |        |
| C A M. S U R | 37         | 93550   | 56393  | 3947      | 3280      | 2302      | 3477         | 430205 |
| Baao         |            | 2793    | 107    |           |           |           |              | 12531  |
| Balatan      |            | 1168    | 2148   |           |           |           |              | 5972   |
| Bato         |            | 1960    | 179    |           |           |           |              | 7777   |
| Bombon       |            | 50      | 43     | 364       | 7         |           | 278          | 4128   |
| Buhi         |            | 3471    | 1934   |           |           |           |              | 15667  |

|              |    |      |      |     |      |     |     |       |
|--------------|----|------|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|
| Bula         |    | 2036 | 1390 |     |      |     | 30  | 14932 |
| Cabusao      |    | 1888 | 154  | 128 | 140  | 108 |     | 4507  |
| Calabanga    |    | 2554 | 2814 | 74  | 1157 |     | 374 | 13125 |
| Camaligan    |    |      |      |     |      |     |     | 963   |
| Canaman      |    | 50   |      |     |      |     | 140 | 1936  |
| Caramoan     |    | 3967 | 2019 | 48  | 896  | 48  |     | 16810 |
| Del Gallego  |    | 7549 | 2341 |     | 70   | 684 |     | 19827 |
| Gainza       |    |      |      |     |      |     |     | 1475  |
| Garchitorena |    | 4648 | 1543 |     |      |     |     | 19609 |
| Goa          |    | 1147 |      |     |      |     |     | 19314 |
| Iriga City   |    | 387  |      |     |      |     |     | 11315 |
| Lagonoy      |    | 7409 |      |     |      |     |     | 24362 |
| Libmanan     |    | 1343 | 107  | 349 |      | 222 |     | 30216 |
| Lupi         |    | 3284 | 16   | 92  |      |     |     | 23272 |
| Magarao      |    |      | 459  |     |      | 486 |     | 3337  |
| Milaor       |    |      |      |     |      | 868 |     | 2246  |
| Minalabac    |    | 1634 |      |     |      |     |     | 12023 |
| Nabua        |    |      |      |     |      |     |     | 9464  |
| Naga City    |    | 94   |      |     |      |     |     | 6477  |
| Ocampo       |    | 445  |      |     |      |     |     | 10221 |
| Pamplona     |    | 264  |      |     |      | 396 |     | 7664  |
| Pasacao      |    | 1202 |      | 21  |      | 352 |     | 12630 |
| Pili         |    |      |      |     |      |     |     | 4782  |
| Presentacion |    | 3134 | 1028 |     |      |     |     | 7595  |
| Ragay        |    | 8122 | 103  |     |      |     | 13  | 25200 |
| San Fernando |    | 177  |      |     |      | 811 | 318 | 6993  |
| Sangay       |    | 1615 |      | 84  |      |     |     | 7861  |
| San Jose     |    | 20   |      | 88  |      |     |     | 3548  |
| Sipocot      | 37 | 602  |      | 69  |      |     |     | 18132 |
| Siruma       |    | 1867 | 594  | 44  |      |     |     | 8361  |
| Tigaon       |    | 117  |      |     |      | 132 |     | 8110  |
| Tinambac     |    | 7859 | 511  | 263 |      | 519 |     | 27823 |

Source: BSWM, 1993

**b. Land Use (classified as alienable and disposable, arable pasture, grassland, shrub land, forest, wetlands, inalienable lands, etc.)**

| MAPPING SYMBOL            | LAND USE/ VEGETATION     | CAM. SUR (Ha.) |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| <b>AGRICULTURAL AREAS</b> |                          | <b>275,462</b> |
| 1                         | Paddy rice irrigated     | 59,023         |
| 2                         | Paddy rice non-irrigated | 22,380         |
| 3                         | Upland rice              | 4,615          |
| 4                         | Corn                     | 8,811          |
| 24                        | Ampalaya                 | 17             |
| 26                        | Squash                   | -              |
| 31                        | Chayote                  | 33             |
| 36                        | Cabbage                  | -              |
| 51                        | Cassava                  | 2,345          |
| 52                        | Sweet Potato             | 2,191          |
| 56                        | Yam Beans                | 34             |
| 57                        | Arrow Root               | -              |
| 59                        | Ginger                   | 6              |
| 60                        | Gabi                     | 63             |
| 72                        | Watermelon               | 100            |
| 81                        | Coffee                   | 277            |
| 83                        | Citrus                   | 1,820          |

|                                   |                          |                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| 91                                | Banana                   | 3,287          |
| 105                               | Mixed Fruit Trees        | -              |
| 107                               | Abaca                    | 6,971          |
| 112                               | Sugarcane                | 5,276          |
| 113                               | Pineapple                | 37             |
| 114                               | Pili                     | -              |
| 116                               | Coconut                  | 155,765        |
| 127                               | Pasture Land             | 2,411          |
|                                   |                          | <b>150,993</b> |
| <b>GRASSLAND/SHRUBSLAND AREAS</b> |                          |                |
| 126                               | Grasses                  | 94,549         |
| 131                               | Ipil-Ipil                | -              |
| 134                               | Shrubs                   | 56,444         |
|                                   |                          | <b>70,623</b>  |
| <b>WOODLAND AREAS</b>             |                          |                |
| 136                               | Forest                   | 70,623         |
| 140                               | Pine Tree                | -              |
|                                   |                          | <b>11,898</b>  |
| <b>WETLAND AREAS</b>              |                          |                |
| 141                               | Mangrove Palm Type       | 3,899          |
| 142                               | Mangrove Tree Type       | -              |
| 144                               | Inland Marsh Grass Type  | 3,199          |
| 146                               | Salt Bed                 |                |
| 147                               | Fishpond                 | 1,532          |
| 148                               | Nipa                     | 3,268          |
|                                   |                          | <b>17,706</b>  |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS AREAS</b>        |                          |                |
| 151                               | Built-up                 | 8,680          |
| 152                               | Beach Sand               | 729            |
| 154                               | Mine Pit                 | 120            |
| 155                               | Quarry                   | 83             |
| 157                               | Airport                  | 100            |
| 158                               | Riverwash                | 284            |
| 160                               | Major River/Lakes        | 7,710          |
| 159                               | Rockland/Volcanic Debris | -              |
| 161                               | Volcanic Ashes           | -              |
|                                   |                          | <b>526,682</b> |

Source: BSWM/SWAT

| <b>LAND USE/VEGETATION</b> |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>MAPPING SYMBOL</b>      | <b>CAM. SUR<br/>(Ha.)</b> |
| AGRICULTURAL AREAS         | 275,462                   |
| GRASSLAND/SHRUBSLAND AREAS | 150,993                   |
| WOODLAND AREAS             | 70,623                    |
| WETLAND AREAS              | 11,898                    |
| MISCELLANEOUS AREAS        | 17,706                    |

|              |                |
|--------------|----------------|
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>526,682</b> |
|--------------|----------------|

Source: BSWM/SWAT

## B. TOPOGRAPHY

### a. Mountain Ranges

| MAPPING SYMBOL | DESCRIPTION | C. SUR (ha.)   |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| A              | 0-100 m     | 297,742        |
| B              | 100-300 m   | 132,937        |
| C              | 300-500 m   | 48,252         |
| D              | 500-1000 m  | 41,543         |
| E              | 1000-2000 m | 6,208          |
| F              | >2000 m     |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |             | <b>526,682</b> |

Source: BSWM/SWAT

Note:

A – Very Low

B – Low

C – Moderately Low

D – Moderately High

E - High

F – Very High

### b. Slope

| SLOPE             | CAM. SUR |
|-------------------|----------|
| 0-8 degree        | 237,472  |
| 8-18 degree       | 79,503   |
| 18-30 degree      | 130,656  |
| 30-50 degree      | 69,419   |
| 50 degree & above | 9,630    |

| MAPPING SYMBOL | DESCRIPTION          | CAM. SUR       | MAPPING SYMBOL | SLOPE CLASS (%) | DESCRIPTION             |                |
|----------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|                |                      |                |                |                 |                         | CAM. SUR       |
| EO             | No apparent erosion  | 180,359        | M              | 0 - 3           | Level to nearly level   | 181,879        |
| E1             | Slight erosion       | 152,034        | N              | *3-8            | Gently sloping to steep | 55,593         |
| E2             | Moderate erosion     | 161,048        | Q              | 30-50           | Steep                   | 69,419         |
| E3             | Severe erosion       | 15,535         | R              | >50             |                         | 9,630          |
| Eu             | Unclassified erosion | 17,706         |                |                 |                         |                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                      | <b>526,682</b> | <b>TOTAL</b>   |                 |                         | <b>526,682</b> |

Source: BSWM/SWAT

## C. Soil Physiography

### A. Soil Type and Soil Characteristics

| SOIL TYPE | LAND CAPABILITY | DOMINANT FEATURES | LIMITATIONS & HAZARDS | RECOMMENDED LAND USE | EXTENT |   |
|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------|---|
|           |                 |                   |                       |                      | HA.    | % |
|           |                 |                   |                       |                      |        |   |

|   |   |   |   |  |         |       |
|---|---|---|---|--|---------|-------|
| San Miguel silt loam<br>Quingus silt loam   | Very good land (Lands suitable for cultivation) | Level to nearly level well drained medium textured; deep to very deep soils | None to very slight                                   | Diversified upland filed crops                                       | 10,584  | 2.01  |
| Pili clay loam, loam, clay<br>Balongay clay   | Good land (Lands suitable for cultivation)      | Level to nearly level; somewhat poorly drained fine-sub-soil, deep soils    | Slight wetness; subject to occasional slight overflow | Paddy rice; may be used for upland crops with simple drainage system | 74,667  | 14.18 |
| Antipolo-Alimodian-Luisiana complex<br>Alimodian clay Loam<br>Tigaon clay<br>Faraon clay<br>Luisiana clay loam<br>Annam clay loam<br>Macolod sandy Loam<br>Macolod-Pili Complex<br>Mountains soils undifferentiated | Lands limited to pasture or forest              | Steep, well drained shallow soil  | Very severe erosion if cultivated                     | Pasture (grazing) or tree farm or forest                             | 438,597 | 83.28 |
| Hydrosol  | Lands limited to wildlife                       | Very poorly drained; marshy or swampy                                       | Very severe wetness                                   | Fishponds, slat bed site or recreation                               | 2,834   | 0.54  |

| PEDO-ECOLOGICAL ZONE | LMU | DESCRIPTION                                       | CAM. SUR |
|----------------------|-----|---|----------|
| <b>WARM LOWLAND</b>  | 1   | Active Tidal Flats, Developed (Fishpond/Salt Bed) | 1532     |
|                      | 2   | Active Tidal Flats, Natural (Mangrove/Nipa)       | 10128    |
| {<8% slope, <100 m}  | 8   | Beach Ridges and Swales                           | 3045     |
|                      | 9   | Broad Alluvial Plains (width >500m.)              | 60265    |

|                         |     |   |       |
|-------------------------|-----|---|-------|
| elevation,25c or >}     | 10  | Former/Old Tidal Flats  | 18366 |
|                         | 12  | Lower River Terraces  |       |
|                         | 13  | Upper River Terraces  | 943   |
|                         | 15  | Lacustrine Plain  | 1134  |
|                         | 17  | Inland/Stream/Enclosed Valleys  | 32875 |
|                         | 18  | Collu-Alluvial Fans   | 9144  |
|                         | 21  | Solutional Depressions(Karst Valley,Sinkhole)                             |       |
|                         | 22  | Limestone/Karst Plains,Lower Terraces                                     |       |
|                         | 23  | Limestone/Karst Plains,Upper Terraces                                     |       |
|                         | 24  | Tuffaceous Plains (Convex,Flat and Concave Slope                          |       |
|                         | 25  | Volcanic Plains/Residual Terraces   | 13300 |
|                         | 26  | Lower Foothslopes(Shale,Sandstones Hills)                                 | 4700  |
|                         | 27  | Lower Piedmont Plains/Foothslopes(Volcanic Hills)                         |       |
|                         | 28  | Lower Foothslopes (Limestones Hills)                                      |       |
|                         | 29  | Lower Foothslopes of Volcanic Cones                                       | 19376 |
|                         | 30  | Lower Foothslopes(Metamorphic Hills)                                      |       |
|                         |     |   |       |
| <b>WARM COOL UPLAND</b> | 43  | Broad Alluvial Valleys (100-500m.elevation)<br>with Remnants of Low Hills | 1150  |
| {<18% slope,100-500m.   | 45  | Inland/Stream/Enclosed Valleys  | 3525  |
|                         | 46  | Collu-Alluvial Fans   | 4200  |
| elevation,22.5-25 c}    | 49  | Residual Terraces,Sloping to Undulating                                   | 17278 |
|                         | 50  | Residual Terraces,Sloping to Rolling                                      | 14030 |
|                         | 51  | Lower Foothslopes (Volcanic Hills or Mountains)                           | 3644  |
|                         | 53  | Upper Foothslopes (Volcanic Hills or Mountains)                           | 7247  |
|                         | 55  | Lower Foothslopes of Volcanic Cones                                       | 15075 |
|                         | 59  | Lower Foothslopes (Limestones Hills or Mountains)                         | 183   |
|                         | 61  | Solutional Depressions(Karst Valley,Sinkhole)                             | 219   |
|                         | 62  | Limestones/Karst Plains, Lower Terraces                                   | 4616  |
|                         | 63  | Limestones /Karst Plains,Upper Terraces                                   | 200   |
|                         | 66  | Low Limestone Hills   | 11043 |
|                         | 67  | Karst Plateau with Isolated Limestones Hills                              | 697   |
|                         | 68  | Shale/Sandstone Plateau   |       |
|                         | 74  | Volcanic Complex Plateau  | 64    |
|                         | 76  | Low Shale /Sandstone Hills  | 29246 |
|                         | 77  | Low Conglomeratic Hills   | 7303  |
|                         | 78  | Low Pyroplastic Hills   |       |
|                         | 80  | Low Volcanic Complex Hills  |       |
|                         | 82  | Low Andesitic Hills   | 1182  |
|                         | 83  | Low Dioritic Hills  | 1063  |
|                         | 88  | Low Metamorphic Hills   | 19711 |
|                         | 89  | Low Ultrabasic Hills  |       |
|                         | 90  | Low Meta-Rock Complex Hills   |       |
|                         |     |   |       |
| <b>WARM COOL</b>        | 111 | High Limestone Hills  | 33475 |
| <b>HILLYLAND</b>        | 112 | High Shale/Sandstones Hills   | 27217 |
| {>18% slope,<500 m.     | 113 | High Conglomeratic Hills  | 6332  |
|                         | 114 | High Pyroclastic Hills  | 22386 |
| elevation,>22.5c}       | 115 | High Basaltic Hills   |       |
|                         | 116 | High Andesitic Hills  | 8556  |
|                         | 117 | High Volcanic Complex Hills   | 12200 |
|                         | 118 | High Ultrabasic Hills   | 191   |
|                         | 120 | High Dioritic Hills   | 797   |
|                         | 125 | High Metamorphic Hills  | 21715 |

|                           |       |   |               |
|---------------------------|-------|---|---------------|
|                           | 126   | High Meta -Rock Complex Hills                   |               |
| <b>COOL HIGHLAND</b>      | 129   | Cinder Cones,Low Rounded & Steep Hills & Ridges | 417           |
|                           | 156   | Shale /Sandstone Mountains                      | 9543          |
| {>500 m.elevation <22.5c} | 160   | Low Meta-Volcanic Mountains                     |               |
|                           | 162   | Metamorphic Mountains                           | 12966         |
|                           | 163   | Basaltic Mountains                              |               |
|                           | 164   | Andesitic Mountains                             | 13945         |
|                           | 165   | Ultrabasic Mountains                            | 3335          |
|                           | 168   | Complex Volcanic Mountains                      |               |
|                           | 170   | Volcanic Cones,Non-Active                       | 7962          |
|                           | 171   | Volcanic Cones Active                           |               |
| <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>      | 180*  | Built-up Areas/Urban Lands                      | 8780          |
|                           | 183   | Sandbras/Beach Sand                             | 729           |
|                           | 184   | Rock Land                                       |               |
|                           | 186   | Riverwash                                       | 284           |
|                           | 188   | Open Pit and Mines                              | 120           |
|                           | 190   | Quarry  | 83            |
|                           | 191   | Escarpment                                      | 2520          |
|                           | 193   | Major Rivers                                    | 3830          |
|                           | 194   | Inland Water Lakes                              | 3880          |
|                           | 195** | Volcanic Ash                                    |               |
|                           |       | <b>TOTAL</b>                                    | <b>526682</b> |

## b. Soil Suitability

| GROUP | COMMODITY CROPS   | HECTARE |
|-------|---|---------|
| 1     | Paddy rice, irrigated & non-irrigated   | 112393  |
| 2     | Upland rice, corn sorghum, pineapple, ramie, sugarcane, soybean, mungo, stringbeans, peanuts, cassava, sweet potato, gabi, ubi, eggplants, upo, batao, melons, etc. | 98398   |
| 3     | Baguio beans cabbage, white irish potato, carrots, lettuce, cowpea, sweet peas, and sweet pepper, spinach, cutflower, strawberry, etc.                              | 761     |
| 4     | Ginger, garlic, onion, cucumber, etc.   | 98398   |
| 5     | CottoN, tobacco   | 97637   |
| 6     | Coconut, oil palm, banana, abaca, coffee (robusta), etc.  | 106949  |
| 7     | Mango, cashew, papaya, santol, tamarind, atis, jackfruit, guava, citrus, guyabano, chico, etc.  | 116276  |
| 8     | Durian, marang, lanzones, rambutan, avocado, rubber, etc.   | 27331   |
| 9     | Bamboo, ipil-ipil, paragrass, pasture, etc.   | 176445  |
| 10    | Coffee (arabica), tea, black pepper, etc.   | 8471    |

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC DATA

### a. Area Devoted to Agriculture 1995 – 2001

| COMMODITY       | EFFECTIVE AREA |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                 | 1995           | 1996   | 1997   | 1998   | 1999   | 2000   | 2001   |
| PALAY           |                |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Irrigated Farms | 81,050         | 80,080 | 88,600 | 70,950 | 91,730 | 93,700 | 96,040 |

|   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Rainfed Farms   | 32,380 | 48,060 | 38,570 | 24,960 | 48,910 | 42,010 | 37,890 |
| <b>CORN</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Yellow Corn   | 43,295 | 31,230 | 29,560 | 33,250 | 26,030 | 21,150 | 20,410 |
| White Corn  | 1,260  | 1,330  | 1,250  | 1,290  | 1,210  | 1,120  | 1,300  |
| PILI  | 100    | 100    | 100    | 110    | 110    | 110    | 110    |
| <b>MANGO</b> Statistics is still in the process of validation |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| PINEAPPLE   | 1,953  | 1,900  | 1,900  | 156    | 138    | 223    | 223    |
| BANANA  | 6,574  | 6,249  | 6,249  | 7,231  | 9,070  | 9,407  | 9,407  |
| ROOTCROP  | 21,130 | 21,130 | 23,249 | 22,995 | 22,746 | 21,871 | 24,766 |
| CAMOTE  | 18,136 | 19,236 | 20,390 | 19,824 | 17,194 | 14,081 | 12,489 |

Source: BAS R5

### c. Cropping Pattern

| <b>PLANTING CALNEDAR</b> |                |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                          | <b>TYPE II</b> | <b>TYPE IV</b> |
| Rice                     | June-August    | April-June     |
| Corn                     |                |                |

|                          |                                  |                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Wet Season               | January-February                 | April-June                       |
| Dry Season               | March-May                        | Sept.-November                   |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Planting |                                  | December-February                |
| Tobacco                  |                                  | Sept.- November                  |
| Cotton                   |                                  | Sept.-November                   |
| Ampalaya                 | June-August, November-February   | May-June; Sept-January           |
| Arrowroot                | June-September                   | May-June; November-June          |
| Beans                    | February-April                   | May-June                         |
| Cabbage                  | January-March                    | June-Sept.; October-January      |
| Carrots                  | March-April                      | May-June                         |
| Cassava                  | Whole year round                 | Nov.-January; May-June           |
| Celery                   | January-March                    | June-July                        |
| Paayap                   | January-March                    | May-June; Oct.-December          |
| Pipino                   | March-April                      | June-July; Oct-Dec.              |
| Eggplant                 | January-April                    | June-July; Nov.-January          |
| Garlic                   | November-December                | Sept.-February                   |
| Ginger                   | Whole year round                 | May-June                         |
| Potato                   | February-March                   | October-December                 |
| Lettuce                  | March-June                       | May-June; Jan.-Feb.              |
| Melon                    | March-June                       | November-January                 |
| Monggo                   | February-June                    | May-June; Nov-January            |
| Mustard                  | January-March                    | June-July; Sept.-December        |
| Okra                     | Whole year round                 | June-July; Sept.-Oct.; Jan.-Feb. |
| Beans                    | January-May                      | May-June; Nov.-Jan. – Sept.      |
| Patola                   | March-September                  | May-June; November-January       |
| Dry Season               | August-September                 | September-November               |
| Wet Season               | May-June                         | May-June                         |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Planting |                                  | November-February                |
| Pechay                   | January-March                    | May-June; Nov.-December          |
| Seguidillas              | February-April                   | May-June                         |
| Utaw                     | January-March                    | May-June; Nov.-Jan               |
| Squash                   | Whole year round                 | May-June; Nov.-January           |
| Sitsaro                  | February-March                   | June-July; Dec.-Jan.             |
| Pepper                   | February-March; August-September | November-January                 |
| Sweet potato             | April-June; Nov.-Jan.            |                                  |
| Tomato                   | January-April; August-September  | May-June; October-January        |
| Ube                      | Whole year round                 | May-June                         |
| Upo                      | November-March                   | May-June; October-January        |
| Watermelon               | January-March                    | April-May; November-January      |

### DOT Accredited Establishment

**Emerald Resort Hotel, Corp.**  
San Francisco, Iriga City  
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Luzviminda I. Sy  
(General Manager)

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Tel.No. (054) 811-3954/811-3574  
Thelma A. Saniel  
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**Villa Caceres Hotel & Restaurant**

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Robert Obledo  
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473-1284/473-2270  
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Andrew Morano/Josephine Bornilla  
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**New Crown Hotel**

Cor. E. Angeles & P. Burgos Sts.  
Naga City  
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Richard Dy  
(General Manager)

**Grand Imperial Plaza**

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Naga City  
Tel.Nos. (054) 437-9003/473-6534  
Conrado de Guzman  
(General Manager)

**Moraville Motorlodge**

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Tel.Nos. (054) 473-856/811-1093  
Andrew Morano/Josephine Bornilla  
(General Managers)

**Aristocrat Hotel**

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Naga City  
Pedro Lee  
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**Sampauita Tourist Inn**

Panganiban Drive, Naga City  
Tel.No. (054) 473-8893/473-8896/473-8339  
Jose G. Dacudao, Sr.  
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**Parkview Hotel**

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**Hotels & Pension Houses**

Baao

Baao Recreational Center  
National Highway  
Brgy. San Isidro, Baao, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 266-3035  
15 rooms / rates Php 350-500

Villa Marietta Hot Spring Resort  
National Highway  
Brgy. Del Rosario, Baao, Camarines Sur  
8 rooms / rates Php 700

Bombon

Magic Splash Island  
Brgy. Simbre, Bombon, Camarines Sur  
13 rooms / rates Php 1,300

Canaman

Nordia Hostel  
Nordia Complex  
Brgy. Baras, Canaman, Camarines Sur  
23 rooms / rates Php 300-400

Hotel Ibalon  
Brgy. San Francisco, Iriga City  
Tel. (54) 299-2352  
12 rooms / rates Php 552-1432

Lemars Hotel II  
Alfelor St., Brgy. San Roque, Iriga City  
8 rooms / rates Php 200

City Lodge  
J. P. Rizal Hi-way  
Brgy. San Francisco, Iriga City  
3 rooms / rates Php 300

Princess Dina Lodge  
J. P. Rizal Hi-way  
Brgy. San Miguel, Iriga City  
4 rooms / rates Php 200-400

Goa

Traveller's Villa  
San Benito St.  
Brgy. San Benito, Goa, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 453-1321  
5 rooms / rates Php 300-500

Libmanan

Parafina Pension House  
Poblacion  
Libmanan, Camarines Sur  
7 rooms / rate Php 300

Villa Ursua  
Brgy. San Juan  
Libmanan, Camarines Sur  
8 rooms / rates Php 150-600

Playa del Sol  
Brgy. Caranan, Pasacao, Camarines Sur

Camaligan

Motorist Lodge  
Queborac Drive, Zone 5  
Brgy. Marupit Camaligan, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 474-5465  
15 rooms / rates Php 300-800

Iriga City

Bayanihan Hotel  
Alfelor St.  
Brgy. San Roque, Iriga City  
Tel. (54) 299-2556  
11 rooms / rates Php 200-750

Lemars Hotel I  
J. P. Rizal Hi-way  
Brgy. San Roque, Iriga City  
21 rooms / rates Php 250-700

Parkview Hotel (Class E)  
J. P. Rizal Hi-way  
Brgy. San Roque, Iriga City  
Tel. (54) 299-2405  
14 rooms / rates Php 400-1,350

Hi-way Lodge  
J. P. Rizal Hi-way  
Brgy. San Miguel, Iriga City  
Tel. (54) 456-1230  
4 rooms / rates Php 150-300

Betania Retreat House  
Brgy. San Agustin, Iriga City  
Tel. (54) 453-0267  
\_\_\_ rooms / rates Php \_\_\_\_\_

Lagonoy

Lagonoy Hotel  
J. P. Rizal St., Brgy San Isidro Sur  
Lagonoy, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 453-7326  
8 rooms / rates Php 450-850

Villa Maricon  
Atienza Compound  
Brgy. San Juan Libmanan, Camarines Sur  
Tel (54) 451-2500  
3 rooms / rates Php 250-300

Pasacao

Maria Maruja Hotel and Beach Resort  
Brgy.  
Pasacao, Camarines Sur

Pongol Village Inn  
Brgy. Balogo, Pasacao, Camarines Sur

3 rooms / rates Php 1,000

Garden Beach Resort  
Zone 1  
Brgy. Balogo, Pasacao, Camarines Sur  
10 rooms / rates Php 300-1000

CASAFI  
Brgy. Cadlan, Pili, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 477-0008  
100 pax / rate Php 150-200

Pili Dorm  
Brgy. Palestina, Pili, Camarines Sur  
12 rooms / rates Php 100 for 3 hours

#### Ragay

Kiko's Travellers Inn  
Quirino Highway, Brgy. Lower Sta. Cruz  
Ragay, Camarines Sur  
5 rooms / rates Php 250-750

#### Sañgay

Weinert's Guesthouse Pacific & Beach Resort  
Brgy. Sto. Niño, Sañgay, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 454-7001  
8 rooms / rates Php 600-1600

ZF Guerson Beach Resort  
Brgy. Sto. Niño, Sañgay, Camarines Sur  
2 rooms / rates Php 400-1,000

Traveller's Inn  
Quirino Highway  
Brgy. Gaongan, Sipocot, Camarines Sur  
Tel. 6611  
6 rooms / rates Php 150-200

11 rooms / rates Php 350

#### Pili

Moraville Drive-In Hotel  
National Highway  
Brgy. Anayan, Pili, Camarines Sur  
Tel. (54) 4773947  
9 rooms / rates Php 620-1,200

CSSAC  
National Highway  
Brgy. San Jose, Pili, Camarines Sur  
\_\_\_\_\_ rooms / rate Php \_\_\_\_\_

#### Presentacion

Aguirangan View Hotel  
Brgy. Maañgas  
Presentacion, Camarines Sur  
18 rooms / rates Php 650-950

#### San Jose

Peñafrancia Beach Resort  
Zone 4, Brgy. Sabang  
San Jose, Camarines Sur  
8 cottages / rates / Php 600  
12 open cottages / rates Php 200-250

Costa Peninsula Beach Resort  
Brgy. Nato, Sañgay, Camarines Sur  
6 rooms / rates Php 200-800

#### Sipocot

Celmar Hotel  
National Highway  
Brgy. Impig, Sipocot, Camarines Sur  
Tel. 6060  
20 rooms / rates Php 200-600

Villa Ma. Esperanza Resort  
Brgy. Taisan, Sipocot, Camarines Sur  
Tel (54) 256-6600  
10 rooms / rates Php 350-1,500

Digitel

Manager: Ms. Ma. Soledad V. Magtuto  
Address: Penafrancia Avenue, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 811-9850/811-9801  
Category: Hotels

Sky Cable

Operation Manager: Mr. Claro Antonio Ruiz  
Address: 2/F DMG Bldg., Penafrancia Avenue,  
Naga City  
Tel. No.: 472-9408/472-1714  
Category: Hotels

Bayantel

Manager: Mr. Jaime Santiago Casin  
Address: Blumentritt St., Naga City  
Category: Hotels

Coca Cola Bottler's Incorporated

Human Resources Manager: Mrs. Kristine Banal  
Address: Concepcion Grande Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-3243/473-3244  
Category: Hotels

San Miguel Beer Corporation

Mr. Francisco C. Ocampo: Territory Sales Manager  
Address: Concepcion Grande, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 472-3646/472-3645  
Category: Hotels

Pepsi Cola Product Philippines Inc.

General Manager: Mr. Herminihildo B. Ruelo  
Address: Concepcion Grande Naga City  
Tel. No.: 475-3304/472-6472  
Category: Hotels

LCC Naga Branch

Owner: Mr. Romeo S. Tan  
Address: Feliz Plazo St., Sabang Naga City  
Category: Hotels

Robertson Dept. Store

Owner: Mr. Roberto L. Obiedo  
Address: Elias Angeles St., Naga City  
Category: Hotels

Shakey's

Owner: Mr. Leopoldo Prieto  
Address: Elias Angeles St., Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

Mc Donalds

Restaurant Manager: Ms. Teresita P. Papin  
Address: Elias Angeles St., Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

Greenwich

Manager: Ms. Ma. Aida de los Santos  
Address: Penafrancia Avenue, Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

Jollibee

Manager: \*  
Address: Cor. P. Burgos and Elias Angeles St.  
Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

Chowking

Owner; Manager: Mc Chow Food Corp.; Ms. Melissa Joy Peralta  
Address: P. Burgos St., Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

NALDS

Owner: Mrs. Consuelo Bichara  
Caceres St., Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

BIGGS

Owner: Mrs. Ma. Carmen G. Manjon  
Address: San Felipe Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

Master Square Fastfood

Owner: Mr. Reynaldo Dy  
Address: J. Hernandez Avenue, Naga City  
Category: Fastfood

Geewan

Owner/Manager: Mr. Felipe Dy Eng Chong  
Address: P. Burgos St., Naga City  
Category: Restaurants

Villa Pena Resort & Restaurant

Owner/Manager: Mr. Miguel Pena  
Address: Bagumbayan Pequeno, Goa, Cam. Sur  
Category: Hotels

Maria Maruja Hotel and Beach Resort

Owner/Manager: Ms. Lourdes Senar  
Address: Balugo, Pasacao, Cam. Sur  
Category: Beach

Villa Merced Beach Resort

Owner/Manager: Ms. Amparo Apolo  
Address: Camangui, Caranan, Pasacao  
Category: Hotels

New Kayumanggui Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. William Enrile  
Address: Pacol, Naga City  
Category: Beach

Villa Marietta Hotspring Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Benjamin Britanico, Jr.  
Address: Barrameda St., Del Rosario, Baao  
Category: Beach

Villa Maria Resort

Owner/Manager: Ms. Esther Razon  
Address: Del Rosario, Naga City  
Category: Beach

Villa Amador Beach Resort

Owner/Manager: Ms. Rebecca Amador  
Address: Balogo, Pasacao  
Category: Beach

Sta. Rita Island Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Godofredo Ilagan  
Address: Sitio Inob-oban Magais I, Del Gallego  
Category: Beach

Playa Del Sol Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Renato Magtuto  
Address: Magtabid St., Caranan, Pasacao  
Category: Beach

Magic Splash Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Daniel Manalang  
Address: Siembre, Bombon, Camarines Sur  
Category: Beach

Spring Valley Resort

Owner/Manager: Engr. Bobby Razon  
Address: Brgy. Del Rosario, Naga City  
Category: Beach

P. Fernandez Summer House & Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Juan Fernandez  
Address: Z-4, Sabang, San Jose  
Category: Beach

Nato Beach Resort

Owner/Manager: Ms. Marinel Gast  
Address: Del Carmen, Nato, Sangay  
Category: Beach

La Fresco Resort

Owner/Manager: Ms. Leonora Saltarin  
Address: Antipolo, Buhi, Cam. Sur  
Category: Beach

Caranan Beach Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Numeriano Padillo  
Address: Caranan, Pasacao, Cam. Sur  
Category: Beach

Bombase Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Gallardo Bombase  
Address: Matacla, Goa, Cam. Sur  
Category: Beach

Atulayan Island Resort

Owner/Manager: Mr. Crisanto Guysayko  
Address: Atulayan, Sagnay, Cam. Sur  
Category: Beach

Villa Caceres Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Robert Obiedo  
Address: Magsaysay Avenue, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-3787/473-3790  
Category: Hotels

Traveller's Inn

Owner/Manager: Mr. Tomas Ong  
Address: Quirno Hi-way, Brgy. Gaongan, Sipocot  
Category: Hotels

Princess Dina Lodge

Owner/Manager: Ms. Dina Garcia  
Address: J.P Rizal Hi-way, Brgy. San Miguel, Iriga City  
Category: Lodging Houses

Rodson Regency Inn

Owner/Manager: Ms. Francia Arroyo  
Address: Cor. P. Burgos, J. Hernandez St., Naga City  
Category: Hotels

Matts Tourist Inn

Owner/Manager: Mr. Mateo Velasco  
Address: Panganiban Drive, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 811-14-02  
Category: Hotels

Fiesta Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Antonio Concepcion  
Address: Caceres St., Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-8343  
Category: Hotels

Plaza View Lodge

Owner/Manager: Ms. Corazon Oquendo  
Address: 2/F Juanabel Bldg., cor. E. Angeles St., &, Panganiban Drive, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-3308  
Category: Hotels

Rocky Drive In

Owner/Manager: Mr. Oscar Pena  
Address: Tambuco, Goa, Camarines Sur  
Category: Lodging Houses

Flamingo Hostel

Owner/Manager: BCL Holdings, Inc.  
Address: Z-1, Concepcion Pequena, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-5216  
Category: Hotels

24-Hours Lodging House

Owner/Manager: Ms. Francia San Buenaventura  
Address: 34 PNR Rd., Tabuco, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-4223  
Category: Hotels

Sampaguita Tourist Inn

Owner/Manager: Ms. Abella Dacudao  
Address: Panganiban Drive, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-9235  
Category: Hotels

Rex Tourist Inn

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Address: Tawog, Caramoan, Camarines Sur  
Category: Hotels

Pongol Village Inn

Owner/Manager: Ms. Fe Smith  
Address: Pongol St., Balogo, Pasacao, Cam. Sur  
Category: Lodging Houses

Pili Dorm Drive in Lodge

Owner/Manager: Ms. Ma. Aurora Elizabeth Trivino  
Address: Isarog Farm, Palestina, Pili, Cam. Sur  
Category: Lodging Houses

Pasacao Tourist Inn

Owner/Manager: Mr. Matthew Lawrence Marquez  
Address: National Road, Sur, Pasacao, Cam. Sur  
Category: Lodging Houses

Palawan Food Center & Guest House

Owner/Manager: Mr. Vicente Ed Fernandez  
Address: Pagatpat, Calabanga Camarines Sur  
Tel. No.: 255-63-0  
Category: Hotels

Motorist Lodge

Owner/Manager: Mr. Mark Dennison Enrile  
Address: Z-5 Marupit, Camaligan, Camarines Sur  
Category: Hotels

La Fortuna Tourist Inn & Restaurant

Owner/Manager: Mr. Jose Ung  
Address: #27 Abella St., Naga City, Camarines Sur  
Category: Restaurants

Hotel Emelie

Owner/Manager: Atty. & Mrs. Juancho Botor  
Address: Del Rosario, Baa, Cam. Sur  
Tel. No.: 266-3892  
Category: Hotels

Celmar Hotel

Owner/Manager: Ceon Martinez/Clave/Muriel Rosales  
Address: Brgy. Impig, Sipocot, Cam. Sur  
Category: Hotels

King Karlo Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Alex Guinhawa  
Address: San Juan, Palestina, Pili, Cam. Sur  
Tel. No.: 299-25-56  
Category: Hotels

Bayanihan Hotel

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Address: San Roque, Iriga City  
Tel. No.: 299-2352  
Category: Hotels

Golden Leaf Hotel

: Owner/Manager  
Address: Miserecordia St., Naga City  
Tel. No.: 472-65-07  
Category: Hotels

Naga Green Hotel

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Address: General Luna St., Naga City

Tel. No.: 811-68-22

Category: Hotels

Naga Regent Hotel

Owner/Manager: Romar's & Son's Estate Dev't. Corp.

Address: Elias Angeles St., Dinaga, Naga City

Category: Hotels

Hotel Mirabella II

Universal Shelters, Inc.: Owners/Manager

Address: Panganiban Drive, Naga City, Cam. Sur

Tel. No.: 473-9537

Category: Hotels

Villa Antonio Hotel & Restaurant

Mr. Efren Mirando: Owner/Manager

Address: San Pedro, Buhi, Cam. Sur,

Tel. No.: 62-1744

Category: Hotels

Parkview Hotel & Restaurant

Owner/Manager: Ms. Amparo Contreras

Address: San Roque, Iriga City, Cam. Sur

Tel. No.: 299-24-0

Category: Hotels

New Crown Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Francisco Ong

Address: P. Burgos St., San Francisco Naga City

Category: Hotels

Naga Metro Hotel

Owner/Manager: Gigaworld Corp.

Address: P. Burgos Cor. J. Hernandez Ave., Naga City, Cam. Sur

Category: Hotels

Moraville Drive Inn Hotel

Owner/Manager: Morestate Co., Inc.

Address: Anayan Pili, Cam. Sur

Category: Hotels

Lemar'S Hotel II

Owner/Manager: Ms. Purita Lee

Address: Hi-way I, San Roque Iriga City,

Category: Hotels

Leman's Hotel & Reception Hall

Owner/Manager: Ms. Purita Lee

Address: San Roque Iriga City

Category: Hotels

Lagonoy Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Ernesto Torres

Address: Rizal St., San Isidro Sur, Lagonoy

Category: Hotels

Lagonoy Hotel

Owner/Manager: Ms. Pilar De Guzman

Address: Rizal St., San Isidro Sur, Lagonoy

Category: Hotels

Moraville Hotel & Restaurant

Owner/Manager: Mr. Andrew Morano  
Address: Dinaga St., Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-1411  
Category: Hotels

Hotel Mirabella

Owner/Manager: Ms. Jovy Ferro  
Address: # 48 Magsaysay Avenue, Naga City  
Tel. No.: 473-9539  
Category: Hotels

El-Alma Mini Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Elvis Almazan  
Address: # 284 Old San Roque Pili, Cam. Sur  
Category: Hotels

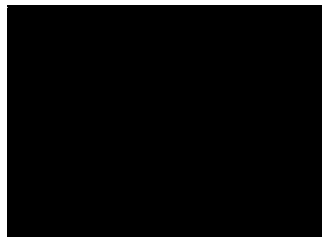
Aristocrat Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Pedro Lee  
Address: Elias Angeles St., Dinaga Naga City  
Category: Hotels

Aguirangan View Hotel

Owner/Manager: Mr. Ernesto Torres  
Address: Maangas, Presentacion Cam. Sur  
Category: Hotels

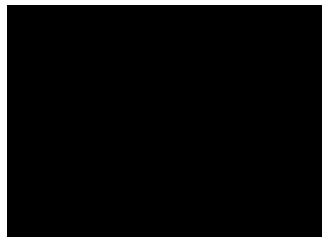
## Resorts



### **Pasacao Chain of Resorts**

Pasacao, Camarines Sur  
First District

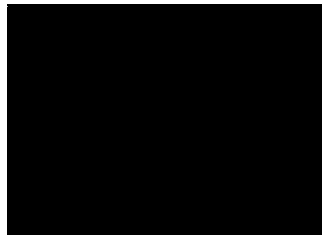
Camarines Sur's very own version of the Copacabana Beach in Brazil, Pasacao has about 12-kilometers of beaches filled with people on weekends, either to unwind after a busy week of work or to spend pleasure and fun with the whole family. Just a 45-minute ride by car from Naga City, excursionists can choose from isolating themselves to the nearby Daruanak Island, to enjoying the ambience of a floating cottage to basking under the sun while on a leisure cruise on a motorboat.



### **Gota Beach Resort**

Caramoan, Camarines Sur  
Third District

A five-hour trip either by bus from Naga City to Sabang, San Jose and by boat to Caramoan or directly by land through the Caramoan Peninsula Road, one will be amply rewarded with beautiful beaches with fine white sand beside majestic limestone and marble mountains as well as a taste of adventure in its exotic islets with coves nearby.



### **Consocep Resthouse**

Brgy. Consocep  
Tigaon, Camarines Sur

Constructed by the DPWH during the 70s, the place offers a panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean, Partido area and Mt. Iriga.

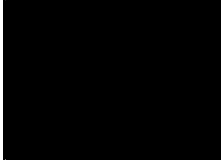


### **Weinert's Guesthouse Pacific**

Brgy. Nino  
Sagnay, Camarines Sur

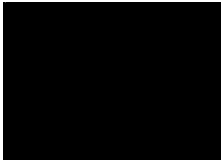
Just over an-hour by bus or jeepney from Naga City, it a German-owned resort, which serve an international cuisine with high-comfort guestrooms, bar, function room are just a few of the amenities offered by the resort.

## **Natural Wonders**



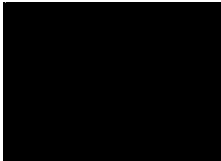
### **Mt. Isarog** Camarines Sur

Towering 1,976 meters above sea level and covering 10, 112 hectares, it is the haven of indigenous flora and fauna. Most of the rare exotic of orchids, medicinal and flowering plants, wild boars, deers, squirrels, monkeys and untamed rodents are found on the base of the slopes of the mountain. It is now the last Rainforest Mountain in Southern Luzon. Hundreds of waterfalls both known unknown, an unforgettable sigh to behold. The Protected Area Management Board has identified Malabay Falls (Naga City), Curry (Pili) Consocep (Tigaon), Hiwacloy (Goal) as tourism areas within the mountain.



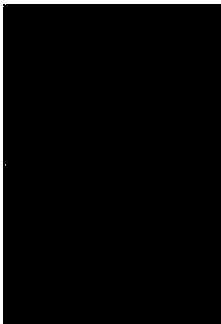
### **Mt. Asog** Iriga, Camarines Sur

Towering 1,120 meters at Buhi side and 1,212 meters Iriga City side and overlooking Lake Buhi dormant Asog beckons to the adventurous mountaineers and feel rewarded discovering a three hectare sunken crater blooming with pine trees. It is home to the Agta, a tribal people of Bicol.



### **Lahuy Island** Caramoan, Camarines Sur

A 10-kilometer long island about 3 kilometers at its widest point. The island has long stretches of uniquely white fine sand. Barangay Gota has been known as a gold-mining community even before the war. At present only small-scale operation is in existence. At sitio Nipa, a spring 300 meters from the shore provides fresh water source not available elsewhere. A 40-hectare mangrove swamp near Barangay Oring offers a habitat for a marine wildlife.

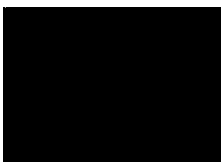


### **Animasola Island** Balatan, Camarines Sur

A captivating scene of exotic rock formations and crystal clear water welcome visitors traveling off the coast of Balatan.

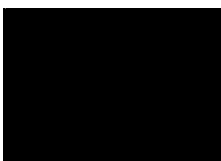
### **Tayak Lagoon** Malarad Island, Caramoan, Camarines Sur

The lagoon is accessible by swimming underneath the rocks on the beach side. Coral gardens are vast and colorful.



### **Isla de Monteverde** Denrica, Garchitorea Camarines Sur

The island is covered with virgin forest, inhabited bybirds, bats and ignanas. It is bordered by white beaches with clean and clear sea water.



### **Pinaglukaban Island** Brgy. Denrica, Garchitorea

The island offers superb sites for scuba diving. It has white sand and a lagoon.

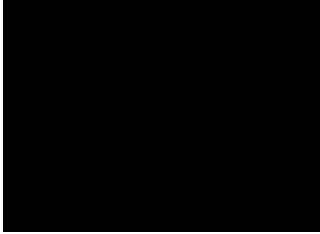


### **Umang Cave**

Caramoan, Camarines Sur

Like a deformed cathedral the cave interior is illuminated by natural windows millions of bats flying in circles petrified hill of guano.

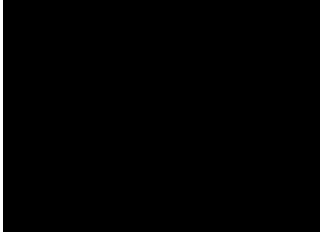
## **Landmarks**



### **Nahulugan Kampana**

Brgy. Sta. Maria, Lagonoy  
Camarines Sur

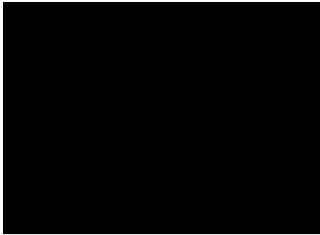
The belfry of the first stone church which serves as the living memory of the past became an added tourist attraction of the municipality. It is approximately 300 meters from the Lagonoy Poblacion and can be reached thru walking or riding motor vehicles or padyaks. Presently the area is categorized as open and grassland area, but half a portion is utilized for agricultural purposes. It has an area of more or less one (1) hectare and privately owned by Ontengco's family.



### **Calvario Hill**

Brgy. San Francisco, Iriga City  
Camarines Sur

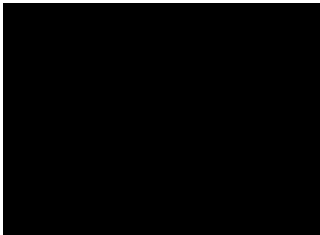
Presently, this is the site of Bicol's magnificent Emerald Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes. In olden times, the hill was once the habitat of the Asuang (witch), the reason why the hill is referred to as the "orno" or "oven". As the result of the evangelization of the area the hill became the site for staging "Pagtanggap", the Iriga folk version of the re-enactment of the Passion of Christ, hence, the name "Calvario Hill". The first "ermita" or mission chapel of Iriga during Spanish times was erected here as evidenced by religious artifacts unearthed in the site. Opposite the Ermita the Casino Espanol was erected, a favorite converging are for Spanish rulers. When the Americans came at the turn of the century, this was converted into a base for its cavalry forces. During the Japanese occupation, a Japanese garrison was established on the hilltop, utilized as watchtower against guerillas. Many Filipinos met martyrdom in this area.



### **Kinuwartelan**

Brgy. Perpetual Help, Iriga City  
Camarines Sur

Situated along the tourist route, about 7 kilometers from the city proper, this place was a Spanish garrison camp during the Spanish Period. Many Filipino insurrections were kept here at and did hard labor; hence, the name "Kinuwertelan" meaning place of Incarceration. No trace of the prison barracks can be seen today.



### **Ateneo de Naga University**

Ateneo Ave., Naga City  
Camarines Sur

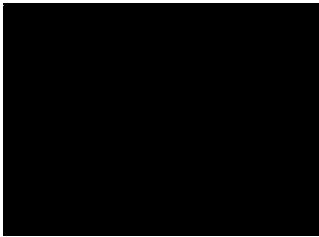
The only Jesuit school in the region founded in 1940 was called the Fort Santiago of Bicol during World War II. The Japanese used its building as a concentration camp and torture chamber.



**Universidad de Santa Isabel**

Elias Angeles St., Naga City  
Camarines Sur

Founded in 1868, this was the first the Normal School for women in the Far East. It was also the seat of the first Bicolano government in area after the Spanish war. Before it was conferred a university status, its name was then known as the Colegio de Sta. Isabel.

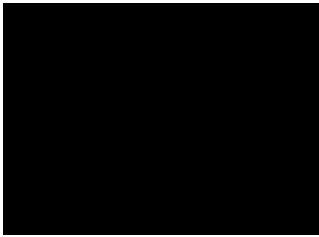


**Holy Rosary Minor Seminary**

Naga Cathedral Grounds,Naga City  
Camarines Sur

Situated beside the Naga Metropolitan Cathedral, it was founded in 1793 and became the second school (?) in the Philippines. This was the seminary where Bicolano hero Jose Maria Panganiban and Bishop Jorge Barlin studied. A museum is located inside the seminary. It is called the Museo del Seminario Conciliar de Nueva Caceres.

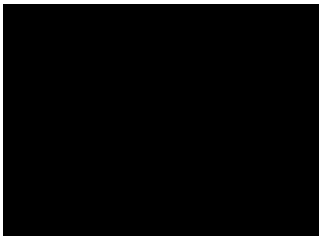
**Waterfalls**



**Nalalata Falls**

Bula, Camarines Sur

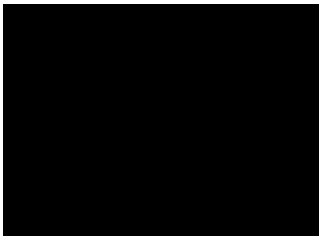
An impressive gush of water which provides a cool mist and spray in one area in the town of Bula.



**Bolanogan Falls**

Barangay Agosais, Lagonoy

An impressive natural phenomenon in the town of Lagonoy , the Bolanogan falls is a nature's treat to anyone who would like to experience a cool water spraying on their cheeks.



**Magragobdob Falls**

Mt. Isarog, Goa, Camarines Sur

A cataract of thundering water coming from atop the Goa side of Mt. Isarog . The cool surrounding also offers an encounter with Mt. Isarog 's hidden riches such as the mysteries of its woodlands and the shrill cries of various unknown bird species.



**Malabsay Falls**  
Mt. Isarog, Naga City  
Camarines Sur

This 40-foot high scenic wonder is located on the slope of Mt. Isarog in Barangay Panicuason, Naga City . The Malabsay Falls Ecology Park features swimming areas beneath the waterfalls, concrete winding stairs, foot bridges and pathways, cottages and related facilities for use by swimmers and visitors, and a plant nursery and campaign ground.



**Itbog Twin Falls**  
South Eastern side of Lake Buhi  
Camarines Sur

One of the major attractions of Buhi town, the sixty foot Itbog Twin Falls is an awesome spectacle of gushing white waters from somewhere on top of Mt. Isarog. From Naga, take a bus going to Iriga City.

From Iriga, a jeepney ride is necessary to get to the town of Buhi . Then a 30 minute walk from the Lakeside will get you to this marvelous sight.

## Festivals

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| <p><b>Tinagba Festival</b><br/>February 11 Iriga City</p> <p>This celebration coincides with the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The highlight of the affair is the colorful parade of the ball- cart laden with harvested crops that wind up at the foot of the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes where an offering of these crops is made as a token of thanks for the year's bountiful harvest.</p> |
| <p><b>Bamboo Festival</b><br/>December 1</p> <p>Bula</p> <p>Old Bula town in the Rinconada district of the province makes way for a colorful December celebration of the Bamboo Festival, giving way to the one of pride of this town which is the bamboo plant where the name of the municipality is derived from.</p>  |
| <p><b>Baybayon Festival</b><br/>April</p> <p>Sagnay</p> <p>A summer festival held at the beach-side in Sag ay town in the Partido district in the province of Camarines Sur.</p>   |

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| <p><b>Bikol Pastores Festival</b><br/>December 20-24</p> |
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Calabanga

This festival paves the ground for an array of cultural and sports highlights such as the following: Panunuluyan, Larong Pinoy, Night with the Stars, Open Ballroom Dancing Competition, Search for the Best Christmas Decorated Home, Balikbayan Night, Binibining Pastores Beauty Pageant, Bikol Pastores Dance Competition, Mardi Gras, and the Senior's Citizen's Night. Through the initiative and efforts made by the mayor of Calabanga and the Municipal Tourism Council, the Bikol Pastores festival has staged its first region-wide colorful presentation of Christmas carols, dances and symbols last December 24 to 31 of last year. December 26, 27 and 28 had been declared as non-working holidays through Proclamation No. 36 dated December 13, 2002.

**Boa-Boahan Festival**

May 1

Nabua

The festival is based on the legend that tells of how the early town folks survived the big floods before the coming of the Spaniards. In Thanksgiving, they held a big celebration with festivities recounting the event as the Nabua Chieftain prays continuously to their gods of how, without food and water, they survived by feeding on young coconuts. The coconuts, especially its embryos, made the town folks fertile so the legend goes. Boa-boahan relives the legend.

**Kamundagan Festival**

December

Naga City

A month-long activity during the month of December in celebration of the Advent season. Belen contests, trade fairs, regatta, carabao race, Miss Naga City Beauty Pageant and tricycle race are some of the activities featured during the festival.

**Kaogma Festival**

May 21-27

Camarines Sur

This festival marks the foundation day of Camarines Sur which was on May 27, 1569. It is a weeklong pageant of colorful activities which even intensifies the already sweltering summer heat. The Kaogma revelry has been modified featuring more spice and color to its already grand celebration. Its simple Kaogma Festival title now bears an international-sounding label dubbed as the Kaogma Mardi Gras: the World's Hottest Festival. Its May 2005 celebration paved the ground for an array of new and exciting events such as Hot Banda Jam, Hot Buys, Buruntolan, Hot Kids Starquest, the Hot New Singing Star Search, Miss Camarines Sur 2005, Camarines Sur Bids for Guinness World Record, Siliest Plaza Contest, a Thanksgiving Mass, Hot Grand Parade, and a Hot Party. For the first time, all main activities were held within the sprawling Provincial Capitol Complex in Cadlan, Pili.

**Lagaylay Festival**

May 3

Canaman

A May celebration in Canaman, Camarines Sur to honor the Sta. Cruz tradition. Women dance on the streets while chanting prayers to find the real cross.

**Peñafrancia Festival**

3rd week of September

Naga City

Every third Saturday of September in the bustling metropolis of Naga, a unique celebration

widely known as the Peñafrancia Fiesta draws thousands of people from different walks of life hailing from places all over the country and even abroad. Others who might not be fortunate enough to witness for real such revelry usually go about inquiring for the details of the event. The Peñafrancia Fiesta is one such spectacular pageant of the religious devotion of the Bikolanos to one whom they lovingly called Ina nin Kabikolan , the miraculous image of the Nuestra Señora de Peñafrancia.

### **Santacruzán Festival**

May

Camarines Sur

A May celebration, Santa Cruzán in Camarines Sur is noted for its resplendent procession which is usually observed during nighttime. Beautiful and young Reynas in their glittered gowns parade around the town reminding the locals of the travails encountered by St. Elena in her search for the Holy Cross thousands of centuries ago. This one noted tradition has its beginnings rooted down from the Spanish regime. In the modern day celebration of Santa Cruzán, a nine-day novena is celebrated in honor of the Sta. Cruz (Holy Cross) enliven with Dotok and Lagaylay by neighborhoods. Beautiful and decorative altars which are made out of banana stalk carved with designs can be seen in every "istasyon" which is put up during the colorful celebration of the Santa Cruzán.

### **Tumatarok Festival**

May 1

Minalabac

Considered as one of the most colorful and interesting fiestas in the Bikol region which takes place at the old, sleepy town of Minalabac . The Tumatarok Festival is celebrated every 11th of May which is done in honor of their two patron saints, Sts. Philip and James. Main highlights of the festive occasion include the evening tide fluvial procession where colorful floating pagodas crowd along the banks of the Bikol River ; the religious dancing of little boys who are called here as the Tumatarok ni San Felipe-San Tiago or the Rice Planters of Sts. Philip and James. These little boys, ages 8 to 11, sing the traditional Bikol hymn to the two saints. Likewise, after the celebration of the mass the next morning, the ten tumatarok once again performed another ritual, this time a sacred dance, in the sanctuary of the Church. It was said that their dance was a prayer to God, thanking Him for blessing upon the coming rice planting season which then and even now is the main source of income to many Minalabacuos.

### **Voyadores Festival**

September

Naga City

The festival which started in 1995 has for its participants the male devotees of Virgen de Peñafrancia. The festival is comparable to that of the Ati-Atihan of Kalibo and the Sinulog Festival of Cebu.

## **Traditions**

Although impressed with the modernities of life, still, traditional beliefs dominate the everyday life of the people in Camarines Sur. These traditions are not without a trace of religiosity accounting to the fact that most of the inhabitants in this province are Catholics.

## **Popular Religious Practices**

### **Devotion to the Amang Hinulid in Calabanga**

Amang Hinulid, as popularly called by his devotees and beneficiaries, is an image of the Lord Jesus in repose in his tomb. Thousands of pilgrims coming from far flung localities would flock in Barangay Sta. Salud in Calabanga town only to plant kiss to the image. To fulfill a promised "pagsongko", one must devote himself into walking a twelve-kilometer road stretch, if he comes from Naga, in the late night of Maundy Thursday or in the early hours of Good Friday.

There are many accounts foretold by the family who owned the statute about supernatural events that took place indicating that indeed Amang Hinulid is a miraculous image. One narrative tells of a man with hemorrhoids who had been healed upon dabbing the affected area with a cotton ball soaked in coconut oil from the chapel's vigil lamp. There are other similar stories recounted which revealed what the image of Amang Hinulid can do about a person's health in both body and spirit.

### **Passion Plays in Buhi**

Aside from being home to sinarapan, reputedly the smallest fish in the world, Buhi town in this province is also considered as the seat of passion plays.

Passion play is another traditional practice recognized in any other areas of the country but perhaps with much distinction in this municipality. It is held during the lenten season where people are in atonement for their sins.

Passion plays did not become well known until the year 1916. Records, however, show that as early as 1866, the people of Buhi were already reading or chanting The Passion of Christ in the Tagalog version. It was only when the book "Casaysayan can Mahal na Pasion ni Jesuscristo Cagurangnan Ta" written by Tranquilino Hernandez of Polangui, Albay was endorsed by the Bishop of Caceres Most Rev. Francisco Gainza that the Buhi-nons learned well of the practice.

The pasion can be read or chanted especially during the days of Lent as a medium to disseminate the teachings of God and for the people to be truly aware of the beginnings of the Church. Not only the pasion can be chanted during certain days of Lent but also during wakes wherein the neighbors recite the pasion from 8:00 in the evening until 6:00 in the following morning. This is usually done to console the bereaved family of the deceased.

### **Aurora in Camarines Sur**

Like any other province in the Philippines, the province of Camarines Sur also celebrates every May the so-called Aurora although this is done with much distinction. Every town and city in this province religiously participate into this old-age practice which might be inherited from the Spaniards.

Aurora, as it was known to many religious town folks, is a small processional of a group of 20 to 30 people including children with lighted candles or torches. This group sing songs of prayer and penance which is known as alabasyon dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. While men and women chant these songs, a small andas or altar decorated with flowers made out of crepe paper is carried by two andas bearers, usually two grown up boys. This andas carries the statute of the Virgin Mary.

This religious custom is another manifestation of a deep and sincere devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother of God by the people of Camarines Sur.

### **Other Practices**

#### **Pantomina**

One of the distinct cultural practices in the province of Camarines Sur is the so-called Pantomina. Pantomina is a courtship dance exhibiting the artistic way of a man wooing the lady who is the object of his affection. While the married couple dances the Pantomina, the padrinos, the tagbabaye, the taglalaki and other relatives throw money on the floor in front of the pair. This activity is called as the bitor and whatever amount is collected by the couple is believed to be the foundation in establishing their home.

Modern version of the Pantomina, however, is done not with the ancient bitor but is modified with the pinning of money bills to the clothes of the married couples. In some cases, the newly weds would let their relatives and guests drink a wine while the guests and relatives of the couple must give them something in return, usually in monetary value. This activity is popularly called as the tagay.

### **Bicol Native Cuisine**

Bicolanos are noted for their gastronomic appetite in fiery or chili-hot dishes. Unlike people from other regions in the entire country, a Bicolano can relish every meal which has for its recipe anything spicy.

Here are some of the list of recipes which are notably pure Bicolano.



#### **Gulay Na Natong (Laing)**

This Bicolano recipe is made of finely shredded “natong” or gabi leaves flavored with a “bangut” of “balaw” or small shrimps, or small crabs. Sometimes ground pork with a little amount of fat is added; for an appetizing aroma, a few pieces of whole native pepper (not labuyo) are added just before removing the cooking vessel from the fire.



#### **Langkang Palusag (Bread fruit)**

Langka, bangut, garlic, onion are placed in the coconut milk and brought to a boil then allowed to simmer until the langka is tender. Stirring of the ingredients need not be done.



#### **Bikol Express**

Made of “balaw”, with a little amount of ground pork and “siling labuyo”. The amount of pepper placed in the recipe depends upon the capacity of the consumer to savour “hot” food.



#### **Pinangat**

Diced lobster meat mixed with the meat of young coconut “lukadon”, lemongrass (tanglad) and ground garlic, diced onions are added. All these are mixed together in coconut milk. Each lump of this mixture is wrapped in two layers of well-wiped, clean gabi leaves and pairs of these wrapped lumps are tied together with strips of the “paklang” (the skin of the gabi stalk). All of these paired wrapped lumps of the flattened mixture are cooked in coconut milk just enough to cover all the packages. Bring the milk to a boil, allow it to simmer until the cooked aroma is smelled.



#### **Ginuygoy**

Tender leaves of the gabi (natong na piniripit) are cooked in little water, flavored with dinaelan and when cooked is seasoned with lemon juice.



#### **Inon-on**

Sibobog(galunggong) or the remolyetes or any saltwater fish may be cooked with vinegar or lemon juice, garlic, onions with generous amount of oil and as little water as possible.



#### **Ginaring**

An appetizing dish which is a roast skewered fish of talusog (dalag).

#### **For Dessert**

- Ripe guavas may be made into “gulay na bayawas”-from small slices and cooked in coconut milk with melted “sangkaka”(panutsa).
- Santan “cooked from the coconut milk and melted sangkaka brought to the right consistency and pilinut is added for making it.

#### **For Breakfast or Merienda (Snacks)**

- Ibos of pulutan (malagkit rice) which is allowed to stand for a couple of hours in coconut milk then wrapped in coils of cocnut leaves and then cooked. It is usually dipped in chocolate “por” or eaten with santan.
- Sinuman of pulutan (malagkit rice) cooked in melted “sangkaka”(panutsa) and coconut milk cooked in the same manner as rice is cooked.
- Butse, tabogtabog “snacks made from camote (sweet potato)
- Linubak “mashed unripe bananas which are sweetened with scrapings of panutsa.
- Olog-olog (called holog-holog by some) “these are small balls of malagkit flour cooked in boiling water sweetened with sangkaka.

## **Arts in Camarines Sur**

### **Music**

People in Camarines Sur are not just noted for their contributions in the world of prose and poems but they have likewise conquered the sphere of music as manifested by examples of Bicol songs popularized particularly in this province.

Through these songs mostly depicting the people's religiosity and high regard to their Creator, respect and love to one's family and parents, a display of varied emotions to a loved one, one can relate easily with life's smiles and struggles and then and there reminisce memories mostly hidden by time.

In Camarines Sur, historical records indicate that music was already known even before the coming of Spaniards. There were relics found which serve as evidences that the inhabitants of the province had already conceived something about music.

#### **Songs Popularized in Camarines Sur**

There are several songs which gained popularity to every Bicolanos, especially to the music lovers of Camarines Sur. Here are samples of them with their lyrics.

#### **Ano Daw Idtong Sa Gugon**

**Duman Sa Samo**

**Si Nanay, Si Tatay**

**An Harong Ko Nipa**

**Daragang Bicolana**

**Isipon Mo Sana**

### **Noted Composers and Singers From Camarines Sur**

Camarines Sur is one province not to be treated with exemption when it comes to the wide range of contributions which constantly left a rare mark on one's roots.

From a simple town unnoticed, untouched still from the intricacies of modern living, names such as Nora Aunor, Victor Wood, Rhodora Silva, Imelda Papin emerged leaving something as priceless such as their excellence in the music world. Their songs were widely acknowledged not just to the place where they found their simple beginnings but noted as well to the entire country and abroad.

Nora Aunor (singer from Iriga City )  
Victor Wood (singer from Buhi)  
Rhodora Silva (singer from Sipocot)  
Imelda Papin (singer from Presentacion)  
Andrew E. (a singer from Bula)  
Michael Laygo (a singer from Calabanga)  
Joey Piano (composer)  
Sandwaves Band (band)  
Glerica Robosa  
La Creme  
Bicol Heritage Foundation Choral Group  
Mixed Nuts  
University of Nueva Caceres Glee Club  
Henry Turalde  
Ferdinand Dimadura (singer-composer from Naga City )  
Cris Clemeno (singer-composer from Naga City )

**SOURCE:** The Historical and Cultural Heritage of the Bikol People  
by Fr. James J. O'Brien, S.J.

### **Literature**

There are a few accounts written about literature in this province and the whole of the Bicol region although there exists sample masterpieces written by prominent writers and poets who come from the province of Camarines Sur.

Written literature is as popular as the oral literature. It was considered that oral literatures are handed down from one generation to another through tales, hearsays, stories usually narrated by the elders and likewise have originated from traditional beliefs which dominate the everyday life of the natives. These may be in the forms of riddles and toasts or locally known as "tigsik".

### **Bikol Poems**

Bikolanos, it was said, were poetry lovers even before the dawn of colonialism in the Philippines . Certain names were given to different verses which were accordingly adapted in different situations such as folk etymologies, folk stories about unusual events.

An orog-orog or rawitdawit is the composing of verses while its telling or reciting is termed as "susuman". If a certain verse is accompanied with a musical instrument like a codyapi, it is called as siday.

### **Bikol Proverbs**

The province is also rich in Bicol proverbs. These common sayings which generally express some truths and lessons in them are believed to be handed down from one generation to another.

Sample Bikol proverbs

An parabolong dara an an kuwarta, alagad an Diyos iyo an nakalda.(The one treating the patient takes the money but God is the real curer.)

An Diyos nasa tao, kun an tawo nasa Diyos.(God is with man if man is with God.)

Pagdidiyosan an pigaapi. (God takes care of the oppressed.)

Galangon mo an magkasi mo tao nin siring kan paggalang mo man sana saimo. (Respect your fellowmen as you respect yourself.)

An sarong lapang mangga, an binoslo raraoton pa. (A rotten mango will destroy others in a basket.)  
Mas maray an supog sa lalawgon, kisa kan digta sa dangog asin sa puso. (Shame on the face is better than a blot on the reputation and on the heart.)  
Mas nadadakop tulos an putikon kisa pilay. (A liar is caught more easily than a lame man.)  
An sira nababangwit sa nguso. (Fish is caught by its mouth.)  
An damulag dai na girad kun daing lugad. (A carabao does not twitch its muscle if it does not have a wound.)  
An maluwas sa nguso, gikan iyan sa puso. (What comes out of the mouth comes from the heart.)  
An taong naiipit maski sa tarom makabit. (He who is being squeezed, may hold on even to a sharp object.)

### **Toasts Or Tigsik**

Locally known as “tigsik”, it literally means “a toast” during a gathering. Tigsik, as defined by some researchers, is a short, witty, on-the-spot composition often in 3 or 4 lines on varied subjects. It may be comparable to the Japanese “haikus”.

They are commonly observed during merrymaking and banter as when a guest would raise a cup and honor the celebrant saying: “Tinigsik ko ining arak manogod ki Don Claro.” (I propose a toast in honor of Don Claro) The person to whom this line is delivered will then answer as well as others who were present.

In modern times, however, tigsik gained its popularity in drinking sprees. This time, it is considered to be a puzzling remark but filled with humor and satire. Whimsical in character, it is often played during celebration of fiestas as the means for fun and excitement.

A research on this one form of oral literature indicates that it does not only reveal the physical and environmental aspects of life but also the psychological nuances and values as experienced by the Bikol people (Morallo).

#### **Social Theme**

Tigsik ko sa tanglad  
Tinanom ko sa natad  
Kun siisay man maghagad  
Tatawan ko nanggad.

#### **Moral Theme**

Tigsik patagasan ngani,  
Halangkaw mong gawegawe,  
An masuhayon na aqui,  
An maraot mong ugali,  
saimo man sana mapuli

#### **Erotic Theme**

Tigsik ko sa kalunggay  
Tinanom ko buhay,  
Ginabot ko tunglay.

#### **Economic Theme**

Tigsik ko si eskuwela,  
Pinag-adal nin tuda,  
Nganing makatrabaho ka.

#### **Religious Theme**

Tigsik ko si Santo Kristo  
Magpreparar na kamo,  
Ta madali na ang Biyernes Santo.

### **Bikol Riddles**

This is another form of oral Bikol literature which is commonly popular in the province of Camarines Sur.

#### **Sample Riddle**

1. Manok sa bobon nagkakantang, “Kyrie Eleison”.  
Simbag: TALAPANG  
Translation: (The rooster at the well sings, “Lord, have mercy.”) FROG
2. Harong ni San Miguel palibot nin espada.  
Simbag: PINYA  
Translation: (The House of St. Michael surrounded by swords.) PINEAPPLE

3. Bako man sa padi; Bako man sa hade  
Aro-aldaw an sangle.  
Simbag: SABLAYAN  
Translation: (It's not the priest's, it's not the kings, but everyday it changes clothes.) CLOTHESLINE

4. Limang magaramigo; Saro an apelyido.  
Simbag: SEMANA SANTA  
Translation: (They are five friends but only one family name.) HOLY WEEK

5. Pagaki kan Birhen,  
Nagwarak an lampin.  
Simbag: PUSO NIN BATAG  
Translation: (Giving birth, the Blessed Virgen Mary spreads a diaper.) BANANA HEART

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## Visual Arts

The province of Camarines Sur is one region in the Philippines where art flourishes as explicitly conveyed by its artists endowed with the great talent of creating a masterpiece out of oil colors, wood and other contemporary form of art media. Different artists hailing from this province who are the ardent exponent of art adapt diverse Bikolnon motifs which in themselves speak of the golden heritage of the culture and traditions of the Bicolanos. It is said that the only way to study visual arts in Bikol, particularly with reference to its statuary and paintings, will be to visit private collections which are usually housed in the mansions of these art connoisseurs. In Camarines Sur, art plays a significant place in the promotion of Bicolano culture and tradition through the exhibition of these visual arts created by ingenious artists from all over the province. As one way to preserve these masterpieces, the provincial government of Camarines Sur committed to sustain support to the cause of Bicolano art. Furthermore, a construction of art gallery is proposed to display the works of Bicolano artist.

## Artists from Camarines Sur

Unknown to many, Camarines Sur, the premiere province of Bicolandia, is home to many excellent and talented artists comparable even to some of the world's greatest artist. Some of their masterpieces are either sold to art patrons or exhibited to other art connoisseurs.

Their works illustrate the simple living, the culture and the traditions and even goes back to the genesis of this once inconspicuous locale.

### **Raul Alcomendas** (From Naga City)

Impressionist, realist, master,

His famous masterpieces include the "Pantomina" and "Agta"

Other works like the "Ibalong" and "Isarog" were displayed in Villa Escudero in San Pablo City

Had an art exhibit in Bonn, Germany and Boston, USA

### **Pancho Piano** (From Lagonoy, Camarines Sur)

Painter and Muralist

Reaped numerous awards: 1st place- Wonderbooks Painting Contest(1978), 2nd place- PNB 65th Painting(1981); 2nd place- KKK Photo Essay Contest(1983); UP On-the-spot (1986); UST On-the-Spot(1987); and Metrobank Painting Contest(1989).

Dubbed as the "Bikol Artist For Visual Arts" (1995)

Responsible for making the stained glasswork of the Quadricentennial Arch of the Naga Metropolitan Cathedral

His mural was displayed in Mt. Carmel Cathedral of Saipan

Organizations include the Bikol Artist Guild(BAG), Visual Artists Cooperative of the Philippines(VACCOOP),

National Society of Filipino Artists(NSFP), Christian Art Society(CAS) and Art Association of the Philippines (AAP)

### **Jonah Salvosa** (From Calabanga, Camarines Sur)

Painter

Famous works include St. Lorenzo (gained an award in Vatican City)

Reaped 17 major awards, 11 are 1st prizes including 3 international awards

### **Ros Arcilla** (From Caramoan, Camarines Sur)

Painter and Sculptor

Famous works include the giant sculpture on the 1898 Revolution in Manila

Underwent advanced studies in Sculpture in Hawaii and at the Ecole de Beaux Arts in Paris, France

### **Gus Albor** (Art scholar from Naga City)

Scholarship grantee of the British Council on Fine Arts

Has won five(5) major prizes including two first prizes in National art competitions

Held 15 solo exhibits in Manila, India, Hongkong, Japan, California, Chicago and China.

SOURCE: Vanguard Magazine

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