

# Chapter 3.

## Physical Resources

### Topography



Coastal area at Marines' Base at Ternate, Cavite also known as *Boracay de Cavite*.

#### Coastal Plain

- lowest lowland area
- extremely low ground level of EL. 0m to EL. 2m compared to the high tide level of about EL. 0.8m from the Mean Sea Level (MSL).
- These are the city of Bacoor and municipalities of Kawit, Noveleta and Rosario.



View of Tagaytay Highlands.

#### Upland Mountainous Area

- found in Amadeo, Silang, Alfonso and Tagaytay City
- Situated at a very high elevation above EL. 400m with slopes of more than 2%.
- The Tagaytay ridge has a peak elevation of 650m.



Rice field at Tanza, Cavite.

#### Coastal and Alluvial Plains.

- flat ground slope of less than 0.5% and low ground elevation of EL. 2m to EL. 30m.
- found in the city of Imus and southern part of General Trias
- transition area between the coastal plain and the central hilly area.
- covers some areas of City of Bacoor, Kawit, Noveleta, Rosario and Tanza



Pasture land at Silang, Cavite

#### Central Hilly Area

- found on the mountain foot slope
- forms the rolling tuffaceous plateau
- includes steep hills, ridges and elevated inland valley
- characterized with ground elevation ranging from 30m to nearly 400m
- ground slope ranges from 0.5 to 2%
- cities of Trece Martires City and City Dasmariñas, and the municipalities of Indang and Silang have this kind of topography.

## Land Area

Land is a major resource that contributes to the development of a particular place or region. Technically, land is referred as dry land, is the solid surface of the Earth that is not permanently covered by water. Land is an area of ground which is being used for a particular purpose. It excludes area below inland water bodies. The proper usage of land is a major determinant or guiding force on the progress of a province.

Cavite covers 8.72% of the CALABARZON's land area. This is relatively small considering that the Region is only comprised of five provinces. The land area of Cavite is equivalent to only 0.48 percent of the total land area of the Philippines which is 299,404.00 hectares. The municipalities of Maragondon and Silang have the biggest land areas comprising 16,549 hectares and 15,641 hectares, respectively while the municipality of Noveleta has the smallest land area as with 541 has. or 0.38 percent of the provincial total land area.(Table 3A).

## Land Classification

Classifying the land uses is a function of the local government of a particular government unit. It ensures the proper location of various land uses especially of business, residential and utility areas. This is executed by highly trained urban planners in order to ensure the harmonious movement of people and their activities. Land classifications and adherence to them by the public promotes balanced development.

Land is being classified into two land classifications such as forest lands and alienable and disposable land. Forest lands are being maintained as they play a great role for the ecological balance of the Province. These are protected areas that are home to numerous flora and fauna that need to be guarded and preserved. Correspondingly, the alienable and disposable lands are further classified as built-up

areas and production areas. These lands are intended for urban, economic and demographic developments.



*A development at Cavite Economic Zone, Rosario, Cavite.*

## Official Concepts and Definition

<b>Built-up Area</b>	- composed of areas of intensive use with much of the land covered by structures. It includes cities, towns, villages, strip developments along highways, transportation, power, and communication facilities, and areas occupied by mills, shopping centers, industrial and commercial complexes, and institutions that may, in some instances, be isolated from urban areas.
<b>Alienable and Disposable Land</b>	- refers to those lands of the public domain which have been the subject of the present system of classification and declared as not needed for forest purposes.

**Table 3A** Land Area by City/Municipality, Province of Cavite: 2014

City/Municipality	Land Area (Hectares)	Percent Distribution (%)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>		
Cavite City	1,183	0.83
Kawit	1,340	0.94
Noveleta	541	0.38
Rosario	567	0.40
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>		
City of Bacoor	5,240	3.67
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>		
City of Imus	9,701	6.80
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>		
City of Dasmariñas	8,234	5.77
<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>		
Carmona	3,092	2.17
Silang	15,641	10.96
Gen. M. Alvarez	938	0.66
<b>6<sup>th</sup> District</b>		
Trece Martires City	3,917	2.74
Gen. Trias	11,768	8.25
Tanza	9,630	6.75
Amadeo	4,790	3.36
<b>7<sup>th</sup> District</b>		
Tagaytay City	6,615	4.64
Alfonso	6,460	4.53
Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo	5,103	3.58
Indang	8,920	6.25
Magallanes	7,860	5.51
Maragondon	16,549	11.60
Mendez	1,667	1.17
Naic	8,600	6.03
Ternate	4,350	3.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>142,706</b>	<b>100.00</b>

*Source: Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan 2011-2020*

**Table 3B** Forest Cover, Province of Cavite: 2014 (Note: No changes from 2013)

Total Forest Cover				Forest Cover w/in Forest Land/Timber Land				Forest Cover w/in A & D			
Total	Broad Leaved		Mangrove	Total	Broad Leaved		Mangrove	Total	Broad Leaved		Mangrove
	Closed	Open			Closed	Open			Closed	Open	
57.37	-	54.39	2.98	41.03	-	41.03	-	16.34	-	13.36	2.98

Source: Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office

**Table 3C** Location, Type and Land Area of Forests  
Province of Cavite: 2014

City/Municipality	Type of Forest	Area (Hectares)
Tagaytay City	Unclassified Forest	1,802.900
Magallanes	Unclassified Forest	1,861.000
Ternate	Unclassified Forest	1,248.700
	Classified Forest	1,237.210
Maragondon	Unclassified Forest	2,140.940
	Classified Forest	2,690.790
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,624.956</b>

Source: Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan 2011-2020



Bamboo dining set from Maragondon

**Table 3D** Mountains in Cavite by Location

Name	Location
Pico de Loro	Maragondon
Mt. Palay-Palay	Ternate-Maragondon
Mt. Buntis	Maragondon
Mt. Mataas na Gulod	Maragondon
Mt. Nagpatong	Maragondon
Mt. Hulog	Maragondon
Mt. Marami	Magallanes
Mt. Gonzales	Tagaytay City

Source: Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Cavite

**Table 3E** Forest Products by Location, Province of Cavite

Forest Products	Location
Almaciga, Timber, Bamboo rattan, vine, wild plants & animals	Ternate
Timber, Bamboo, Rattan firewood	Magallanes
Bamboo, Usiw, Buho, Rattan	Maragondon
Firewood, lumber	
Bamboo, Cogon, Rattan, Cabo-negro processed into rope	Gen. Aguinaldo

Source: Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Cavite



## Forest Lands

Forest lands plays important role in balancing the ecology. Forest lands are simply described as land with high density of trees. Forests are central to human life because they produce a wide range of resources necessary for human's comfortable living. The vegetation present in a forest promotes carbon reserves that aid in regulating the planetary climate. The presence of the trees also stimulates water purification and it naturally supports in the flood mitigation as well as in the control of damaging effects of natural hazards. The presence of forests also upholds the proliferation of various terrestrial biodiversity.

Cavite lies in the western monsoon forest zone. This location is very beneficial for the formation of tropical rain forests which are characteristically made through natural vegetation. However, due to continuous urbanization, the existence of much valued forest in the province is being threatened.

In 2012 inventory, the existing total forest cover within the province is 57.37 square kilometers (Source: PENRO, Table 3B). These forest areas were categorized as Protected Landscape under R.A.7586 otherwise known as National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) and the unclassified forest (Non-NIPAS).

By virtue of Proclamation No. 1594 on 26 October 1976, a total of 3,928.00 hectares located in Ternate and Maragondon, Cavite was proclaimed as national park. It is now known as the Mts. Palay-Palay and Mataas na Gulod Protected Landscape. The park lies in the border of Cavite and Batangas and has three peaks, Palay-Palay, Pico de Loro and Mataas na Gulod. Still, there were five (5) unclassified forests found along Tagaytay Ridge, Maragondon, Magallanes, Ternate and Alfonso (Table 3C).

Cavite has seven recorded mountains such as Pico de Loro, Mt. Palay-Palay, Mt. Buntis, Mt. Mataas na Gulod, Mt. Nagpatong, Mt. Hulog and Mt. Gonzales (Table 3D).

The forest produces various products that are utilized for human use and consumption. (Table 3E). One that is most notable in Cavite is bamboo which can be found mainly in the municipality of Maragondon and parts of Ternate, Magallanes and General Aguinaldo. Cavite also is a good source of timbers and logs.

## Status of Land Use (General)

Land use is the human use of land. Land use involves the management and modification of natural environment or wilderness into built environment such as fields, pastures, and settlements. It also has been defined as "the arrangements, activities and inputs people undertake in a certain land cover type to

produce, change or maintain it" (Wikipedia). Land use is generally classified into two, forest lands and alienable and disposable lands.

These lands are being used in various ways, either for agriculture, residences, open areas, etc.



*Root formation and falls at Mounts Pico de Loro and Palay-Palay Protected Landscape.*





Land-use is simply defined as the man's activities on land. Based on the Cavite Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan 2010-2015, Cavite's alienable and disposable lands are further classified into production lands and built-up areas. Production lands in Cavite are intended for agriculture, fishery and mining. On the other hand, built-up areas are mainly for residential, commercial, industrial and tourism areas.

### Production Land-Use

Production lands support the local development by providing agricultural produce that is part of the economy as well as for food. The production land of Cavite has a total area of 71,474.91 hectares. The entire production land is being used for agriculture and is therefore classified as agricultural lands.

The production land-use accounts to 50.09% of the total land area of the province. With this significant portion, Cavite is still considered as agricultural (Table 3F). Some of the major crops being produced in the province are rice, corn, coffee, coconuts, cutflowers and vegetables. At present, land conversion, especially from agricultural to some other uses, is prohibited under the law in order to protect the environment from abuses due to urbanization.

The agriculture sector in Cavite is mainly consists of crop production, livestock production and fishery. Livestock farms ranges from piggeries,

poulties, goat farms and cattle farms. The climatic suitability of Cavite makes the province ideal for integrated farming, having crops and livestock raising in one farm. These livestock farms are very promising industry considering the demand for food of the Cavite population. The cropping industry is also a consistent component of the agricultural economy. The varied weather types in Cavite also provide wide cropping opportunities for Caviteños.

Fishery is also a major component of the agricultural sector. Having rich marine resources and long coastlines, the province is home to numerous fishery activities. This industry has provided livelihood to many Caviteños. In some lowland and even upland areas, fishery, in the form of fishponds are also producing considerable amount of fish products. Some areas in Cavite are also engaged in fish processing and production of fish products like fish sauces and dried fishes. Cavite is also a very well-known source of shellfishes such as mussels and oysters.

Mining is the third component of production land-use in the province. Extraction includes filling materials, gravel and sand. Currently, there are 14 quarry operators in Cavite issued with permit (Table 3G). Quarry materials ranges from base course, conglomerate stone, andesite

conglomerate stones, boulders, armor rock and filling materials.

### Built-up Areas

The area intended for settlements and industries are called built-up areas. This area also becomes the hub for commercial and business establishments. According to the 2010 Census of Population and Housing by the National Statistics Office, there are 849,755 occupied housing units in Cavite and given the trend will continually increase gradually.

Moreover, according to the Housing and Land-Use Regulatory Board, there are around 95 different housing subdivisions with issued license to sell in the province until 2014. This number is continuously growing with the unremitting issuance of permits to construct housing developments.

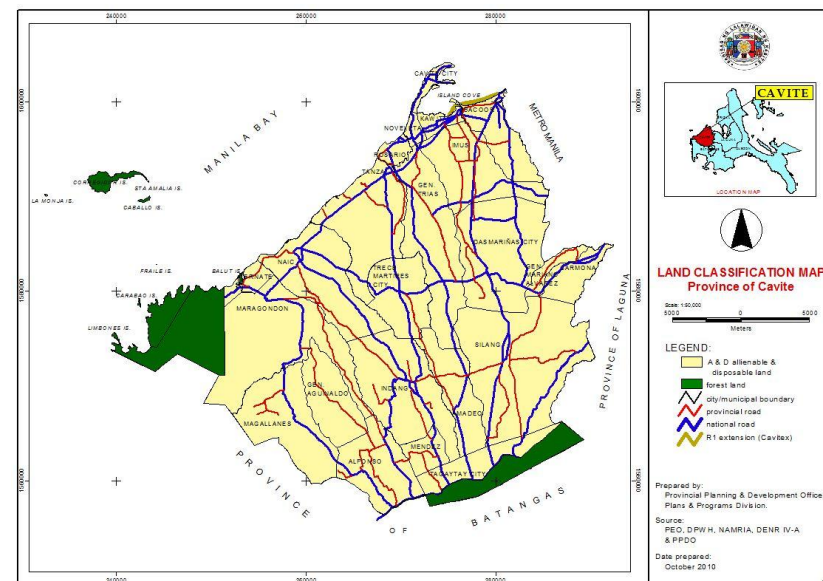
Tourism establishments are also considered built-up areas such as golf courses, leisure farms, resorts and the likes.



**Table 3F** Land Area Classification by City/Municipality, Province of Cavite: 2014

City/Municipality	Total Area of Production Land (Has.)	Total Area of Protection Land (Has.)	Total Built-up Area (Has.)	Island	Total Area (Has.)
<b>1<sup>st</sup> District</b>					
Cavite City			573.63	609.37	1,183.00
Kawit	450.00		888.00	2.00	1,340.00
Noveleta	54.00		487.00		541.00
Rosario	27.00		540.00		567.00
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> District</b>					
City of Bacoor	604.00		4,636.00		5,240.00
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> District</b>					
City of Imus	2,057.00		7,644.00		9,701.00
<b>4<sup>th</sup> District</b>					
City of Dasmariñas	2,556.00		5,678.00		8,234.00
<b>5<sup>th</sup> District</b>					
Carmona	609.00		2,483.00		3,092.00
Silang	9,789.00		5,852.00		15,641.00
Gen. M. Alvarez	336.00		602.00		938.00
<b>6<sup>th</sup> District</b>					
Trece Martires City	523.00		3,394.00		3,917.00
Gen. Trias	5,158.00		6,610.00		11,768.00
Tanza	1,897.00		7,733.00		9,630.00
Amadeo	4,382.23		407.77		4,790.00
<b>7<sup>th</sup> District</b>					
Tagaytay City	1,802.90	2,707.00	2,105.10		6,615.00
Alfonso	5,596.67		863.33		6,460.00
Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo	3,710.00		1,393.00		5,103.00
Indang	7,755.00		1,165.00		8,920.00
Magallanes	5,571.00	1,861.00	428.00		7,860.00
Maragondon	10,266.00	4,831.73	1,451.27		16,549.00
Mendez	768.11		898.89		1,667.00
Naic	7,290.00		1,310.00		8,600.00
Ternate	273.00	3,294.90	773.10	9.00	4,350.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>71,474.91</b>	<b>12,694.63</b>	<b>57,916.09</b>	<b>620.37</b>	<b>142,706.00</b>

Source: Provincial Planning and Development Office, City/Municipal Planning and Development Offices



**Table 3G** List of Operational Quarry Operators, Province of Cavite: as of December 2014

	Permittee	Location	Commodity	Area In Has.
1	Beam Commercial	Brgy. Tres Cruses, Tanza	Lastillas/ Base Course	5.0000
2	Salome Madlangbayan	Brgy. Piangsanhan, Maragondon	Lastillas/ Base Course	4.7124
3	Dexter Ivan Lee	Brgy. Sapang, Ternate	Conglomerate Stone	4.5684
4	Mac Gregor Gawaran	Brgy. Salawag, Dasmariñas City	Filling Materials	5.0000
5	Jenny Diones	Brgy. Pinagsanhan, Maragondon	Filling Materials	5.0000
6	Aldeguer Boris Jonas	Brgy. Sapang, Ternate	Basalt/Andesite Conglomerate	5.0000
7	Leonora Pakingan	Brgy. Punta, Tanza	Filling Materials	4.7656
8	Sonia Ibañez Bode	Brgy. Pinagsanhan, Maragondon	Aggregates	4.7000
9	Sabalo Enterprise / Concepcion Eleazer	Brgy. Pooc, Silang	Filling Materials	4.9000
10	Ismael Pakingan III	Brgy. Punta, Tanza	Filling Materials	4.9701
11	Lamberto Lee, Jr.	Brgy. Sapang, Ternate	Conglomerate Stone	5.0000
12	Narciso D. Peji	Brgy. Pinagsanhan, Maragondon	Filling Materials, Boulders	5.0000
13	Congbalay Owen Martin	Brgy. Pinagsanhan, Maragondon	Banda-banda, Boulders, Armor Rock	4.0000
14	Pedro Romulo	Brgy. Sapang II, Ternate	Filling Materials, Boulders	5.0000

Source: Provincial Government – Environment and Natural Resources Office



## Alienable and Disposable Lands

In the definition of National Statistics Coordination Board (NSCB), alienable and disposable lands are lands of the public domain which have been the subject of the present system of classification and declared as not needed for forest purposes.

These lands are intended for economic activities broadly classified into production and built-up areas. Production lands can be in the field of agriculture and other related industries. Built-up areas are land intended for urban development activities.

## Status of Land Area Classification

The production area of the Province accounts to 50.09% of its total land area. It is followed by built-up areas that cover 40.58% of Cavite. Around 8.90% of the province is considered protection lands such as natural parks and forests and the remaining 0.43% are islands (Table 3F).

Maragondon and Silang are relatively agricultural municipalities with 10,266 and 9,789 hectares of production land, respectively. Tanza, City of Imus and Gen. Trias are the municipalities with most area intended for urbanization. Meanwhile, despite relatively small land area, Bacoor and Trece Martires City are dominated with built-up area with only 604 and 523 hectares considered as production land, respectively (Table 3F).

## Soil Characteristics

Identification of soil characteristics, most importantly the soil type is a vital activity in area profiling. This is very useful in recommending the best land-use for that area. Moreover, if intended for agriculture, knowing the soil type will also aid in identifying the most suitable crops to be planted in the area. This will contribute to the achievement of optimized land productivity.



The soil surveys conducted by the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) revealed that Cavite is composed of ten (10) soil types.

The lowland area of Cavite is generally composed of Guadalupe clay and clay loam. This soil type is characterized as coarse and granular when dry but sticky and plastic when wet. Its substratum is solid volcanic tuff. These types of soils are suited to lowland rice and corn while those in the upland are suited for orchard and pasture.

Guadalupe clay adobes are abundant in the southern part of Bacoor and Imus bordering the city of Dasmariñas. The soil is hard and compact and difficult to cultivate that makes it generally unsuitable for diverse cropping. It is very sticky when wet and granular when dry. Forage grass is advised for this type of soil.

Hydrosol and Obando sand are found along Bacoor Bay. The shoreline of Rosario, Tanza, Naic and Ternate are lined with Guadalupe sand.



The central area principally consists of Magallanes loam with streaks of Magallanes clay loam of sandy texture. This is recommended for diversified farming such as the cultivation of upland rice, corn, sugarcane, vegetables, coconut, coffee, mangoes

and other fruit trees. The steep phase should be forested or planted to rootcrops.

The eastern side of Cavite is consists of Carmona clay loam with streaks of Carmona clay loam steep phase and Carmona sandy clay loam. This type of soil is granular with tuffaceous material and concretions. It is hard and compact when dry, sticky and plastic when wet. This type of soil is planted to rice with irrigation or sugarcane without irrigation. Fruit trees such as mango, avocado and citrus are also grown in this type of soil.

Guingua fine sandy loam is found along the lower part of Malabon and Alang-ilang River at Noveleta.

The type of soils that dominate the upland areas are Tagaytay loam and Tagaytay sandy loam with mountain soil undifferentiated found on the south-eastern side bordering Laguna province. Also on the southern tip are Magallanes clay and Mountain soil undifferentiated with interlacing of Magallanes clay loam steep phase.

The Tagaytay loam contains fine sandy materials, moderately friable, and easy to work on when moist. In an undisturbed condition, it bakes and becomes hard when dry. About one-half of this soil type is devoted to upland rice and upland crops. On the other hand, Tagaytay sandy loam is friable and granular with considerable amount of volcanic sand and underlain by adobe clay. Mountain soil undifferentiated is forested with bamboos found in the sea coast. Cavite also has the Patungan sand characterized by pale gray to almost white sand with substratum of marine conglomerates which are found at Sta. Mercedes in Maragondon and in some coastlines of Ternate.

## Forestry

### The Mounts Palay-Palay and Mataas Na Gulod Protected Landscape

Cavite is very fortunate to have an area which is considered to be biologically rich. In 1976, by virtue of Presidential Proclamation No. 1594, the Mounts Palay-Palay and Mataas na Gulod were declared to be national parks. The declaration aims to preserve the natural biodiversity of the area as part of the advocacy to preserve the country's natural heritage. The national parks were later named as the Mounts Palay-Palay and Mataas na Gulod Protected Landscape.

The entire landscape is composed of 3,973.13 hectares. The preservation of its natural biodiversity is a strategic move considering the rapid urbanization happening in the province of Cavite and the nearby Metro Manila. Known to be a good source of water, it is of utmost importance to preserve and rehabilitate the damaged portions of the national park.

The national park is approximately located within the geographic coordinates of 14°12' to 14°17' north latitude and 120°38' to 120°42' east longitude. The park covers four (4) barangays (Sapang, Pinagsanhan, Patungan and Papaya) and seven (7) sitios (Malauyas, Caynipa, Caytako, Cacabay, Magabe, Murangdalig and Hamilo). Different portions of the park can be found in three municipalities (Ternate, Maragondon and Nasugbu) under two provinces (Cavite and Batangas).



**The Mounts Palay-Palay and Mataas na Gulod Protected Landscape Management Zones**

The Park is divided into 10 management zones that ensure a balanced land-use for the park. These are as follows:

1. Strict Protection Zone – 250 hectares

This special zone has high biodiversity value. The area is strictly protected with no man-made interventions or changes are allowed except for scientific studies and/or ceremonial or religious use by indigenous communities. Getting any flora or fauna specie from the area is strictly prohibited. On the other hand, introduction of foreign flora or fauna is likewise not allowed. The strict protection zone is concentrated around the Mts. Palaypalay/Mt. Pico de Loro and abutting the Calumpang Point Naval Reservation.

2. Sustainable Use Zone – 1,995 hectares

This zone covers the largest area of the park. The area can be utilized for sustainable livelihood of the surrounding communities such as gathering of medicinal leaves and roots and the likes. Only natural propagation is allowed in this area and only species that are already present can be cultivated. Furthermore, harvesting will be controlled to maintain natural equilibrium. A portion of the stretch of the Mamba/Cacabay River can be found in this zone.

3. Restoration Zone – 280 hectares

This area was considered a degraded zone which needs to be restored to regain its rich natural habitat. This area will be subjected to activities, fire control, cogon suppression and reforestation to name some. Reforestation will be limited to native species of trees. Once rejuvenated, the area will change its management zone classification. A

portion of the stretch of the Palicpican River is located in this zone.

4. Habitat Management Zone – 270 hectares

This is an area with significant habitat and specie value. This zone is subjected to management practices so as to maintain specific condition or habitat for rare, threatened and endangered species. Human habitation and sustainable use maybe allowed if they play a habitat management role. A portion of the stretch of the Palicpican River is located in this zone.

5. Multiple Use Zones - 268 hectares

This area can be utilized for controlled settlement, traditional/sustainable land use, agriculture and income generating activities but should fall within the prescribed activities in the management plan. A portion of the Mamba/Cacabay River is part of this zone.

6. Buffer Zone – 250 hectares

Under the RA 7568, buffer zones are defined as “identified areas outside the boundaries of and immediately adjacent to designated protected areas that need special development control in order to avoid or minimize harm to the protected area.” With respect to the Mounts Palay-Palay and MataasnaGulod Protected Landscape, its buffer zone includes the Calumpang Point Naval Reservation, Palicpican Bay, the Caylabne and Puerto Azul Resorts, the rest of Barangay Sapang A of Ternate, Cavite, the rest of Barangays Pinagsanhan A, Pinagsanhan B and Patungan of Maragondon and Barangay Payapa of Nasugbu, Batangas.

7. Recreational Zones – 185 hectares

This area is considered to be of high recreational, educational or environmental awareness value. If the regulating bodies will allow, in consideration of their management plan, activities like eco-tourism, recreational, conservation education or public

awareness activities can be done. In this area, facilities like visitor's center, nature trails and food centers can be established. The revenues generated from it can be used to finance programs in benefit of the Park.

8. Alienable and Disposable Zone/Puerto Azul Zone – 502 hectares

This zone can be used for commercial activities as in the case of Puerto Azul Zone.

9. Marine and Coastal Zone

10. Other management zone as maybe used in the management plan and approved by the Secretary

**Location of Protected Areas**

A total of seven (7) sitios are considered protected areas in Cavite. Likewise, there are portions of the protected areas in the province that extend up to its nearby province such as Batangas (Table 3H).

**Table 3H** Location of Protected Areas, Province of Cavite: 2014

Name	Locations
Mts. Palay-palay/ Mataas na Gulod	Ternate, Maragondon, Portion of Nasugbu, Batangas
Sitio Malauyas Sitios Caynipa, Caytako, Cacabay, Magabe, Mambe, Murandalig Sitio Hamilo	Ternate, Cavite Brgy. Pinagsanhan B, Maragondon, Cavite  Brgy. Payapa, Nasugbu, Batangas

*Source: Department of Environment and Natural Resources*

## Protected Forest Area

The protected areas in Cavite could either be vegetative forest or non-forest. The land areas it occupies are as follows:

**Table 3I** Protected Forest Area as a Percentage of Total Forest Area, Province of Cavite: 2014

Predominantly Timberland	Cover Estimated	Land Area in Hectares
Vegetative Forest	62.50%	2,483.21
Non-Forest	37.50%	1,489.92
<b>Total Forest Area</b>		<b>3,973.13</b>

Source: Department of Environment and Natural Resources

## Reforestation Projects

The commitment of the Provincial Government of Cavite to the National Greening Program prompted the conduct of continuous tree planting activities in the province. For the year 2014, the target area is the Buhay Forest at Brgy. Ramirez, Magallanes, Cavite.

Reforestation is the natural or intentional restocking of existing forests and woodlands that have been depleted, usually through deforestation.

Reforestation can be used to improve the quality of human life by soaking up pollution and dust from the air, rebuild natural habitats and ecosystems, mitigate global warming since forests facilitate biosequestration of atmospheric carbon dioxide, and harvest for resources, particularly timber (Wikipedia).

Continuous restoration and preservation of natural resources plays important role in balancing the environment.

For the year 2014, a total of 6,640 seedlings of assorted variety were planted. The reforestation endeavors were participated by various public and private entities. The activity is tagged as Cavite Arbor Day Tree Planting Program (Table 3J and 3K).



**Table 3J** Cavite Arbor Day Tree Planting Program Report, 2014 (Buhay Forest, Brgy. Ramirez, Magallanes, Cavite)

Date of Activity	Number/ Kinds of Trees Planted
June 25, 2014	500 Sampalok 300 Caballero
July 25, 2014	450 Mahogany 20 Guijo 300 Ilang-ilang 200 Sampalok 100 Guyabano
August 29, 2014	300 Guyabano 300 Langka 300 Mahogany 100 Marang
September 26, 2014	300 Guyabano 230 Alibangbang 200 Atis 100 Ilang-ilang 70 Langka 100 Acacia 100 Caimito
October 24, 2014	270 Mahogany 254 Narra 276 Alibangbang 100 Ipil 100 Acacia
November 21, 2014	50 Duhat 140 Sampaloc 110 Ilang-ilang 70 Guyabano 1300 Mahogany

Source: Provincial Government - Environment and Natural Resources Office



**Table 3K** Reforestation Projects, Province of Cavite: 1981 to 2014

Year Established	Area(in hectares)	Species Planted	Location
1981-2001	697.00	assorted species	Mts. Palay-palay/Mataas na Gulod reforestation Project located at Maragondon & Ternate & Magallanes, Cavite
2002	11	assorted species	Mts. Palay-palay/Mataas na Gulod reforestation Project located at Maragondon & Ternate
2003	-	-	-
2004	10	mahogany & narra	Mts. Palay-palay/Mataas na Gulod reforestation Project located at Maragondon & Ternate
2005	12	mahogany	-do-
2006	-	-	-
2007	24	acacia, narra, camachile mahogany, tuba-tuba	San Agustin, Magallanes, Cavite
2008	12	mahogany, narra, acacia	Mts. Palay-palay/Mataas na Gulod reforestation Project located at Sapang, Ternate
	32	mahogany, narra, acacia & akleng parang	-do- (under soil conservation & watershed management)
2009	52	Mahogany, narra, mango, jackfruit, santol, rambutan, kaimito,	Pinagsanhan, Maragondon and Sapang, Ternate
2010	no	plantation	establishment
2011	20	Fruit trees	Ramirez, Magallanes (NGP Site)
2012	280	Mahogany, alibangbang, Narra, banaba, fire tree, anahaw, golden shower, Molave, kupang, eucalyptus, balete, kaong	Talipusngo, San Agustin, Maragondon (Urban watershed, PACBRMA and CBFM area)
2013	100	Fruit Trees	Pinagsanhan, Maragondon (NGP Site)
2014	296	Forest and Fruit Trees	Ramirez, Magallanes and Pinagsanhan, Maragondon
<b>Total</b>	<b>1458.318</b>		

*Source: Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office*

## Mangrove Areas

Mangroves are various types of trees up to medium height and shrubs that grow in saline coastal sediment habitats. The ecological balance does not end in the protection of the land but of the water resources as well. Part of this is the maintenance of mangrove areas that supports the water ecosystem. Despite that coastal settlements are not encouraged, mangroves also serve as protection among inhabitants in the coastlines.

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office of Cavite is actively promoting the protection and rehabilitation of mangrove areas in the province and even creating new ones. For the year 2014, the PENRO conducted an inventory of mangrove areas in Cavite as follows:

**Table 3L** Mangrove Areas, Province of Cavite: 2014

Location	Area in Has.
Bacoor	0.26
Kawit	13.06
Cavite City	0.99
Noveleta	4.12
Tanza	6.50
Rosario	3.00
Naic	0.50
Ternate	2.12
Maragondon	2.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>32.65</b>

Source: Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), Trece Martires City



**Table 3M** Established Mangrove Plantation, Province of Cavite: 2000 – 2014

Year Established	Area (has.)	Species Planted	Location/Project Site
2000	3.00	Bakauan	Noveleta, Cavite;
	1.00		Bacoor, Cavite
2001	no	Mangrove plantation	Established
2002	4.00	Bakauan	
2003	no	Mangrove plantation	Established
2004	3.00	Bakauan	Munting Mapino, Naic
2005	3.00	Bakauan	Kawit, Cavite
2006	6.00	Bakauan	Sapang, Ternate, Cavite
2007	3.00	Bakauan	Halayhay, Tanza, Cavite
2008	no	Mangrove plantation	established
2010	no	plantation	establishment
2011	no	plantation	establishment
2012	10	Mangrove plantation	MBCO Funded, Noveleta, Cavite
2013	20.00	Mangrove plantation	San Rafael Noveleta, and Kawit, Cavite
2014	50.00	Mangrove Plantation	San Rafael, Noveleta, Cavite
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>103.00</b>		

Source: Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO), Trece Martires City



## Watersheds

Cavite is home to various watersheds that made water supply manageable in the province as of the moment especially in the upland areas. According to the United States Geological Science, a watershed is an area of land that drains all the streams and rainfall to a common outlet such as the outflow of a reservoir, mouth of a bay, or any point along a stream channel. The word watershed is sometimes used interchangeably with drainage basin or catchment. Ridges and hills that separate two watersheds are called the drainage divide. The watershed consists of surface water – lakes, streams, reservoirs, and wetlands – and all the underlying ground water. Larger watersheds contain many smaller watersheds. It all depends on the outflow point; all of the land that drains water to the outflow point is the watershed for that outflow location. Watersheds are important because the stream flow and the water quality of a river are affected by things, human-induced or not, happening in the land area "above" the river-outflow point. In the province of Cavite, there is a total of 970.98 hectares of watershed plantations. The program started since 1996 and remains to be a priority project of the environment bureau.

**Table 3N** Established Watershed Plantation, Province of Cavite: as of 2014

Year Established	Area (has.)	Species Planted	Location/Project Site
1996	1.00		
1997	1.00		
1998	0.50		
1999	13.00		
2000	24.00	Mahogany & dapdap	Indang, Cavite
2001	0.90	Mahogany	Pinagsanhan, Maragondon, Cavite
2002	2.50	Mahogany & dapdap	Alfonso, Cavite
2003	6.00	Mahogany & dapdap	Mahabang Kahoy, Indang
2004	no	Watershed plantation	Vegetative measures established
2005	no	Watershed plantation	Vegetative measures established
2006	no	Watershed plantation	Vegetative measures established
2007	no	Watershed plantation	Vegetative measures established
2008	32.00	Mahogany	Sapang, Ternate
2009	no	Watershed plantation	Vegetative measures established
2010	5.00	Narra, mahogany & dapdap	Lumampong Balagbag, Indang
2012	232.00	Kaong, bamboo, malaruhut, bignai, narra, kalumpit	Alfonso & Gen. Aguinaldo (NGP-Streambank Protection Project)
	170.00	Narra, molave, batino, dao	Puting Kahoy, Silang, Sampaloc 1 & 2, San Agustin 1 & 2, Dasmarinas City&Pantihan 1, 2, 3 & 4, Maragondon, Cavite
2013	100.00	Indigenous species	Streambank Plantation (NGP project) Pinagsanhan, Maragondon
	80.00	Bamboo species	Bamboo plantation (NGP project)
	190.00	Indigenous species	Silang, Cavite
	47.16	Indigenous species	Streambank Protection/NGP Project located in the municipalities of Indang, Trece and Naic
			Congressional Initiative Streambank Protection Project located at Silang, Cavite
	65.92	African Tulip, Narra	Congressional Initiative Streambank Protection Project located at GMA, Cavite and Silang
2014	119.00	Bamboo	Streambank Protection/NGP Project located at Amadeo, Indang, Gen. Trias, and Trece Martires City, Cavite
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,089.98</b>		

Source: Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office