

ORIENTAL MINDORO

I. General Information

Oriental Mindoro is the eastern half of the island of Mindoro. It is directly south of Manila 140 kilometers away and only 45-minute ferry ride from the international port of Batangas. The island can also be reached via air in 30 minutes from NAIA Domestic Airport.

Political Seat

<i>Governor</i>	-	Hon. Arnan C. Panaligan
<i>Vice-Governor</i>	-	Hon. Ma. Estela Felipa M. Aceron
<i>Congressmen</i>	-	Hon. Rodolfo G. Valencia (North District)
	-	Hon. Alfonso V. Umali, Jr. (South District)

a. Climate

Has no distinct wet or dry seasons but is open to southwest monsoons and typhoons. The province experiences maximum rainfall during the month of June to October. Relative humidity is registered at 81%.

b. Land Resources

Known to have deposits of gold, silver, nickel, iron, copper, chromite, gypsum, barite and its high-grade marble. Its marble is said to be one of the most exquisite in the world that compares with the Carera marble of Italy. Deposits of coal found in Bulalacao are potential energy source.

The provincial land is considered classified and unclassified. The total agricultural which covers the SAFDZ areas (BSWM. 2000) is 142,111 hectares. The non-SAFDZ areas which includes agro-forestry zone (32,221 has.), watershed-forestry zone (249,982 has.), the built-up areas (5,508) and the remaining land that can be developed as agricultural land (6,650 has.)

c. Boundaries and Topography

It occupies the eastern half of the island of Mindoro; Occidental Mindoro is at the western half. On the east of the province lies the Sibuyan Sea and Romblon. To the north is Batangas across the Verde Island Passage. The Semirara Islands of Antique are to the south.

Dominated by rugged mountain ranges on the west and fertile valleys towards the eastern coast. The Halcon mountain range runs from north to south and serves as the province's natural boundary with Occidental Mindoro. Mt. Halcon is the fourth highest peak in the Philippines.

d. Soil Type

Soil type ranges from San Manuel Loam, silt loam, clay loam, sandy loam; Quingua clay loam, silt loam; Bolinao clay; Calumpang silty clay loam, clay loam; Mogpog clay loam; Mugney loamy sand; San Manuel Loamy sand; Tagaytay sandy loam; San Fabian clay loam; Beach sand; Maranlig clay, loam, gravelling sandy clay loam; Luisiana clay loam; Bulacan clay loam; Lugo clay; Alaminos clay loam; Banto-Malalag complex; Rough countainous land; Hydrosol; to Riverwash

e. Land Area

The total land area of the province is approximately 436,472 hectares.

f. Size and Distribution by province

No. of Districts: **Two (2)**
Capital (component city): **Calapan City**
No. of Municipalities/Cities: **14 municipalities and one (1) city**

First (North) District

**Puerto Galera
San Teodoro
Baco
Calapan City
Naujan
Victoria
Soccoro
Pola**

Second (South) District

**Pinamalayan
Gloria
Bansud
Bongabong
Roxas
Mansalay
Bulalacao**

No. of Barangays: **426**

II. Agricultural and market Information

A. Principal Market Centers

Municipality	Market Day
Bansud	Sunday
Baco	Wednesday
Bongagong	Thursday
Bulalacao	Sunday & Tuesday
Gloria	Saturday & Sunday
Naujan	Tuesday
Calapan	Sunday, Thursday & Friday
Pinamalayan	Wednesday & Saturday
Socorro	Sunday
Pola	Saturday
Roxas	Wednesday & Sunday
San Teodoro	Saturday
Mandalay	Sunday
Pto. Galera	Sunday
Victoria	Thursday & Sunday

B. Trading Posts

- 1) Victoria Trading Post
Sta. Isabel, Victoria, Or. Mindoro
P500,000.00

III. Support Services

a. Infrastructure

Roads are constructed using a combination of concrete, asphalt, gravel and earth. Several bridges (small and big) span various creeks and rivers built mostly of concrete and steel on the national road and barangays.

Roads	Bridges
As to system classification	As to system classification
As to surface type	As to bridge type

2,089.75 km	6,122.33 LM
1,137.50 km	5,967.74 LM

b. Communication

The use of computers through Internet, Telefax, cellular phones (powered by Globe, SMART and Sun) and sometimes, two-way radios are popular not only in the households but also among students/schools and businesses with operations in the interior of the provinces; local telecommunication is being serviced by Calapan Telephone System, Inc. (CATSI). Mail handling or postal /courier services are provided by RCPI and LBC aside from the post offices located in each municipality.

* Postal Services

- no. of postal offices 21

* Telegraph Services

- no. of radio station (11 Icom and 2 Vitron 13

- no. of telegraphic transfer office 4

- no. of office handling social telegraph 10

* Telephone / Internet Services

1. Landline Telephone Services

- Calapan Telephone System, Inc. (CATSI) Coverage:

Calapan City, Roxas, Bongabong, Victoria, Pinamalayan, Socorro,
Bansud, Gloria, and Pto. Galera

- Globe Telecom Coverage:

Calapan City, Socorro, Bongabong, Naujan, Puerto Galera, Victoria,
Pinamalayan, Roxas

2. Cellular Telephone Services

- Smart Telecommunications, Inc

Cellsites at Calapan City and Pto. Galera, Naujan, Pinamalayan, Roxas &
Bongabong

- Globe Telecom

Cell sites at Calapan, Pto. Galera and Roxas

c. Transport

Air

Private/commercial aircraft and government including military craft landed in Calapan airport. Pinamalayan airport which opened just a few years ago is now non-operational. Private airport is being operated in the municipality Naujan.

Sea

Calapan port in Calapan City and Dangay port in Roxas are the two national ports of entry in the province servicing 20 cargo Vessels and 20 fastcrafts by 7 shipping companies)

Daily Departure/Arrival of Vessels in Calapan City – Vice Versa

STARLITE SHIPPING LINES	MONTENEGRO SHIPPING LINES
1:00 AM Atlantic	12: AM Helena
3:00 AM Navigator	2:00 AM Natasha
5:00 AM Annapolis	4:00 AM Feliza
7:00 AM Polaris	6:00 AM Lolita
9:00 AM Nautica	8:00 AM Teresa
11:00 AM Navigator	10:00AM Natasha
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3:00 PM Polaris	2:00 PM Zenaida
5:00 PM Atlantic	4:00 PM Feliza
7:00 PM Nautica	6:00 PM Lolita
9:00 PM Annapolis	8:00 PM Teresa

11:00 PM Polaris	10:00 PM Natasha
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Dangay Port via Caticlan and Romblon

STARLITE SHIPPING LINES		MONTENEGRO SHIPPING LINES		MV MITCHELLE	MV MAHARLIKA
7:30 AM	Voyager	10:30 AM	Oliva	Going to Romblon	7:30 PM
		6:30 PM	Rebecca	twice a week	

Municipal seaports

Calapan City	-	1
Puerto Galera	-	2
Pinamalayan	-	1
Mansalay	-	1
Bulalacao	-	1
Bansud	-	1
Bongabong	-	1
Pola	-	1

Land

Land transport within the province is facilitated by public utility vehicles (jeepneys, buses, minibuses) and L-300 vans. A number of vans offer door-to-door direct transport and cargo services from some of the municipalities to Metro Manila. PUVs and tricycles serve passengers within short distance trips or just within the town proper.

Travel to-and-from the southern Philippine islands was made easier with the opening of Strong Republic Nautical Highway in 2003 - one remarkable project proudly conceptualized and proposed by the Mindoreños. This even offered convenience and shorter access primarily to the world-famous Boracay, where guests may take the “*Isang Sakay na Lang*” via Manila-Calapan-Roxas route. And with the SRNH in full operation, Oriental Mindoro is regarded as the “ultimate bridge” that connects mainland Luzon with the Visayas-Mindanao group.

d. Educational/Research Institutions

d.1. Primary and Secondary Levels

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PUBLIC Elementary and Annexes included Secondary 459 86	PRIVATE Pure Elementary Two-level Three-level 4 33 40
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d.2. Tertiary Level

- Abada College, Pinamalayan
- ACMCL College, Victoria
- Clarence College, Roxas
- CLCC Institute of Computer, Calapan City
- Divine Word College of Calapan, Calapan City
- EMITS, Pinamalayan
- Eastern Mindoro College, Bongabong

Grace Mission College
 John Paul College, Roxas
 Luna Goco Colleges, Calapan City
 Mina de Oro Inst. Of Science & Technology, Victoria
 Prince of Peace College, Pinamalayan
 Roxas College, Roxas
 St. Augustine Seminary, Calapan City
 IATEC Computer College, Pinamalayan
 St. Anthony College of Science & Technology, Calapan City
 Innovative College of Science & Technology, Bongabong
 Mindoro State College (Victoria - Main Campus; Bongabong Branch; Calapan City branch)

d.3. Research Institution

Provincial Office, Department of Science & Technology
 Provincial Office, Department of Agriculture
 Or. Mindoro Experiment Station (ORMAES), Victoria
 Agricultural Development Center (ADC), Naujan

e. Banking/Credit Institutions

City/Municipality	Commercial Banks	Rural Banks
Baco	-	1
Bansud	-	2
Bongabong	1	1
Bulalacao	-	-
Calapan City	9	4

Gloria	-	4
Mansalay	-	1
Naujan	1	2
Pinamalayan	2	6
Pola	-	1
Puerto Galera	1	1
Roxas	2	2
San Teodoro	-	1
Socorro	-	3
Victoria	1	2

Commercial banking institutions being operated within the province are the branch offices of Land Bank of the Philippines, Philippine National Bank, UCPB, DBP, Metrobank, BPI and PCI-Equitable Bank. Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) are also available at the said banks. Western Union provides money transfer services.

Various large and small credit institutions are also being operated in all municipalities.