



MUNICIPAL DATA TEMPLATE

➤ PROFILE

PANDAN – THE PRISTINE PARADISE OF THE NORTH

Pandan – the home to the oldest festival in Catanduanes – the Dinahit Festival and the municipality that smiles to you and soon to the world.

Pandan is for those who want to experience nature's beauty at its unspoiled, untouched and unexplored best. It is a land of stunning landscape considered as the "True North" of the island province of Catanduanes, lying some 96 km from the capital town of Virac, well away from the trappings of urban life wherein you will experience the warmest and friendliest welcome from Pandananons that is absolutely beyond the usual.

Its geographical location is perhaps its most endearing quality. It offers an abundance of beautiful scenery with the vast expanse of deep blue sea reaching out to the horizon, strewn with lush green hills and mountains and idyllic landscapes of rock formation, streams and waterfalls.

Pandan has wholesome outdoor and nightfall activities for explorers and outdoor enthusiasts – full of fun, thrill and awesome excitement wherein you will discover and appreciate the beauty of nature along the course. It is definitely a total escape from the frantic pace of urban life.

Come and enjoy the pristine beauty of nature and experience more Fun Done in PANDAN!

1. Origin of the town's name / Meaning of the name

The word **Pandan** that now bears the name of the municipality was taken from "**pandan**" **shrub**, a shrub with slender palm like stems and terminal crown of sword like leaves, which surrounded the poblacion to protect inhabitants from Moro pirate who used to invade the place.



2. Declaration of Independence / Foundation day as an independent municipality

o History

Pandan has two former names which was attributed to the earlier settlement of the town – BINONOAN which means killing and GUINOBATAN which means destroyed. It was again changed to CAPANGDANAN which was soon changed to PANDAN for brevity. No living person in town can remember and no records are available.

The present poblacion of Pandan was established as a regular pueblo (town) in the year **1677**, a year after the American colonist declared their independence to Great Britain. A Spanish captain named Don Basilio Rabago y del Barrio led the establishment of this town.

o Historical landmark / site

St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish Church - The Franciscan missionaries established Pandan as the second parish in the island next to Caramoran in the year 1650. The most evident relic of the Spanish colonial period is the parish church. The Pandan Parish Church took many years to complete and was finished in 1874. Big stones for the foundation and walls were gathered from the sea by the expert divers, lime was manufactured locally and sand and gravel were taken from the seashore by men working in groups. “Basi”, a sugar cane juice, was used as cement for the massive walls of the church that strongly defied time and elements.

Sen. Jose O. Vera Monument – The monument was built in honor of Jose Olfindo Vera, a true blooded Pandananon who was the first Senator from Bicolandia. He is an inspiration to every Pandananon because of his achievements, talents and intelligence. He was a scholar, debater, orator, legislator, jurist, statesman and business leader. He became a governor and an assembly man at an early age of 28 and became a senator at 37. Indeed, he is an icon every Pandananon look up to.

Veterans Memorial Park – a memorial built for the thirty heroes of Pandan during the World War II in the battlefields of Bataan who died in defense of freedom, democracy, country and people. It was erected on April 9, 2004.



3. Geographical location (No need for coordinates)

- Topography

Pandan lies on the northern tip of the province, 96 kilometers from the capital town of Virac like the tip of a crude flint arrowhead. It faces the Pacific Ocean on the north, bounded on the south by the municipality of Caramoran, on the west by the Maqueda Channel and on the east by the municipality of Bagamanoc.

4. Political subdivision

- Number of Barangays

The municipality has 26 barangays. The urban area comprises four (4) barangays: Libod, Napo, Del Norte and Del Sur. The rural area has twenty two (22) barangays subdivided into three (3) categories, the coastal, riverside or inland and hilltop or upland barangays.

- Land area

The municipality has a total land area of 119.90 square kilometers characterized mainly by rolling plains, forestry, mountains and hill ranges with inland streams and rivers and coastal and mangrove areas.

- Population

Pandan has a total of 3,779 household which comprise of 18, 191 population with 52.4% male and 47.6% female.

5. Travel time from Virac airport/seaport, travel time from San Andres port

- Accessibility

It is accessible by land either via the Virac-San Andres-Pandan road or Virac-Bagamanoc-Pandan road. Travel time is two and a half (2 ½) hours via



van, private vehicle and motorcycle and three (3) to four (4) hours via bus. It can also be reached by motorized banca from any coastal point in the island.

6. Festival

- Name

Dinahit Festival – “Dinahit” refers to the wind-driven sailing vessel with two outriggers. It was derived from the local term “pinagadahit” meaning to drag to shore or safety.

- Date celebrated

It is celebrated during the month of April after Holy Week (mostly celebrated from April 8 to April 15).

- Significance to town

It is the oldest festival in Catanduanes that promotes the celebration of farmers and fishermen in their good catch and harvest and gives honor to those who labor under the sun and above the sea. Dinahit Festival was born in pursuit of retracing the history and culture of maritime ancestors. It promotes life, protection of the environment, nourishment of the local culture and cultivation of technology all in harmony toward the island’s progress. The festival features regatta and palayag contest, carabao race, trade fair, kite flying, festival street dance competition, disco sa honasan, beauty pageants and other fun and exciting activities for locals and tourists alike.

- The Dinahit Logo

Yellow Sun – represents **fire**

White sail – represents **wind**

Brown Dugout Canoe – represents **earth**



Blue Sea – represents water

The Dinahit logo constitutes the vital elements of life – fire, water, earth and wind – in an intricate balance. The centrality of the Dinahit represents the core tradition of Catandunganon that is in harmony with nature. The entirety of the logo symbolizes *life* (science), *a way of life* (culture) and *technology* (material culture) defining the essence of a people living in an island.

7. Town Fiesta / Patron Saint

The feast of patron saint, **St. Ignatius of Loyola** is celebrated every July 30-31 of the year.

- Activities during fiesta

The fiesta celebration features civic activities - agri-food and trade fair, fun run, Festival Street dance competition, Grand Auditorium, beauty pageants, Clean-up Drive, cultural and fashion show, amateur singing contests, sports activities, Balikbayan and Barangay Night, Mayor's Night and religious activities - novena, procession and mass for donors and sponsors and other fun and exciting activities for locals, devotees, parishioners and tourists alike.

8. Products / major source of income

The main sources of income are fishing and farming. The marine water of Pandan is a very rich fishing ground and the mountains and riceland are suitable for farm crops and rice production. A new and fast rising industry in the municipality is the production of local food and delicacies, native bags and souvenir items and fish processing.



9. Communication Facilities

The municipality has a wide mobile phone coverage, internet and e-mail facilities and money transfers.

10. Where to stay

CARANGYAN BEACH RESORT

Sitio Carangyan, Oga, Pandan, Catanduanes

CarangyanBeachResort@gmail.com

(0999)421-6563

PANDAN SEASHORE PARK

Del Norte, Pandan, Catanduanes

(0909)919-9825

NORTH TRAVEL LODGE

San Antonio St, Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes

(0939)205-4641

E/C LODGING HOUSE

San Ignacio St., Napo, Pandan, Catanduanes

(0906)447-3163

FELY'S LODGING HOUSE

San Roque St., Del Norte, Pandan, Catanduanes

(0920)337-4456



11. Where to dine

JALI B SNACK HOUSE

Salvacion St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0928)289-0385

KUSINA NI BULING

San Roque St., Del Sur, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0939)217-5987

ANDER CAS EATERY

San Antonio St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0921)607-3112

B. PING'S FOODHOUSE

San Roque St., Del Norte, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0930)609-4750/(0946)755-7058

STATESIDE BURGER

Arevalo St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0908)517-2409

12. Where to shop

OTOP PASALUBONG CENTER

San Antonio St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0946)427-5657/(0948)303-3363



COBEE'S EXPRESS

Arevalo St. corner San Antonio St., Napo, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0928)828-8427

IDAY'S ENTERPRISES

San Antonio St. corner Arevalo St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0918)312-7043

NOCEDA ENTERPRISES AND GEN. MDSE.

San Roque St., Del Norte, Pandan, Catanduanes
melchie_noceda@yahoo.com
(0908)974-2977

D.A. TRADING

Vera St., Napo, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0949)747-8716

ATUTUBO'S ENTERPRISES

Arevalo St., Napo, Pandan, Catanduanes
(0909)847-5060

JB EXPRESS

Arevalo St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes
jbyap21@yahoo.com
(0910)746-4116



TRIPLE E ENTERPRISES AND GEN. MDSE.

San Antonio St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes

(0921)824-1363

13. Delicacies

Native food and delicacies include dried pusit (squid), taro chips, banana chips, achara, ampaw, coco balls, conserva, peanut brittle, turones de mani, cassava chips, salabat (ginger tea), pinakro, kaluko, alimango (crab), banagan (lobster), daru-daru, latik, balisungsong, ibus, garyang, bunor and dried fish.



➤ **TOURISM SITES DATA**

- 1. Name - **HIYOP HIGHLANDS**
- 2. Description -

It is a full “mountain-to-sea” ecosystem with its rugged green mountains with stunning landscape reaching out to the vast deep blue ocean. It is a great place for photography session and has one of the best picture-perfect sunrise and sunset views wherein one can enjoy the panoramic view of the town and the vast Pacific Ocean in the horizon. During night time, be amazed with the constellations and the Milky Way galaxy as you go star gazing and overnight camping. It is indeed a perfect spot for outdoor adventure day and night.

- 3. Location - Brgy. Hiyop, Pandan/8km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, trekking, mountain bike
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - carabao back riding, camping, trekking, star gazing, mountain bike/cycling, sunset and sunrise watching
- 7. Fees - carabao back riding (P 150.00/pax)

- 1. Name - **TUWAD-TUWADAN BLUE LAGOON**
- 2. Description -

Tuwad-Tuwadan Blue Lagoon is an amazing work of nature, a secret lagoon in the middle of a rock formation blessed with crystal clear blue-green water filled with corals and fishes. It's a perfect haven for photographers and nature lovers alike. Its name was derived from the species of seashells abundant in the lagoon. However true to its word "Tuwad-tuwadan" meaning to stumble and fall, you'll have to make an extra effort to get there, either by climbing over cliffs and stumbling down on grassy pavements. It's a perfect spot for swimming,



cliff diving, snorkeling and sunset watching. Indeed, a perfect adventure getaway. It also offers a breathtaking view of different rock shapes and sizes.

- 3. Location - Sitio Cagnipa, Brgy. Balognonan, Pandan/9km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, boat
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - rappelling, cliff diving, snorkeling, boating, camping, sunset watching, island hopping
- 7. Fees - boat (P 500.00 inclusive of island hopping)

- 1. Name - **CARANGYAN BEACH RESORT**
- 2. Description -

Carangyan is a hidden gem, a place where man must finally surrender to nature. It is cradled by a bay and the forest – both left ripe and untouched for the jaded traveller. Here you can touch, taste and feel the natural world, where everything comes from the purest source. It is great escape from the frantic pace of urban life where you can enjoy picnics, swimming, snorkeling, stargazing and hilltop trekking.

- 3. Location - Sitio Carangyan, Brgy. Oga, Pandan/4.5km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, boat
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - 3 picnic cottages, 2 private cottages and 3 air-conditioned rooms for overnight stays, open-air covered function rooms for events, public comfort rooms with showers and snack bar for refreshments and



- cooked meals, boat for island hopping, sea-doo, snorkeling
- 6. Activities - swimming, boating, snorkeling, island hopping, sea-doo, hilltop trekking, stargazing, team building
- 7. Fees - Entrance: P25.00 – kids/P50.00 – adults
Picnic Cottages – P300.00
Lodging Rooms – P1, 500.00 – guest cottage
P2, 500.00 – guest cottage
P1, 800.00 – de luxe

- 1. Name - **PANDAN LIGHT HOUSE**
- 2. Description -

Surviving the rage of different typhoons ravaging the island, Pandan lighthouse proudly stood still. Unaffected by different elemental destructions, the parola is still functioning as a guide post for the local fishermen on their sea navigation. Pandan lighthouse is rusty yet with intricately designed spiral stairs that crawl up to its top. Atop the hill it is a nostalgic view for visitors and a perfect spot to enjoy the panoramic view of Pandan amidst the sparkling sea. If you are a romantic person, it is also a nice place to watch sunrise and sunset. What a sight to behold!

- 3. Location - Brgy. Canlubi, Pandan/2.50km from town center
- 4. Access - boat, shoreline trekking
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - snorkeling, swimming, boating, shoreline trekking
- 7. Fees - boat (P 600.00 inclusive of island hopping)



1. Name - **MAMBANG BEACH**
2. Description -

“Dangerously beautiful”... Mambang beach is one of the most beautiful secluded beaches in the municipality. It is surrounded by rock formations on different forms - rounded, sharp, smooth and of different colors. If you are lucky enough, you can get a piece of rock with fossils on it. It houses different kinds of starfish and jellyfish. When the tide subsides, a sand bar extending from the beach transforms into a beautiful white gem that surfaces reaching out to its adjacent white beach while you enjoy the cold, clear and crystalline waters. Locals believed that Mambang Beach is an enchanted beach and visitors are not allowed to stay overnight because during high tide some parts of the beach were totally engulfed by sea water but lately adventurers camp out in tents right on this beautiful white sand beach.

3. Location - Brgy. Del Norte, Pandan/2km from town center
4. Access - boat, trekking
5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
6. Activities - snorkeling, boating, swimming, camping,
7. Fees - boat (P 600.00 inclusive of island hopping)

1. Name - **CAMPILAN BEACH**
2. Description -

Nature lovers will surely love this beach. The beach is simply irresistible to those who want to enjoy the beauty of nature and the sea. It is surrounded by lush green trees ashore connecting a trail to the lighthouse. A perfect spot for a Survivor shoot. For those who love to get naturally tanned and just want to spend the day basking in the warm sunshine, Campilan Beach is the perfect place for you. The calmness of the sea and the smell of the ocean are suitable for weary



travellers. A perfect hideaway for those who are romantic at heart especially during sunset that is best enjoyed from a quiet corner of this stunning beach.

- 3. Location - Brgy. Canlubi, Pandan/2km from town center
- 4. Access - boat
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - snorkeling, boating, swimming, camping, sunset watching
- 7. Fees - boat (P 600.00 inclusive of island hopping)

- 1. Name - **MANGROVE RESERVE CRUISE**
- 2. Description -

Stretching along the swampy area of Pandan in the midst of an expansive mangrove forest opening further out to Mambang and Carangyan Beach, Pandan mangroves will give you a fresh sight. Aside from being home to different fishes and invertebrates such as shrimps, crustaceans, and mollusks, Pandan mangrove serves as protection from damaging storm, waves, and floods. If you want to feel the fresh sea breeze, marvel at the lush greeneries as you enjoy a serene paddle boat ride and take a look how rich Pandan estuary is.

- 3. Location - Brgys. Del Sur/Del Norte/Oga, Pandan/1.50km from town center
- 4. Access - boat
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - boating, mangrove familiarization
- 7. Fees - boat (P 200.00)



- 1. Name - **HINIK-HINIK FALLS**
- 2. Description -

If you're going to Pandan, do not miss to visit and feel small compared to the 45 meter-high and 150 meter-wide majestic and enchanting waterfall.

Hop barefoot across little streams, climb on the shiny rocks, get lost in the wilderness below the lush tall green trees on your way to Hinik-hinik falls and be rejuvenated and soul quenched as you take a dip into the clear icy waters.

Derived from the local word "hinik-hinik" which means rain shower fits the name since it is so high it's like you're under a heavy rain shower.

- 3. Location - Brgy. Tokio/Porot/San Isidro, Pandan/25km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, river trekking
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - river trekking, swimming, cliff diving, canyoneering
- 7. Fees - none

- 1. Name - **PARWAY FALLS**
- 2. Description -

Parway Falls is one of the most famous waterfalls in Pandan, Catanduanes. It is great for adventure-seeker tourists who want to experience an enchanting moment in the rhythmic water lullabies of the falls. It is about 20 meters high and will have you gazing in amazement. Its crystal waters and thunderous downpour of water is a delight you cannot miss. The cascade of water pouring down into two deep mini pools is best for visitors who want to relax and swim in while enjoying the best of nature.

According to locals, Parway falls is considered enchanted. It is believed that the falls was safeguarded by fairies or "diwata". Visitors must pay respect to



the Diwata by simply asking permission to her before plunging to the cold water of the falls. Whether the Diwata story is true or not, nobody can resist the charming beauty of Parway Falls. This paradise is hidden, waiting to be discovered and appreciated.

- 3. Location - Brgys. Tokio, Pandan/22km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, trekking
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - swimming, cliff diving, trekking
- 7. Fees - none

- 1. Name - **MATURIN ROCK ISLAND**
- 2. Description -

Who would have thought that there is a gigantic island made of limestone surrounded by turquoise waters as exquisite as the Maturin Rock Island in the Northern tip of the province?

Be awed and be amazed with the wonderful and picturesque work of nature which is a habitat for sea snakes, migratory birds and a unique wildlife. It has been a spot for Born to be Wild exploration.

- 3. Location - Brgy. Baldoc/Marambong/Tabugoc, Pandan/15km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, boat
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - boating, rock climbing, bird and sea snake watching
- 7. Fees - none



1. Name - **SU-NOG SEA CAVE**
2. Description -

Experience spelunking and canyoneering in a unique way... Going under the Su-nog Cave is more fun. What keeps the experience more exciting are the pink rocks and the hum of “balinsasayaw” coming in and out of the cave. Take a dip into the cool and crystal clear blue waters in the cave. After a tiresome trek and canyoneering, one can take a shower at the Su-nog mini falls just right beside the cave.

3. Location - Brgy. Hiyop, Pandan/10km from town center
4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, trekking
5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
6. Activities - spelunking, trekking, canyoneering, swimming
7. Fees - none

1. Name - **CAGNIPA BEACH**
2. Description -

If you are the kind of person who just want to stroll barefooted in the sand, Cagnipa Beach is best for you. Cagnipa beach is haven for its azure, clear, crystalline waters and powdery gold sandy shoreline. The beach also is known for its rich marine biodiversity. One can enjoy skim board, swimming and snorkeling all day. This beach is semi-secluded and great for spending the day just relaxing and strolling and is perfect for those seeking adventure by embarking on an overnight camping trip along the beach. Small shells can also be seen on its shore which has a glossy appearance suitable to be made into island keepsakes and ornaments. Best of all, you can enjoy the beach for free and enjoy the sun, sand and water.

3. Location - Sitio Cagnipa, Brgy. Balognonan, Pandan/9km from



town center

- 4. Access - motorcycle, boat
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - skim boarding, snorkeling, boating, camping,
- 7. Fees - none

- 1. Name - **MACAILAO BEACH**
- 2. Description -

Macailao Beach is a bathtub-like secluded white sand beach just adjacent to Carangyan Beach which is the best spot for snorkeling and sun bathing. It is a real treat for adventure getaway seeker. One may camp out in tent along the long stretch of fine sand.

- 3. Location - Sitio Macailao, Brgy. Oga, Pandan/4.5km from town center
- 4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle, boat, trekking
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - swimming, boating, snorkeling, camping
- 7. Fees - none

- 1. Name - **LINAMPAWAN FALLS**
- 2. Description -

Pandan is more than just nature, sea, sand and sun. It is also a home with the most scenic and dramatic waterfalls. One of the most prominent is the Linampawan Falls situated in Brgy. Tokio, Pandan, Catanduanes. Linampawan Falls is a sight to behold because you can marvel not just at its clear cascades but at mountain draped in lush forests surrounding its green and deep natural



pool. After a long trek going on this marvelous and mysterious falls, you can have a rejuvenating relaxation by simply dipping on its cold water and embrace the serenity of the place.

- 3. Location - Brgy. Tokio, Pandan/23.50km from town center
- 4. Access - car, tricycle, motorcycle, river trekking
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - trekking, swimming, rappelling, cliff diving
- 7. Fees - none

- 1. Name - **YABU-YABUHAN AND MAHABA BEACH**
- 2. Description -

It is a double treat for beach lovers. These two lovely beaches are located in Brgy. Canlubi, Pandan, Catanduanes strewn with golden sand that sparkle golden glow when kissed by sunlight. The unspoiled beauty of the beach is a piece of paradise on earth. If you want a secluded place, Yabu-yabuhan and Mahaba Beach is best for you. The place is suitable for snorkeling along its amazing underwater richness and coral protected area, boating and swimming. Its golden sand is combined with pebbles, seashells and small shellfish known to locals as "Burbugitis" which can be sauted in oil, garlic, onions and lots of ginger to make a palatable seafood soup. During low tide, you can actually walk on seaweed carpeted shore and be awed by the species of the seaweed that can only be found in Pandan and Masbate. Truly, these twin beaches are good escape from your busy work schedules.

- 3. Location - Brgy. Canlubi, Pandan/2.50km from town center
- 4. Access - boat, shoreline trekking
- 5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
- 6. Activities - snorkeling, swimming, boating, shoreline trekking



7. Fees - boat (P 600.00 inclusive of island hopping)

1. Name - **PANDAN SEASHORE PARK**

2. Description -

Pandan Seashore Park is the most accessible water park in the Municipality of Pandan. It is located right away in the capital town. The park was first developed by the Local Government Unit of Pandan by then Mayor Eulalia Verceles in the year 1994. Since then, the construction of facilities such as potable water lines, shower rooms, restrooms, rest houses and cottages followed during the term of the Mayor Josefina Santelices in 2007. The park is the place where the annual Dinahit Festival is taking place. It is a budget resort and best for family or barkada picnic, swimming, boating, sand castle building and shells collecting. It is also the best place for stargazing and sunrise watching. Definitely, it is a place of fun. The place also offers lodging rooms best for overnight swimming. At the heart of the park is the pavilion perfect for Zumba exercise and other events.

3. Location - Brgys. Del Norte, Pandan/1km from town center

4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle

5. Facilities/Amenities available - 16 picnic cottages, 4 lodging rooms with balcony (ordinary/aircon with restrooms and tv), function area for events, public comfort rooms and showers, boat (dinahit),

6. Activities - swimming, boating

7. Fees - Entrance: P5.00 – kids/P10.00 – adults
Picnic Cottages – P100.00
Lodging Rooms – P300.00 – ordinary
P600.00 - aircon



1. Name - **PANDAN PARISH CHURCH**
2. Description -

The Pandan Parish Church was finished in 1874. Big stones for the foundation and walls were gathered from the sea, lime was manufactured locally and sand and gravel were taken from the seashore. "Basi" was used as cement that it strongly defied time and elements. The construction of the church took many years to complete. What a beautiful history to behold.

3. Location - Brgy. Del Sur/0.250km from town center
4. Access - car, motorcycle, tricycle
5. Facilities/Amenities available - none
6. Activities - church visit
7. Fees - none



HOTLINES:

Philippine National Police

Pandan Municipal Station

Arevalo St., Libod, Pandan, Catanduanes

0948-1310580

Pandan District Hospital

Vera St., Napo, Pandan, Catanduanes

0920-7436595

Philippine Coast Guard

San Roque St., Del Norte, Pandan, Catanduanes

0920-4657234

Philippine Army

Oga, Pandan, Catanduanes

0918-3177700