



Nabunturan at a Glance...

History. NABUNTURAN was once a barangay of the municipality of Compostela. The name is a derivative from the word "**BUNGTOD**". The natives called it such due to its elevated terrain compared to other areas within the valley. The early settlement was governed by a headman called "BAGANI" but was under the supervision of the Municipal District President of Compostela over matters only concerning civil affairs. For the maintenance of peace and order, the area was under the immediate supervision of the Philippine Constabulary Detachment of Camp Kalaw in Moncayo, now a municipality. From barangay Jaguimitan in the north to barangay Mawab, now a



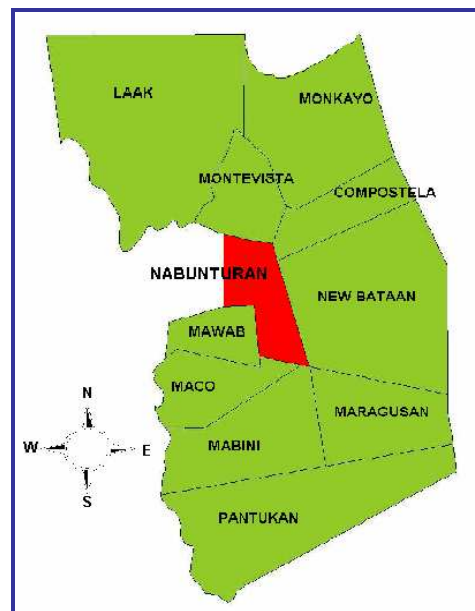
Municipal Hall of Nabunturan

municipality in the south, the whole Compostela town was divided into two (2) municipal districts, the district of Moncayo and the other was the district of Compostela with the latter's seat of local government in barangay Nabunturan, now the municipality of Nabunturan.

After the World War II in 1945 when the American forces landed in Davao City, the Philippine Civil Assistance Unit (PCAU) established the civil government of Compostela right at Nabunturan because of its accessibility to and from Davao City. During the liberation, major roads and highways were later improved and it had lured more settlers. As years marched on, Nabunturan became the center of commerce and eventually the conduit of government services. Thus, the need of converting it into a separate municipality was felt. This need was then considered by top-policy makers as urgent. On **July 23, 1957**, through **Republic Act No. 2038**, Nabunturan was created as a new political unit, separate and distinct from the mother municipality of Compostela.

On January 30, 1998, the President of the Philippines, Fidel V. Ramos signed into law the creation of the 79th Province in the country, the COMPOSTELA VALLEY pursuant to Republic Act No. 8470, which further created the Municipality of Nabunturan as its capital town. ¹

Geography. The municipality of **NABUNTURAN** is situated along the northeastern part of the province of Davao, falling within 125^o - 27' east longitude and 7^o - 41' north latitude. Nabunturan is 88 kilometers away from Davao City and 33 kilometers from the newly created Tagum City, via concrete/asphalted National Highway. It is bounded in the north by the municipality of Monte Vista, on the west by New Corella, on southwest by Mawab, on the south by Maco and Mabini, on the southeast by Maragusan, on the east by New Bataan and by Compostela on the northeast. It has a total land area of approximately 24,120 hectares or roughly 241.2 square kilometers comprising twenty eight (28) barangays and 40 sitios all interlinked by roads and bridges.



Map of Compostela Valley (Nabunturan is in red)

¹ History of the municipality was lifted from the Comprehensive Development Plan of the municipality of Nabunturan.



Table 1. Land Area, Population and Population Density by Barangay, Nabunturan:2007

Barangay	Land Area (sq. km.)	Population	Population Density (persons per sk. Km.)
Anislagan	5.23	917	175
Antiquera	8.20	1,774	216
Basak	8.80	2,014	229
Bayabas	4.60	765	166
Bukal	30.55	2,849	93
Cabacungan	4.31	1,123	261
Cabidianan	8.85	2,482	280
Katipunan	10.18	1,627	160
Libasan	7.48	1,787	239
Linda	15.22	1,481	97
Magading	6.92	1,951	282
Magsaysay	12.0	4,311	359
Mainit	10.93	6,718	615
Manat	6.31	2,715	430
Matilo	6.73	1,604	238
Mipangi	8.90	3,230	363
New Dauis	3.18	643	202
New Sibonga	15.82	2,405	152
Ogao	5.95	1,417	238
Pangutosan	5.01	1,750	349
Poblacion*	6.88	16,082	2,338
San Isidro	8.50	1,049	123
San Roque	3.15	1,028	326
San Vicente	2.70	531	197
Sasa	6.80	382	56
Sta. Maria	5.10	1,633	320
Sto. Niño	3.70	1,231	333
Tagnocon	19.20	1,866	97
Total	241.20	67,365	279

Note: * - Urban Barangay

Source: Municipal Planning and Development Office (MPDO), Nabunturan
National Statistics Office (NSO)

Demography. Nabunturan registered a total population of 67,365 in 2007. The municipality's population density stood at 279 per square kilometer. Among the 28 barangays in the municipality, barangay Poblacion or the town proper area posted the highest population density with 2,338 persons per square kilometer. Majority or about 60.9 percent of the populace in the municipality speaks Cebuano because most of the early settlers were Visayan-speaking migrants.

Governance.² Nabunturan is considered as a first class municipality. The total income of the municipality significantly increased by 20.8 percent, from 86.96 million pesos in 2007 to 105.06 million pesos in 2008. The Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA) of the municipality was 72.63 million pesos in 2008. This translates to an IRA per capita of 1,078 pesos.

² Data was sourced from the Bureau of Local Government Finance XI (BLGF XI)



Economic Sector

Agriculture

Crops. Due to its arable land and generally good climate, agriculture is the primary economic activity in the municipality of Nabunturan. Majority or about 68.5 percent of the total land area of the municipality is predominantly occupied by agricultural lands utilized in various crops like coconut, banana, rice, corn, fruit crops, etc. The largest portion of agricultural land is planted with coconut (44.9%), banana (12.7%), and rice (12.5%). To support its farmers, the municipality of Nabunturan has invested several agricultural support facilities such as Small Water Impounding Projects (SWIPs) and Communal Irrigation Systems.

Table 2. Agricultural Land by Crops, Nabunturan: 2004

Crop	Area (Has.)	% to Total Land Agricultural Land
Rice	2,071.0	12.5
Corn	1,170.0	7.1
Coconut	7,419.2	44.9
Durian	295.0	1.8
Lanzones	856.0	5.2
Mango	254.8	1.5
Cacao	126.3	0.8
Coffee	384.0	2.3
Calamansi	211.0	1.3
Rubber	75.0	0.5
Rootcrops	437.0	2.7
Oil Palm	110.0	0.7
Banana	2,101.4	12.7
Vegetables	211.0	1.3
Abaca	104.0	0.6
Rambutan	89.5	0.5
Other Citrus	19.0	0.1
Mangosteen	30.2	0.2
Other fruits /crops	548.6	3.3

Source: MPDO, Nabunturan

Livestock and Poultry. The municipality of Nabunturan has a total of 58.5 hectares of land devoted to animal pasture, which are located at barangays Ogao, Cabidianan, New Daus, Sta. Maria and Libasan. Most of the animals being raised in the municipality are cattle, hog/swine, goat, sheep and poultry.

Fishery. With the presence of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Research Outreach Station (BFAR-ROS), fingerlings and fish supplies provider in the municipality, Nabunturan has various inland fishing grounds. As of 2004, there were 19 barangays having backyard fishponds and fish cages that are producing freshwater fish in the municipality.



Commerce / Trade

Table 3. Existing Commercial Establishments, Nabunturan: 2004

Type	Location	Number of Commercial Establishments	Area (sq.m.)	Areas Served
Neighborhood Commercial Center (Retail Trade Services)	Poblacion	42	6,730	All 28 barangays
Commercial Business Districts	Poblacion	345	18,954	All 28 barangays
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Source: MPDO, Nabunturan

Table 4. Commercial Establishment by Type, Nabunturan: 2004

Type	Number
Banking and Finance	5
Wholesale Trade	13
Retail Trade	529
Insurance	3
Services	140

Source: MPDO, Nabunturan

Industry

Table 5. New and Existing Industrial Establishment, Nabunturan: 2004

Type	Land Area (has./sq.m.)	Capitalization	Finished Product	No. of Employees
Limestone Processing*	1 ha.	PhP 500,000	Lime	15
Veneer*	4 has.	PhP 1M	Veneer	20
Furniture	900 sq.m.	-	Furniture	21
Hollowblock Producers	2,400 sq.m.	-	Hollowblocks	29
Metalcraft	400 sq.m.	-	Farm equipment	8
Blacksmith	300 sq.m.	-	Farm equipment	4
Goldsmith	100 sq.m.	-	Jewelry	4
Tinsmith	150 sq.m.	-	Tinwares	6
Gold Processing	1,000 sq.m.	-	Gold	12
Limestone	2500 sq.m.	-	Lime	20

Note: * - New

Source: MPDO, Nabunturan



Tourism.

Table 6. Inventory of Touris Spots/Attractions, Nabunturan: 2005

Tourist Spots/ Attractions	Location/ Area	Visitor Arrivals	Gross Annual Receipt
Toyozu Mountain Resort	Bukal	40,000	Php2.3 M
Golden Valley Swimming Pools	Magsaysay	2,246	Php78,000
Rebucas Swimming Pools	Recto, Magsaysay	5,880	Php80,000
San Vicente Caves	San Vicente	120	Php1,200

Source: MPDO, Nabunturan

Table 7. Tourism Resources and Activities, Nabunturan: 2005

Resources / Activity	Location / Date
Caves: San Vicente Cabidanan Magsaysay	Barangay San Vicente, Nabunturan Barangay Cabidanan, Nabunturan Barangay Magsaysay, Nabunturan
Waterfalls: Pagtulian Pasilanan Busay	Barangay Bukal, Nabunturan Barangay Katipunan, Nabunturan Barangay Magsaysay, Nabunturan
Hot / Cold Spring: Mainit Hot Spring	Barangay Bukal, Nabunturan
Activities: Simballay Festival Town Fiesta	December October 2-3

Source: MPDO, Nabunturan

