

# **ROMBLON**

## **I. General information**

Romblon province could be found at the center of the Philippine Archipelago. It is a cluster of 20 islands and islets (3 major and 17 small islands). It is surrounded by deep waters and lies on the Sibuyan Sea, north of Panay Island, southeast of Mindoro and west of Masbate. It is approximately 187 nautical miles and 169 air miles from Manila.

### **Political Seat**

**Governor** : Hon. Natalio F. Beltran III  
**Vice Governor** : Hon. Alicia C. Fetalvero  
**Congressman (Lone Seat)** : Hon. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona

#### **a. Climate**

The province of Romblon is characterized by unpronounced wet and dry seasons. The wet season is generally from June to November and sometimes up to December when the southwest monsoon is preponderant, while the dry season is from January to May. Rainfall, however, may be observed during dry season. October has the most number of rainy days at 21, while April has the least at 8 days. Typhoon season in Romblon usually start from July and last till November.

#### **b. Land Resources**

Romblon is mainly an agricultural province. Tablas Island is the major producer of staple crops in the province while Sibuyan is thickly forested mountain mass with limited rolling and flat terrain. Romblon island on the other hand is hilly and has huge marble deposits. The Tres Islas are mostly cultivated with coconut trees.

The land classification of Romblon is classified as alienable and disposable; and classified as forest land. Of the total land area, 68% is classified as alienable and disposable, 15% as forest reserve and timberland. About 27% are forestland.

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>AREA (HA.)</b>
Agricultural Land	56,947.80
Forest Land	47,456.50
Idle Land	17,355.52
Pasture Land	6,643.91
Swamp Land	4,067.70
Built-up ARea	2,711.80
Inland Fishing Area	406.77
Total	135,590.00

### **c. Boundaries and Topography**

The terrain of the whole province is generally mountainous with slopes ranging from level to extremely rugged. Narrow strips of coastal lowland, low hills and plains characterize some of the islands.

### **d. Soil types**

The soils of Romblon Province are derived from different kinds of parent materials, namely: shale, sandstone, basalt, andesite, limestone and metamorphic rocks (i.e. marble, schist, quartzite and slate. The decay of these different parent materials produced different kinds of soil, such as sandy loam, sandy clay loam, clay loam, clay and loam.

### **e.Land Area**

The total land area of the province is approximately 135,590 has. Tablas Island occupies about 50% of its land area. The second biggest island is Sibuyan and the third is the island municipality of Romblon, the provincial capital.

### **f. Size and Distribution by province**

#### **Capital Province and Municipalities**

**Capital** : Romblon  
**No. of Municipalities** : 17

<b>Tablas Island</b>	<b>Sibuyan Island</b>	<b>Tres Islas</b>	<b>Carabao Island</b>
San Agustin	San Fernando	Corcuera	San Jose
San Andres	Magdiwang	Banton	
Calatrava	Cajidiocan	Concepcion	
Odiongan			
Looc			
Ferrol			

Sta. Fe  
Alcantara  
Sta. Maria

**No. of barangays** : 219

**III. Support Services:**

*a. Infrastructure Services:*

1. Construction, maintenance, improvement and repair of provincial roads & bridges
2. Concreting/improvement of Farm to Market Roads
3. Construction of river control
4. Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Bridges
5. Construction/Rehabilitation of Hospitals

*On-Going Projects*

1. Concreting of Provincial Roads (3.49 km)
2. Construction of River Control (2)
3. Construction/Improvement of Hospital (3)
4. Construction/Rehabilitation of Water Facilities (5)

*Finished Projects*

1. Concreting of Provincial Roads (24.67 km)
2. Construction/Rehabilitation of Bridges (3)
3. Rehabilitation of Hospital (3)
4. Improvement of Barangay Roads (2.26 km)
5. Construction of Water Facilities (53)

***Facilities:***

- *Road Network*
  1. Provincial Roads (238.355 km)
    - § Concrete - 70.408 km

- § Asphalt - 5 km
- § Gravel - 167.447 km

2. National Roads (311.046 km)

- § Concrete - 86.677 km
- § Asphalt - 22.860 km
- § Gravel - 201.509 km

b. **Communication** : Telefax; Globe; SMART; Long distance telephone are available through PLDT, BAYANTEL, ROMBLONTEL. Telegraphic services are also available through RCPI, PT & T. Private & government communication facilities are all located at the town proper.

c. **Transport**

- Airport - Tugdan Domestic Airport , Alcantara, Romblon.  
The airport is temporarily suspended for almost 3 years but is planning to resume Flight on October 29, 2007 using SEA AIR Lines on a twice a week flight schedule.  
One air strip in Azagra, San Fernando
- Land - Tricycles and jeeps are the main modes of transport in the province. Several buses provide regular trips to municipalities. “Habal-habal” or single motorcycle is also being use as transport especially in the port.

- **Sea Ports :**

**ROMBLON PORT** : The port of Romblon is the main port serving the whole province of Romblon with 2,979 sq m. It plays a vital role in the transport of conventional cargoes and passengers to CALABARZON provinces, Mindoro Island and Metro Manila. It is located at the capital town of Romblon, an island famous for its world class marbles. Romblon Terminal comprises the terminal port of Romblon and covers all feeders ports namely: Carmen, Ambulong, Cajidiocan, Azagrra, Simarara, Banton and Concepcion.

Sea Distance (nautical miles)

From Romblon Port to	Nautical Miles
Aklan Pt., North Panay	53.5

Calbayog City	158.2
Lucena City	90.7
Manila (via North Passage)	109.4
Manila (Via West Passage)	186.1
Masbate Harbor, Masbate	88.1
Odiongan, Tablas, Island	32.5
Port Barrera, Masbate	74.2
Sorsogon, Sorsogon	105.8

<b>Connecting Ports</b>	<b>Transport Means</b>	<b>Travel Frequency</b>
Batangas Port	MV Montenegro	Trice a week
Lucena Port	MV, Kalayaan	Trice a week
Magdiwang Port	MV Pumpboat	Daily
San Agustin Port	MV, Pumpboat	Daily
North Harbor	MV (MBRS)	Once a Week

**ODIONGAN PORT** : The Port is located at Barangay Batiano in the island of Tablas, with 7,837 sq m. and approximately three (3) kilometers away from the town proper of Odiongan, Romblon.

<b>Connecting Ports</b>	<b>Transport Means</b>	<b>Travel Frequency</b>
Batangas Port	Motor Vessel	Daily
North harbor	Motor vessel	Once a week
Dangay Port, Or. Mdo.	MV, Pumpboat	Daily
Caticlan Port	MV	Once a week

<b>LOOC PORT: Connecting Ports</b>	<b>Transport Means</b>	<b>Travel Frequency</b>
Caticlan Port	Pumpboat	Daily
Dangay Port	Pumpboat	Trice a week

**STA. FE PORT** : Caticlan Port Pumpboat Daily

**CORCUERA PORT:** Batangas Port Pumpboat Trice a week  
Calatrava Port Pumpboat Daily

**SAN AGUSTIN PORT** Romblon Port MV, Pumpboat Daily

**MAGDIWANG PORT** Romblon Port MV, Pumpboat Daily

**CAJIDIOCAN PORT** Romblon Port MV, (MBSRS) once a week

**BANTON PORT** Lucena Port MV, (Kalayaan) Trice a Week

CONCEPCION  
PORT

Pinamalayan Port Pumpboat

Daily

**d.1. Educational Institutions:**

a. Elementary Schools

d.1.a.1. Public Elementary Schools - 215

d.1.a.2. Private Schools - 8

**b. Secondary Schools**

d.1 b.1. Public Secondary Schools - 37

d.1.b.2. Private Elementary Schools - 8

**c. Colleges**

d1.c.1. Romblon State College

- Odiongan Main Campus
- Romblon Branch
- San Agustin Branch
- San Fernando Branch
- Cajidiocan Branch
- San Andres Branch
- Calatrava Branch
- Sta. Fe Branch

d.1.c.2. Alcantara National Trade School

d.1.c.3. Educational System Technical Institute (ESTI)

d.1.c.4. Romblon College

d.1.c.5. San Lorenzo Ruiz Seminary

**d.2. Research Institution**

- Romblon State College
- Department of Agriculture
- DOST

d. Banking/Credit

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