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## Second Quarter 2024 PSGC Updates: Creation of the Negros Island Region and Correction of the Names of Two Barangays

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Republic Act No. 12000, also known as the "Negros Island Region Act," which was passed into law on 11 June 2024, mandates the establishment of the Negros Island Region (NIR). The region comprises the provinces of Negros Occidental, including the City of Bacolod, Negros Oriental, and Siquijor, along with their respective cities, municipalities, and barangays.

The creation of the NIR brings the total number of regions in the Philippines to 18. This adjustment also affects the composition of Region VI (Western Visayas) and Region VII (Central Visayas), resulting in five provinces and one highly urbanized city (HUC) in Western Visayas, and two provinces and three HUCs in Central Visayas. The updated compositions of Western and Central Visayas at the provincial and HUC levels are as follows:

Region	Composition	
	Province	HUC
Region VI (Western Visayas)	Aklan, Antique, Capiz, Guimaras, and Iloilo	City of Iloilo
Region VII (Central Visayas)	Bohol and Cebu	City of Cebu, City of Lapu- Lapu, and City of Mandaue

The NIR was originally created through Executive Order (EO) No. 183 in 2015, comprising Negros Occidental, including the City of Bacolod, and Negros Oriental. However, it was abolished in 2017 by EO No. 38.

Additionally, the NIR assumes the region code "18," which was previously assigned to it in 2015. All provinces, cities, municipalities, and barangays within the NIR will retain their existing geographic codes, except that their region code will now be "18."



Further, the names of two barangays in the Philippine Standard Geographic Code (PSGC) masterlist were corrected based on the recommendation of the interagency TWGGC. The details of the updates are as follows:

<b>Correct Name</b>	<b>Old Name</b>	<b>Legal Basis</b>
1. Barangay <b>Maytegued</b> , Municipality of Taytay, Palawan	Meytegued	1. Certification signed by Municipal Mayor dated 12 February 2024; 2. Copy of the official review by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) dated 03 June 2024.
2. Barangay <b>Maragondong</b> , Municipality of Dagami, Leyte	Maragondong	1. Certification signed by Municipal Mayor dated 14 December 2023; 2. Copy of the official review by the NHCP dated 03 June 2024.

With all the aforementioned updates in the PSGC, the latest number of local government units is shown in the table below:

<b>Geographic Level</b>	<b>Total Number (as of 30 June 2024)</b>
Region	18
Province	82
Highly Urbanized City (HUC)	33
Other Cities	116
• Independent Component City (ICC)	5
• Component City (CC)	111
Municipality	1,493
Barangay	42,004

You can access and download the updated masterlist at <https://psa.gov.ph/classification/psgc/>.

The compilation and updating of the PSGC is a collaborative effort between the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and its interagency TWGGC, which includes the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), Department of Budget and

Management (DBM), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Land Management Bureau (LMB), Land Registration Authority (LRA), NHCP, and the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA).

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