

# COLUMBIO PROFILE

## Elected Municipal Officials

Municipal Mayor: Hon. Amirh M. Musali  
Vice- Mayor: Hon. Edwin F. Bermudez

## Sangguniang Bayan Members:

1. Hon. Misuari S. Latip
2. Hon. Tondatu M. Mangudadatu
3. Hon. Mary Ann B. Ayson
4. Hon. Nelia C. Bernardino
5. Hon. Kentol M. Mangelen
6. Hon. John F. Rufino
7. Hon. Ali A. Madidis
8. Hon. Alfredo S. Caño

## Sectoral Representatives:

1. ABC Representative - Hon. Robert L. Loyal
2. SK Chairman Federation - Hon. Abubakar S. Masukat

## Brief History

Before the year 1961, Columbio was still a part of the municipality of Buluan, of the then empire Cotabato Province populated by the native B'laans practicing the old moors and tradition of their tribe. It was still then called "COLON-BIAO" meaning cogon and nut trees for the place was blanketed with ever-green cogons and towering nut trees.

In the latter part of 1952, waves of Christians came to "Colon-biao" with their pioneering spirit to occupy a land they can call their own. Then, the name "Colon-biao" was changed to Columbio for it is easier to pronounce, but still correlating to the mysterious but captivating "Column of Views" of cogons and nut trees.

Sometimes in 1953, the National Resettlement and Rehabilitation Administration (NARRA) opened the place as a settlement project. Improvement had been introduced and the allocation of farm lots to the residents had been facilitated, supplying them with work-animals and farm implements and some foodstuffs.

Late in the year 1953, Columbio became a regular barangay under the municipality of Buluan, Cotabato. In 1960, local leaders and various sectoral groups petitioned the President of the Philippines to create Columbio as a separate municipality from the Mother Municipality, Buluan. Hence, on August 6, 1961, Pres. Carlos P. Garcia issued Executive Order No. 439, creating the municipality of Columbio.

With the creation of the municipality of Datu Paglas, Maguindanao, per Presidential Decree No. 340 dated November 22, 1973, barangays Alip (now the seat of Datu Paglas Municipal Government),

Malala, Katil, Damawato, Manindolo, Puya, and Sepaka in the municipality of Columbio, Sultan Kudarat, are separated and constituted the municipality of Datu Paglas, leaving twenty (20) barangays for Columbio.

Cumbio is located in the eastern most part of the province. It is bounded in the north by the municipality of Tulunan, Cotabato; in the east by the municipalities of Tupi and Tampakan, South Cotabato; and in the west by the municipalities of Koronadal, South Cotabato, Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat and Datu Paglas, Maguindanao.

### **Financial Resources**

- Income Class – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class
- Income -
- IRA -

### **Land Area**

- 80,700 hectares

### **Political Subdivision**

Columbio is composed of 16 barangays, namely:

1. Bantangan
2. Datablao
3. Eday
4. Elbebe
5. Lasak
6. Libertad
7. Lumoyon
8. Makat
9. Maligaya
10. Mayo
11. Natividad
12. Poblacion
13. Polomolok
14. Sinapulan
15. Sucob
16. Telafas

### **Population**

1. Total Population – 23,675
2. Population Density – 33 persons/sq.km.
3. Population Growth Rate - 1.21%
4. Total No. of Households
5. Household Size

6. Registered Voters – 17,319
7. Overseas Filipino Workers

**Major Products/Crops:** Rice, corn & African oil palm

### **Festival**

Kastifun connotes “*gathering*” in B’laan Ethnic dialect symbolizing Columbioans united stand to promote PEACE & DEVELOPMENT by way of bridging the gaps and redefining boundary of social biases.

Rooted from the deepest genre of the municipality, the *KASTIFUN* logo is drawn from 5 elements:

The *BAMBOO* being one of the major raw materials being used as craft and furniture in the municipality and as indispensable material for construction and equipment represents the flexibility and versatility of Columbioans’ talent and skills as the main pillars of development. The bamboo shaped in triangle presents the tri-people residing in the municipality namely, Christians, Muslims and Lumads in different traditions and cultures bonded as one.

The *GONG* symbolizes the call for gathering and echoing the growth of endeavors and aspiration for peace in the municipality.

The *SUN*, shaped as flower-liked of different colors, describes the colorful festivity, aside from its being an emblem to enlighten and a guide beacon to the entire municipality.

The *SIXTEEN RAYS* represents the sixteen barangays of Columbio. The shining yellow rays in between, connote *HOPE* amongst the populace as they try to attain progress and development in a sustained manner.

The *MOUNTAINOUS* topographic view of Columbio, is more than just a landmark. It signifies the major livelihood of the inhabitants which is agriculture.

### **Tourist Spots**

Columbio Hot Spring		
Datalblao Cave	-	Datalblao
Sinapulan Cold Spring	-	Sinapulan
Malingin & Alip Hot Spring	-	Sinapulan
Bombed Cave	-	Sinapulan
Feking Bula Waterfalls	-	Sinapulan
Lamperas Hot Spring	-	Sinapulan
Panes Cave	-	Sinapulan
Bombed Cave	-	Eday
Fekung Bula Waterfalls	-	Eday
Lamperas Hot Spring	-	Eday