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Province of Ifugao  
Municipality of Hungduan

**OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN**

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF HUNGDUAN, IFUGAO HELD AT THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN SESSION HALL ON JANUARY 16, 2006 AT 9:00 A.M.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO.15  
Series of 2006**

**A RESOLUTION ENACTING AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CYPRIND LOACH (*Misgurnus anguillicaudatus*) Or “YUYU” AS THE ONE TOWN ONE PRODUCT (OTOP) OF THE MUNICIPALTY OF HUNGDUAN, IFUGAO AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE”**

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Hungduan, Ifugao in session duly assembled that:

**SECTION 1 .TITLE.** This ordinance shall be known and cited as “**The Yuyu Ordinance** “of the Municipality of Hungduan, Ifugao.

**SECTION II. PREAMBLE** – Hungduan is identified as one among the key fisheries development areas of Ifugao with a potential fishery development area of 91.6 hectares (SAFDZ) and the irrigated rice terraces of about 705 hectares diversely spread at the same the nine Barangay. Yuyu, a cold tolerant fish is symbiotic and complaint with the organic rice production. Its burrowing characteristics help in conserving the soil, thus advantageous in nutrient recycling, conserving soil fertility, and improved productivity with a noted 22%increase in the rice-production. Furthermore, the integration of Yuyu in the rice production cycle helps in the control of insects and weeds and provides aeration in the plant roots system.

The culture of Yuyu is environmentally friendly. It thrives in pesticide-free and high-elevated areas of cordillera. Hence, it is acclaimed as a health food in Korea, china, Japan, and other Asian countries. It is also an alternative tool in natural resource and rice terraces conservation.

**SECTION III. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES**\_ the purposes and objectives of this ordinance are the following to wit:

- a) To establish the Yuyu industry into a distinguished economic endeavor of the people of Hungduan;
- b) To ensure the rational and sustainable development, management and conservation of the fishery and aquatic resources consistent with maintaining sound ecological balance, protecting and enhancing the quality of the environment;
- c) To strengthen the production base and increase the Yuyu productivity of the farmers through various skills and managerial trainings, provisions of livelihood and marketing assistance, and development of other support mechanisms.

- d) To strengthen inter-agency linkaging and partnership for the development of the Yuyu industry; and
- e) To achieve food security and boosts the tourism industry as the overriding consideration in the utilization, management, development, conservation and protection of the resources.

#### **SECTION IV .DEFINITION OF TERMS AS USED IN THIS ORDINANCE**

**Aquatic Pollution** – the introduction by human or machine, directly or indirectly of substances to the aquatic environment which result in such deleterious effects as to harm living aquatic resources and pose potential and or real harm to human health including dumping/disposal of waste, discharge s of petroleum or carbonaceous or gaseous substances to waters and water sources . Deforestation and improper and improper disposal of pesticides and chemicals that causes similar hazards and deleterious effects shall also constitute aquatic pollution.

**Aquatic Resources** – includes fish, all other aquatic flora and fauna and other living resources of the aquatic environment.

**Cyprinid Loach** – refers to common or English name of loach

**Electro fishing**- the use of electricity generated by, electric generators and other source of electric to kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fishery species whether or not the same subsequently recovered.

**Explosives** – refers to dynamites, other chemical compounds that contains combustible elements which are capable of producing harmful effects on fishery species and aquatic resources and capable of damaging and altering the natural habitat.

**Fishery/Aquatic Product** – include not only finfish but also mollusks ,crustaceans echinoderms ,and other species of aquatic flora and fauna, and all other products of aquatic living resources in any form.

**Fisheries** – refers to all activities relating to the act of business of fishing, culturing, preserving, processing, marketing, developing, conserving, and managing aquatic resources and the fishery areas including the privilege to fish or take aquatic resource thereof .

**Fishing**- the taking of fishery species from their wild state or habitat

**Misgurnus anguillicaudatus** –the scientific name of loach.

**Municipal Waters /fishing areas**- include only not inland bodies of water, rivers streams, lakes, creaks, irrigation's but also rice paddies.

**Noxious or poisonous Substances** – refer to substances, plants extracts or juice thereof ,sodium cyanide and /or cyanide chemicals either in raw or processed form, harmful or harmless to human beings , which will kill , ,stupefy, disable or render unconscious fishery species and capable of damaging and altering the natural habitat.

**SAFDZ**- means the Strategic Agricultural and fisheries Development Zones.

**Yuyu** –refers to9 the local name of loach within the locality.

**Yuyu Taskforce** – refers to the team that acts as the planning, policy and implementation body of the project.

**SECTION V. PROGRAM COMPONENTS** – The Yuyu as the One Town One Product of Hungduan shall have the following components:

- a. **Development Planning** – Conducts inter agency project planning's and meetings and provision of support and operational mechanisms of the task force.
- b. **Documentation of Farmers Best Practices** – Provide assistance for the documentation of information's and factual data as basis of improvement and development plans.
- c. **Research and Development** – Documentation and packaging of appropriate technology aimed at improving Yuyu productivity and the availability of Yuyu technologies for farmer's adoption.
- d. **Institutional Development** – Provide or cause the provision and access of interested stakeholders to undergo skills and development trainings support for the effective implementation of fishery laws, ordinances and farmers empowerment.
- e. **Hatchery Development** – Counter parting scheme of construction, operation and maintenance of the induced breeding hatchery for Yuyu fingerling supply.
- f. **Livelihood and Marketing Assistance** – provide or cause the provision of access to finance, market, transport, and promotional assistance on Yuyu production and marketing. It also includes trainings on value –adding and product development.
- g. **Pother Related Programs** – conduct Information Education Campaign (IEC), symposia in coordination with other agencies relative to the eradication and control of Yuyu predators. Values reorientation, environmental awareness, and organic farming will be incorporated within trainings modules, IEC materials, and during IEC's and symposiums.

**SECTION VI. IMPLEMENTATION** – For the effective implementation of this ordinance, the local chief executive through the Municipal Agriculture Office shall be the lead agency in the implementation of the program. The LCE shall issue an executive order organizing a Yuyu task force with a specific and defined function of each member. This task force shall be the policy, planning, and implementing body of the project. The Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council (MAFC), Barangay Officials, Barangay Tanods, and representative from the NGO's, PO's shall be the composite members of the task force.

**SECTION VII. FUNDING CREQUIREMENTS** – A minimum of at least Three Hundred Thousand Pesos (P300, 000.00) shall be appropriated in the annual budget of the local government unit under the Twenty percent (20%) development fund immediately upon approval of this ordinance. However for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of implementation, the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (250,000.00) shall be allocated as the initial fund for the implementation of the program. However, the amount could be augmented thru supplemental budgets if necessary.

For the effective and full realization of the project , the local government units enjoins all Barangay officials , NGO's /PO's , and all civic minded individuals to support , implement, and source out possible assistance to funding agencies to augment and facilitate smooth implementation of the project.

**SECTION VIII. PROHIBITED ACTS** – it shall be unlawful for any person to catch, take or gather cause to caught, taken or gathered, fish or any fish specie (except the million fish or tamtampi) in the municipal waters including the rice paddies, with the use of electricity, explosives, noxious or poisonous substances such as sodium cyanide in fishery areas which will kill, stupefy, disable or render unconscious fish or causes aquatic pollution. Provide, however the LGU may allow the use of poisonous or noxious substance to eradicate predators in fish ponds /rice paddies in accordance with accepted scientific practices and without causing adverse environmental impact in neighboring water and grounds shall not be construed as illegal fishing.

It will likewise be unlawful for any person to possess, deal in, or sell or in any manner dispose of any fishery species that have been illegally caught, taken or gathered.

The discovery of dynamite, other explosives and chemical compounds which contain combustible elements, or noxious or poisonous substance or equipment or device for electro-fishing in any fishing areas or in the possession of any individual shall constitute prima facie evidence that the same was used for fishing in violation of this ordinance.

Primarily the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Barangay Officials and the Barangay Tanods shall enforce the prohibited acts of this ordinance with the aide of all concern and civic groups and individuals.

**SECTION IX. PENALTY.** Anybody who violates the provisions of the preceding section shall be penalized as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> offense -P 1,000.00

2<sup>nd</sup> offense - P 2,000.00

3<sup>rd</sup> offense - P2, 500.00 or imprisonment of not exceeding six (6) months or both in the discretion of the court.

**SECTION X. TREATMENT OF FINES COLLECTED:** Fines collected for violations of this ordinance shall be treated as Special Trust Fund of the Municipality and shall be used for the following:

For fines collected for violators apprehended by the PNP, it shall be used for peace and order/crime prevention related programs of the municipal government.

For fines collected for violators apprehended by Barangay Officials or Tanods, the same shall be used to support Yuyu –related projects and activities within the said Barangay.

For apprehensions done by the Yuyu taskforce , Municipal officials/employees/ ,and the Municipal Agricultural and Fishery Council, fines collected shall be used to support and capacitate the Yuyu taskforce.

Such proceeds and instruments or tools shall be confiscated and forfeited in favor of Barangay LGU where said items are confiscated. The respective local treasurers shall issue corresponding receipts for fines collected.

**SECTION XI. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE:** Should any provision , section or part of this ordinance is declared by any component authorities as invalid , the remaining provisions ,sections, or part thereof remain to be in full force and effect.

**SECTION XII. REPEALING CLAUSE:** Any previous ordinance, rules and regulations or part thereof that are in conflict with or inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

**SECTION XIII. EFFECTIVITY:** This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

**RESOLVED FURTHER,** to furnish copies of this resolution to the office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, Capitol Compound, Lagawe, Ifugao for its review and appropriate action.

APPROVED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006

**CERTIFIED CORRECT:**

**(Sgd)PABLO M. CUYAHON**  
*Presiding Officer*

**ATTESTED:**

**(Sgd)JULIUS A. PUGONG**  
*SB Member*

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**APPROVED:**

**HILARIO T. BUMANGABANG**  
*Municipal Mayor*

I hereby certify to the correctness of the foregoing resolution/ ordinance.

**(Sgd)JUANITA M. PUGONG**  
*SB Secretary*