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MUNICIPALITY OF LOOC

LOOC HISTORY & FOUNDATION

Up to the present time being used as place of refuge by sea vessels during stormy weather, the name of this town originates from its wide bay stretching the island (Pacheco, 1990).

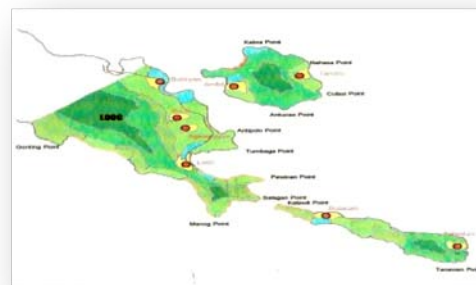
Excavated Chinese potteries and utensils from the Islands of Golo and Ambil of this municipality showed that the first inhabitants of these places came into contact with Chinese traders or were influenced by the culture of the foreign merchants.

The Island of Ambil was mentioned in an old 1760 document of the Spaniards. This community was made as the temporary headquarters of Moro pirates according to historians.

Looc was a small village during Spanish time and became part of the Municipality of Lubang on January 4, 1905 under Republic Act No. 1280 of the Philippine Commission.

It was separated from Lubang through Executive Order No. 85 dated November 16, 1916 signed in Manila by Francis Burton Harrison, the Governor General of the Philippine Island Executive Bureau which took effect on January 1, 1917 (CLUP & Zoning Ordinance 2001-2010).

LOOC AS ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT & ITS COORDINATES





The Municipality of Looc is one of eleven towns of the Province of Occidental Mindoro, Region IV-B Southern Tagalog, (Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan) (MIMAROPA). The Municipality lies 13° 40' Longitude and 120° 20' N Latitude. It is located on the northern most part of the province of Occidental Mindoro within the Lubang Island. It is about 90 kilometers West of Batangas City and 70 kilometers Northwest of Mamburao.

It is bounded on the northwest by the rugged mountains of the Municipality of Lubang, on the East by the Batangas Strait and the South- East by the Mindoro Strait and the Southwest by the China Sea.

LOOC STATISTICS

Area: *13,230 Hectares*

Barangay	Land Area (has.)	Share (%)
Urban		
Bonbon	931.4424	7.04
Guitna	966.0835	7.30
Kanluran	1045.092	7.90
Rural		
Agkawayan	1145.422	8.66
Ambil (Island Barangay)	4798.588	36.27
Balikyas	1231.356	9.31
Bulacan (Island Barangay)	1168.615	8.83
Burol	1052.916	7.96
Talaotao (Island Barangay)	890.485	6.73
Total	13,230.000	100.00

Source: Land Management Services Assessor's Office (2007)

Population: *11,310 (POPCEN 2007)*

Growth Rate: *2.99% (2000-2007)*

No. Of Barangay: 9 (6 Mainland & 3 Island Brgys.)

LOOC POPULATION	11,310
BALIKYAS	882
BUROL	993
AGKAWAYAN	1701
AMBIL	1729
KANLURAN	675
GUITNA	884
BONBON	1254
BULACAN	1122
TALAOTAO	2070

Source: POPCEN 2007

Language & Religion:



As reflective in the population of Looc, majority of Tagalog speaking population are Roman Catholic and limited number of Aglipayan, and Born Again Christians.

Climate & Cropping Season:



Looc has distinct Wet and Dry condition (Type I), where palay main crop starts at June or July and harvesting during September to October.



Those areas with irrigation do their second crop right after harvesting (October to January).



During the early period of Dry Season (February till May), farmers shift to coastal and marine resources due to its richness including salt production.



LOOC NATURAL BOUNTY

Being one of the sites of Mega Biodiversity in the country, the protection of enormous species of marine life make it one of the priority projects in the Verde Island Passage by the Conservation International (CI-Philippines) and the national government.

(Maps Courtesy of CI-Philippines, 2009)

Looc



The long stretches of Beaches will make Looc one of the promising Eco-tourist spot in Southern Luzon.



Balabara Beach



Ag-O Beach



Dangkalan Beach