

2. MUNICIPAL PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

A. Geographic Location

The municipality of San Vicente is located in the southern part of the municipalities of Talisay and the capital town of Daet, Camarines Norte particularly situated within 122⁰47' to 122⁰55 longitude and 14⁰00' to 14⁰09' latitude. It is bounded in the Eastern part by municipalities of Labo and Vinzons, at the North by Talisay and at the South by San Lorenzo Ruiz.

San Vicente is approximately Nine (9) kilometers from Daet and accessible via Daet-San Vicente provincial road and roughly 350 kilometers from Manila. There are nine (9) barangays in the municipality. It belongs to the 2nd congressional district referred to as the Bicol Speaking District of the province of Camarines Norte.

Figure 1 exhibits the political map of the Philippines showing the location of the Province of Camarines Norte and the Bicol Peninsula (Region V). In the next map, the municipality of San Vicente's location in the province of Camarines Norte is shown in *Figure 2*.

It can be gleaned in this map that the province of Camarines Norte is surrounded by coasts and seaboards along the shores of the Pacific Ocean and on the other side by the ridges of Mt. Labo part of which is within the territorial breadth of the municipality of San Vicente.

Geographically, San Vicente is in the middle, with the likelihood that of the municipality of Daet being the center-town. As mentioned earlier, it is bounded by Labo, Vinzons, Talisay, Daet and San Lorenzo Ruiz where connecting provincial roads are already in place (*Figure 2*) making the municipality highly accessible with several entry and exit doors from these municipalities.

Figure 1: Map of the Philippines and the Province of Camarines Norte

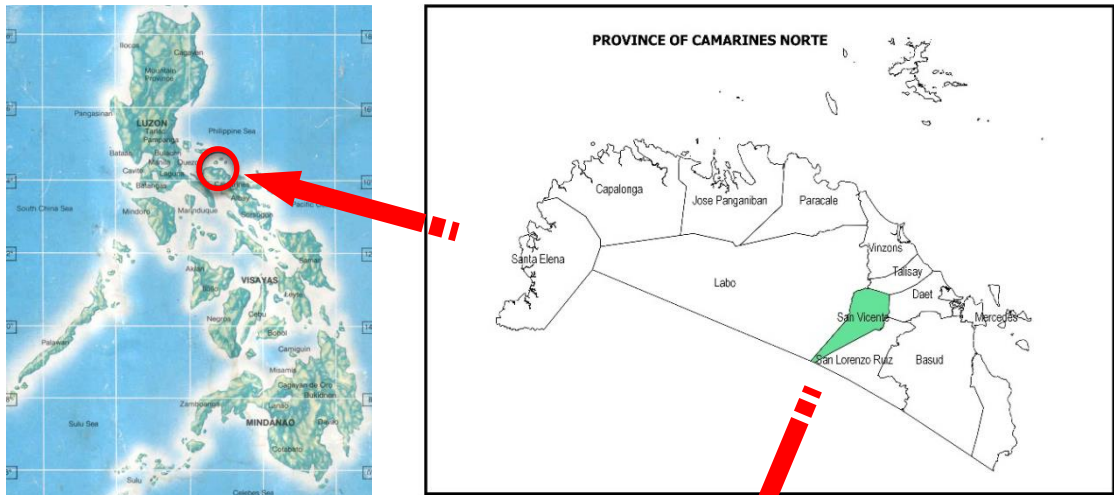
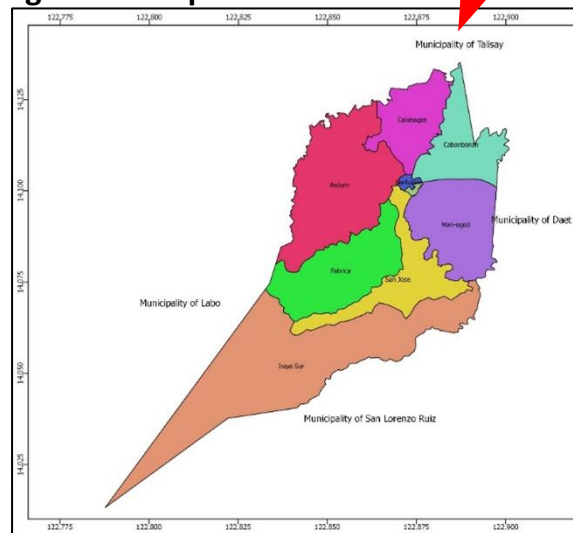


Figure 2: Map of San Vicente



a.1 Provincial Land Area and Political Subdivision

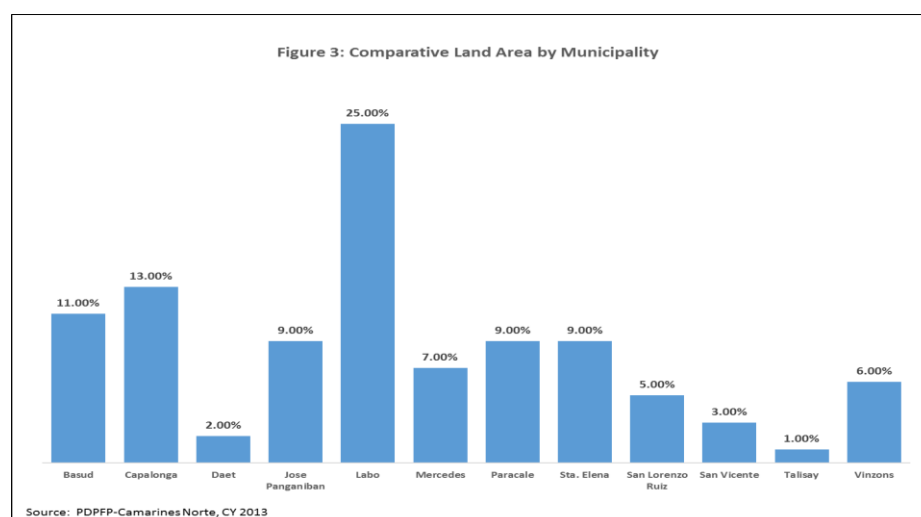
San Vicente comprises 3% of the province's total land area of 232,007 has., the second smallest town in Camarines Norte in terms of land area (Table 1).

Table 1
Comparative Land Area by Municipality
Province of Camarines Norte

MUNICIPALITY	LAND AREA (Has.)	PERCENTAGE
Basud	26,028	11
Capalonga	29,000	13
Daet	4,600	2
Jose Panganiban	21,444	9
Labo	58,936	25
Mercedes	17,369	7
Paracale	19,790	9
Sta. Elena	19,935	9
San Lorenzo Ruiz	11,937	5
San Vicente	5,749	3
TalisayV	3,076	1
Vinzons	14,143	6
TOTAL	232,007	100

Source: PDPFP-Camarines Norte, 2019

Figure 3: Comparative Land Area by Municipality



a.2 Municipal Land Area

San Vicente has a total land area of 5,749 hectares based on the official survey provided by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). It is 3% of the

province's total land area, which is equivalent to 2,320.07 hectares. San Vicente as mentioned earlier is the third smallest municipality next to the municipality of Daet and Talisay.

In terms of land distribution among the nine (9) barangays comprising this municipality, Iraya Sur (rural) has the biggest land area with 1,954.69 has.

The smallest is Barangay Silangan, with a total area of 9.45 hectares as shown in Table 2. At least 5,045.66 hectares or 87.76% (source: MAO, 2015 data) of the municipal land is devoted to agriculture.

Table 2
Land Area, by Barangay
Municipality of San Vicente

Barangay	Land Area (ha.)
Asdum	1,056.41
Cabanbanan	397.36
Calabagas	334.43
Fabrica	654.97
Iraya Sur	1,954.69
Man-Ogob	726.50
Silangan (Pob. I)	9.45
Kanluran (Pob. II)	22.16
San Jose	593.26
TOTAL	5,749.23

Source: MENRO Office of San Vicente / Cadastral Projects, DENR-LMS

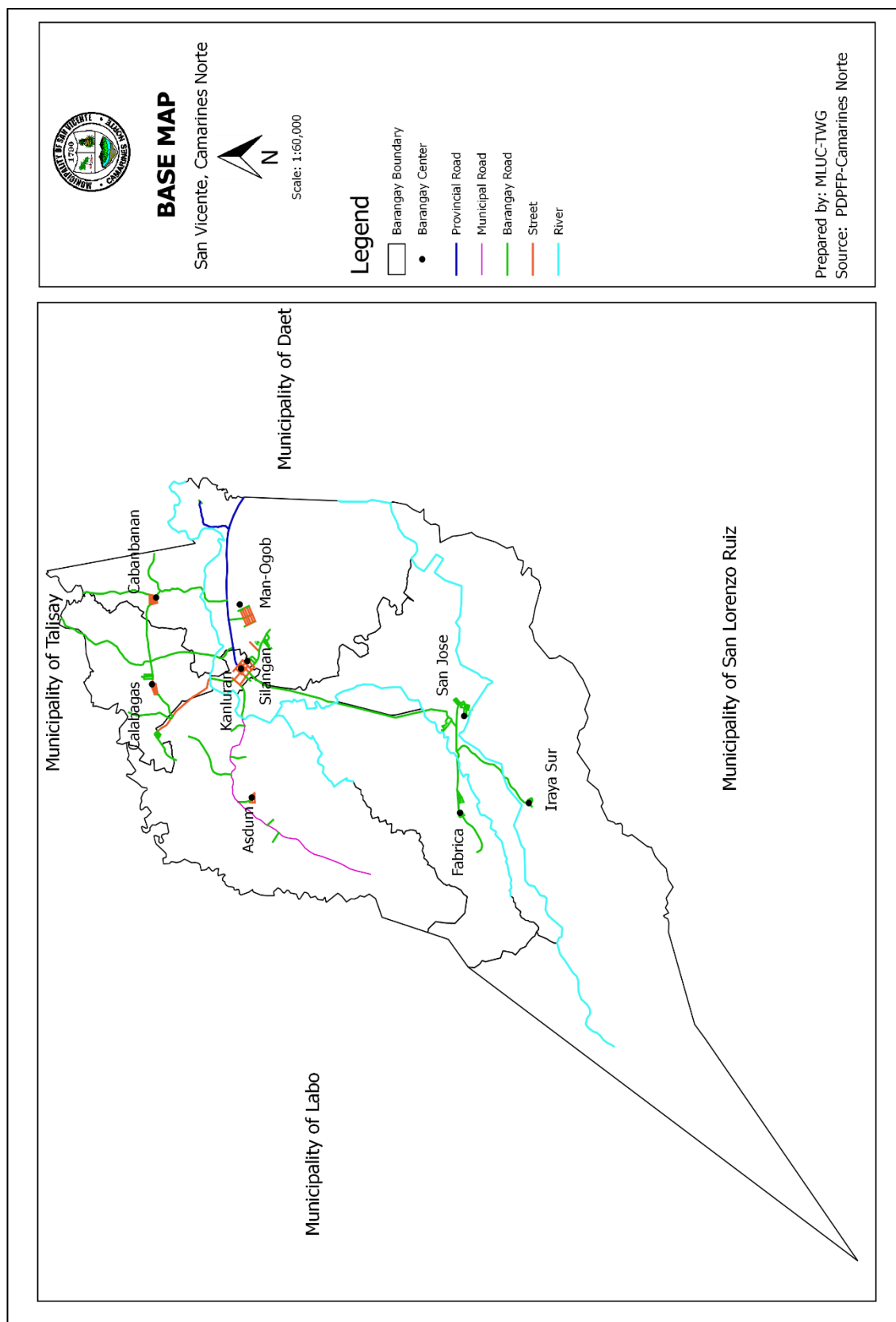


Figure 4: Map of San Vicente