



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of Iloilo  
**MUNICIPALITY OF OTON**  
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT from the Minutes of Session of the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo recorded during its Regular Session held at the SB Session Hall on October 27, 2022 at 9:00 in the morning.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Vice Mayor Jose Neil Portugaleta Olivares	Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer
	Hon. Jimmy Robles Olivares	SB Member
	Hon. Ma. Lorna Tumambo Geonigo	SB Member
	Hon. Dennis Quillo Geroche	SB Member
	Hon. Ernesto Cordova Ticao	SB Member
	Hon. Grace Marie Escanlar-Cruz	SB Member
	Hon. Rodolfo Zurita Alconga, Jr.	SB Member
	Hon. Antonio Prias Masculino, Jr.	SB Member (LNB Representative)
<b>On Official Business:</b>	Hon. Ella Mae Seguiza Yeoh	SB Member (PPSK Representative)
<b>Absent:</b>	Hon. Lee Cereneo Alison – Bretaña	SB Member (Sick Leave)
	Hon. Vanessa Turita Salinas	SB Member (MC 6)

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 230**

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PERMISSION OF THE NATIONAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION OF THE PHILIPPINES (NHCP) TO CHANGE THE MOON FISH (BILONG-BILONG) INTO KOGTONG FISH IN THE MUNICIPAL-CORPORATE SEAL OF OTON, ILOILO.**

**WHEREAS**, in the history and culture of Oton, the Kogtong fish (locally known as inid) appears to be more significant than the moon fish (Bilong-bilong);

**WHEREAS**, one of the three legends that had given name to Oton is about the Kogtong fish which was abundant in the locality centuries before the Spaniards arrived;

**WHEREAS**, in the book Angels in Stone by Fr. Pedro G. Galende, OSA, Oton in the Visayan means reef;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of Section 9 of Municipal Ordinance No. 2005-139\_ the design of the Municipal-Corporate Seal can be modified or changed after the passage of ten years;

**WHEREAS**, the permission of the NHCP is hereby sought, to change moon fish into Kogtong fish in the Municipal-Corporate Seal of Oton, Iloilo, because it was the NHCP who designed the present seal of Oton by virtue of Section 22 of R.A. 7160.

**WHEREAS**, during the committee hearing, all the resource persons present, senior citizens and local historians, manifested that by oral history by their forebears, Ogtong got its name from Kogtong fish which was then abundant in the mangroves of Batiano River , an estuary.

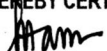
**NOW THEREFORE** on motion of Hon. Antonio Prias Masculino Chair of the Committee on Culture, History, Arts and Tourism which was duly seconded by Hon. Jimmy R. Olivares, be it

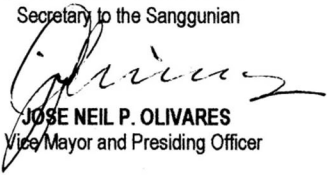
**RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Sangguniang Bayan ng Oton, Iloilo to pass this Resolution requesting the Permission of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) to change the moon fish (Bilong-Bilong) into Kogtong Fish in the Municipal-Corporate Seal of Oton, Iloilo.

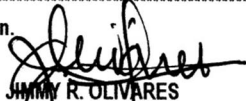
**RESOLVED FURTHER** to furnish copies of this Resolution to the Office of the Mayor; NHCP, Tourism Office, for information.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY, CONCUR AND ATTEST respectively to the correctness of the foregoing Resolution.

  
KERRY ANN T. LACIFICAR  
Secretary to the Sanggunian

  
JOSE NEIL P. OLIVARES  
Vice Mayor and Presiding Officer

  
JIMMY R. OLIVARES  
Vice Chair, Committee on Rules and Privileges

  
SOFRONO J. FUSIN, JR.  
Municipal Mayor