

# [ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 147, September 14, 2021 ]

## FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 53 (S. 2018), AS AMENDED, TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE BORACAY INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE

**WHEREAS**, through Proclamation No. 475 (s. 2018), a state of calamity remains in full force and effect in the *barangays* of Balabag, Manoc-Manoc and Yapak ("Boracay island") in the Municipality of Malay, Province of Aklan, pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010";

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order (EO) No. 53 (s. 2018) created the Boracay Inter-Agency Task Force ("Task Force") to facilitate the rehabilitation and ensure the ecological sustainability of the island of Boracay;

**WHEREAS**, EO No. 115 (s. 2020} extended the term of the Task Force for another year or until 08 May 2021;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to EO No. 53, as amended, the National Government approved the Boracay Medium-Term Action Plan ( "Boracay Action Plan") which identifies programs and projects for the island's rehabilitation, as well as safeguards to reverse ecological degradation, along key thematic areas: (a) Enforcement of Laws and Regulations; (b) Pollution Control and Prevention; (c) Rehabilitation and Recovery of Ecosystems; and (d) Reliable Infrastructure, Responsive Social Services, and Sustainable Economic Activities;

**WHEREAS**, based on validation conducted as of 30 April 2021, the following, among others, have been accomplished by the Task Force:

(a) 80% or 271 out of 339 establishments are now compliant with the 25 + 5-meter beach easement;

(b) 83% of establishments or 1,017 out of 1,230 total structures are now compliant with the 12-meter road easement;

(c) the Department of Environment and Natural Resources has prepared 163 cases against illegal occupants of forestlands, of which 54 cases have already been filed in court by the Department of Justice and the National Bureau of Investigation, and one (1) by the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office of Aklan and Community Environment and Natural Resources Office of Boracay;

(d) the Environmental Management Bureau has filed a total of 262 cases before the Pollution Adjudication Board, 180 of which have already resulted in settlement of fines;