

Selected Tagalog Glossary

Tagalog	English
<i>amihan</i>	northeast monsoon, also called the dry season, from October to early May
<i>awa</i>	pity
<i>bale</i>	advance payment
<i>barangay</i>	smallest political unit in the Philippines
<i>basnig</i>	bag or lift-net boats
<i>bayanihan</i>	cooperative work day
<i>cascasan</i>	the hook-and-line method used in fresh grouper fishing
<i>dilis</i>	anchovies
<i>habagat</i>	southwest monsoon, also called the wet season, from late May to September
<i>hiya</i>	shame, shyness or embarrassment
<i>hulbot-hulbot</i>	Danish seine
<i>kawawa</i>	pitiful
<i>kusinero</i>	cook
<i>kuya</i>	older brother
<i>largo viaje</i>	fishing method using heavy lines with multiple hooks
<i>malaking tulong</i>	big help
<i>makatao</i>	concern for humanity
<i>mekanista</i>	engine operator
<i>muro-ami</i>	illegal and destructive fishing technique
<i>pakikisama</i>	togetherness, an ability to get along with people
<i>pangulong</i>	baby purse seine
<i>po</i>	Tagalog grammatical particle indicating respect
<i>sangguniang bayan</i>	municipal council
<i>sari-sari store</i>	general store
<i>sitio</i>	enclave within a barangay
<i>suki</i>	a form of personalised economic relationship
<i>ulam</i>	main dish accompanying rice
<i>utang</i>	debt
<i>utang na loob</i>	debt of the heart/inside
<i>videoke</i>	karaoke

Abbreviations

BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
CI	Conservation International
CLOA	Calamianes Live-fish Operators Association
ELAC	Environmental Legal Assistance Centre
DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
FISH	Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest
ICDP	Integrated Conservation and Development Project
ICM	Integrated Coastal Management
IPC	Institute of Philippine Culture
LGC	Local Government Code
LGU	Local Government Unit
MEA	Millennium Ecosystem Assessment
MPA	Marine Protected Area
PCSD	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development
SEMP-NP	Sustainable Environment Management Project in Northern Palawan
SEP	Strategic Environmental Plan
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation
WCED	World Commission on Environment and Development
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature, now known as 'WWF, the Conservation Organisation' in the Philippines

Currency Conversion Rates

Year	1US\$ equivalent in ₱ (PHP)
1993	27.4
1994	24.2
1995	26.2
1996	26.3
1997	40.0
1998	38.8
1999	40.2
2000	49.9
2001	51.5
2002	53.2
2003	55.2
2004	56.1
2005	52.9
2006	48.8
2007	41.1
2008	47.2