“Land of golden opportunities”
EXPLORING ITOGON'S BEST

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MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON
PROVINCE OF BENGUET

It's more fun in ITOGON
Land of Golden Opportunities & Dragonflies
The Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) is a region in the Philippines composed of the Provinces of Abra, Apayao, Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mountain Province, as well as Baguio City, the regional center and the Tabuk City. The Cordillera Administrative Region encompasses most of the areas within the Cordillera Central mountains of Luzon, the largest mountain range in the country. It is the country's only land-locked region.
Basic Information:
- No. of Barangay = 9
- No. of Purok/ Sitio = 332
- Total No. of HHs = 11,865
- Ave. HH Size = 5
- Total Population = 55,960 (NSO 2010)
MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON
(BRIEF PROFILE)
GENERAL INFORMATION

Income Class: First Class
Municipal One Town One Project (OTOP): Gold
Municipal Bird: Lanius cristatus lucionesis
- Local Name: Talal, Tanal
Municipal Flower: Sunflower (Tithonia Diversifolia)
- Local Name: Marapait, Mirason
Municipal Tree: Tibig (Fiscus Nota)
- Local Name: Tebel
ITOGON bespeaks of a mining town. The present town site was once a wilderness sturdy looking pine trees and green vegetation grew luxuriantly along the streams, where cool, fresh and clear water gleamed all day. Wild deer and boars roamed undisturbed while a good variety of birds sung melodies on branches of trees to the rippling waters where eels and other kinds of fish abound.

On the eastern side is the community of Tinongdan, Tuding on the western side and Acupan on the southern side, all inhabited by small groups of Ibalois. Farther north, along the source of the Agno River in Pasdong is another Inibaloi community known as Bokod and Kabayan. The inhabitants of said places obtain their simple living by planting root crops such as gabi and camote. Their meat requirement was easily met through hunting around. They lived peacefully with each other for they respected and followed the advice and guidance of their headmen who usually was the oldest in the group.
In Pasdong lived a loving couple named Nogal and Katuray. A baby boy was born out of their love life, but unfortunately, the couple died early leaving the baby an orphan. Kiampas, a sympathetic woman took him to her relatives in Daclan. The boy grew into a respectable man named Dominguez. He married Bacjot, the daughter of old man Tohto, a skillful hunter from Tuding. It was Tohto and his son-in-law Dominguez who discovered the gold nuggets while hunting into wilderness in a place called Antamok. The discovery became known to other natives living nearby and soon joined them for the purpose of gold mining. Because of constant hunting by the natives of Antamok, game was depleted. Dominguez was forced to explore in search of good hunting grounds. On the east of Antamok, he decided to build a shack on higher level while the lower area was used as a farm. The river also provided a good place for panning gold. The place came to be known as “Balingway”.
About three (3) kilometers away from Balingway is a place where an old man named Codeng lived. When the Spanish Government was established in Benguet, old Codeng was appointed to head Balingway where Captain Codeng reports regularly to the Spanish officials. In recognition of his deed, the Spanish officials named the place where Captain Codeng lived, ITOGON.
THE TOWN’S HISTORICAL ROLES AND EVENTS

Itogon became a town when the Philippine Commission Act No. 43 set up the military government for the said rancherios and then later on organized the First Civil Government in the Philippines.

Itogon is known for the Binga Dam. The Binga Hydroelectric plant is about 31 km. East of Baguio City and 19 km. downstream of the Ambuklao Hydroelectric Plant. Its construction started in August 1956 and in full operation in March 31, 1960. The Binga Hydro Electric Plant which was operated by the National Power Corporation and now by SN-Aboitiz. It supplies electricity to the northern part of Luzon.
The municipality used to be the premier mining town because of the mining companies operating such as Benguet Corporation, Philex Mining Company, Atok Big Wedge Mining Company (Now Atok Gold), Itogon Suyoc Mining Company – (Itogon Suyoc Resources Inc.)
GEO-PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Region : Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR)
- Province : Benguet
- Municipality : Itogon
- Geographical Location : Longitude - 120° 37’ – 120° 52’  
  Latitude - 16° 10’ – 16° 28’
- Boundaries : Northwest - La Trinidad and Tublay  
  Northeast - Bokod  
  South - Pangasinan  
  Southwest - Nueva Viscaya  
  West - Tuba and the City of Baguio
- Land Area : 49,800 hectares
POPULATION

- Population : 55,960 (NSO 2010)
- Household : 11,865
- Average Household Size : 5
- Population Density : 2 persons/hectare
EDUCATION

- Alternative Learning System (ALS) Center: 2 (Itnogon Central School at Poblacion and Tuding Elementary School at Tuding)
- Special Education: 1 (Tuding Elementary School at Tuding)
- Day Care Centers:
  - Public: 42
  - Private: 5
- Elementary Schools:
  - Public Schools: 39
  - Private Schools: 5
- Secondary Level:
  - Public Schools: 7
  - Private Schools: 5
- Tertiary Level: None
• Rural Health Center : 1 (Poblacion)
• Barangay Health Stations : 21
• Hospital (Tinongdan Municipal) : 1
TYPE OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS

- Financial Institution: 2 (Rural Bank of Itogon and Banco Bakun both located at Ucab)
- Public Market: Philex Mines, Ampucao, Itogon
- Sari-Sari Stores: 1,112 (all Barangays)
- Talipapa: All Barangays
INDUSTRY

• Knitting and Loom weaving: Barangays Poblacion and Ucab
• Mushroom Production: Barangays Poblacion and Ampucao
• Broom Making: Barangay Ucab and Tuding
• Quilted Bed sheets and Pillowcases: Barangays Gumatdang and Poblacion
• Small Scale Mining: Barangays Poblacion, Ampucao, Ucab, Tuding, Loacan, Virac and Loacan
• Native Bibingka: Barangay Tuding
TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

• Main Access roads
  1. Baguio-Kias-Poblacion Provincial Road,
  2. Baguio-Kias-Philex Provincial Road,
  3. Baguio-Bua-Itogon National Road
  4. Baguio-Twin River-Keweng-Dalupirip National Road
  5. Baguio-Bua – Itogon National Road – Midas, Ucab (Provincial Road) – Poblacion (Municipal Road)
  6. Baguio – Benguet – Nueva Vizcaya National Road (entry point @ Guisset, Tinongdan)

*Municipal & Barangay Roads interconnect with the national and provincial roads.
COMMUNICATIONS

- PNP landline – Telephone : 442-3526
  Cell Phone : 09213987480

- Mayor’s Office landline : 423-0818

Landline is also limited to the mining companies Binga. HEP. Due to its proximity to Baguio City, Tuding is also presently interconnected with the telephone system. The rest of the populace utilizes cellular communication provided by the country’s biggest cellular companies namely smart, globe, and suncellular.
The municipality is yet to implement fully the ecological solid waste management. Information Education Campaign (IEC) is being conducted; the materials recovery facilities will be constructed in all barangays and the identification of an engineered sanitary landfill is ongoing. These are all incorporated in the ten (10) year Ecological Solid Waste Management Plan of the municipality.
MUNICIPAL REVENUES

Itogon is classified as 1st class Municipality based on the income classification issued by the Department of Finance. The main source of revenue or income of Itogon is its Internal Revenue Allotment Share. Other sources of revenues are from national wealth tax on mining excise tax, national wealth tax on water resources, local taxes, operating and miscellaneous revenue and other receipts/fees.
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Tourism awareness
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TOURISM

The Industry of all Times
TOURISM

the activities of persons traveling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business, and other purposes.
1. Tourist
- a temporary visitor staying at least twenty-four (24) hours in the community or place visited for a purpose.
2 Kinds of Visitors

2. **Excursionist**
   - a visitor staying less than twenty-four (24) hours in the community/place visited.
Principles of Tourism

- Tourism is a means of conserving and enhancing the environment and the cultural heritage.
- Tourism is a tool to generate jobs and raise income.
Principles of Tourism

- tourism is a means for educating both visitors and hosts.
- tourism generate funds.
Components of Tourism

1. People

- The Filipino hospitality is unequalled. Proper attitude begets friends.
- Skills and talents may draw interest of tourists.
Components of Tourism

2. Places

The places of interest in the area possessing an aesthetic beauty either natural or manmade feature.
Components of Tourism

3. Events
- Fiestas, graduations, reunions, festivals, weddings, conventions, etc.
Components of Tourism

4. Culture

- Heritage structures
- Material culture
- Traditional rites
Components of Tourism

5. Products

- Agricultural products
- Handicrafts
- Processed foods
Tourism Industry
Sub-sectors

1. Transport Services
2. Accommodation Facilities
3. Food Services
4. Banks
5. Telecommunication
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<td>7. Medical Facilities</td>
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<td>8. Souvenir shops/shopping centers</td>
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Tourism Industry
Sub-sectors

9. Peace, Order, & Security

10. Educational Institutions
Ecotourism is a form of sustainable tourism within a natural and cultural heritage area where community participation, protection and management of natural resources, culture and,
ECOTOURISM

indigenous knowledge and practices, environmental education and ethics as well as benefits are fostered and pursued for the enrichment of host communities and the satisfaction of visitors.
Something handed down from one’s ancestors or the past – Webster

Something that is passed down from preceding generations – American Heritage

Something transmitted by or acquired from a predecessor – Merriam-Webster
Type of Heritage:

- **Natural** – forest, ocean, landscape, coral reefs
- **Man-made or cultural**
  1. **Built** – lighthouse, church, house
  2. **Tangible** – costumes, jewelry, food, weapons, headdress
  3. **Intangible** – customs, stories, legend, literature, poems, traditions, rituals
TOURISM SITUATIONER IN ITOGON
THE PRIME TOURIST PRODUCT OF THE MUNICIPALITY
The PHILIPPINES’ 1\textsuperscript{st} & Only Mining Attraction

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Our Promotional Activities

- Adventure Trek/Summer Climb and Tree Planting
- Pilipinas Akyathlon
The Barangay Tourism Council & Mt. UGO and Binge Dam Tourguides Association (MUBITGA) of Tinongdan in Coordination with LGU-Itogon, LGU Benguet Province & DOT-CAR.

April 10-11-12, 2015
Climb
Supporting tourism and education through sustainable adventure

Registration Fee: 1,700.00

Inclusive of transportation from Baguio City to Kayapa Nueva Viscaya & Tinongdan to Baguio City only, Souvenir T-shirt, Certificate of Participation, ID, Barangay Entrance fee, Tour guide fee, Souvenir Yearbook, Token, 2 dinners (Indigenous Menu) and 1 lunch at Kipjar Damogan, Mt. Cametna on the 1st day & 1 lunch at the Barangay Hall Tinongdan on the 3rd day.

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ANCC) / 0929-840-6607 (Zoet Ordinario)
Relay Refuge: 0923-002-0788 (Willy Canlas Jr.
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Relay Refuge: 0998-301-8688

For Online Registration Visit:
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13th MT. UGO SUMMER CLIMB

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**Benefits/Opportunities of Tourism Being Enjoyed in Itogon**

- Increased revenues (registration fees)
- Employment/livelihood opportunities
  - a.) Tour guiding
  - b.) Porterage
- Enterprise opportunities
- More trips for the transport sector
- Hospitality Services (Cottage rentals)
- Leisure services (e.g., horseback riding)
Disadvantages of tourism

1. Pollution (Uncontrolled waste dumping)
2. Loss of privacy.
Disadvantages of tourism

3. Exploitation of culture and endemic resources.
Advantages of tourism

There are more advantages than disadvantages.

Disadvantages can be managed with the proper coordination of the stakeholders and the local government.
Advantages of tourism

• Increase local revenues.
Advantages of tourism

Sample of computation of Tourist Receipt

15,000 tourists/month \times 400 = P6,000,000.00
Advantages of tourism

- Livelihood opportunities
- Outreach Drives
- Establish a culture of solidarity
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT’S APPROACH

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Community Based
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Why Community-Based?

1. The success of the development and promotion of each tourist resource and attraction is greatly attributed on the support from the grassroot level.
2. The community is trained to manage, protect and benefit from their own tourism resources.
Why Community-Based?

3. The residents must be the first to appreciate their own place before others find it attractive.
PARTICIPATORY STEP IN TOURISM PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT
1. Creation of a Barangay Tourism Council (BTC)
COMPOSITION OF THE BTC

- 60% private sector
- 40% government sector
GOVERNMENT SECTOR (40%)

-Punong Barangay (Honorary Chairman)
-SB Committee Chair on Tourism
-SB Committee on Culture and Arts
-Barangay Health Worker (Health)
-Chief Tanod (Peace & Order)
-Head of the Lupon
-DepEd Representative (Education)
PRIVATE SECTOR (60%)

- Local Investors
- Representative of POs in the Barangay
  a) Transport Associations
  b) Food Handlers
  c) Women’s Group
  d) OSY
  e) Farmers Association
  f) Cultural Advocates
- Other interested individuals that are deemed contributors to the tourism boost
2. Inventory/identification of potential tourist attractions.

3. Validation and Identification of Tourist Activities over the area.

4. Social Acceptability Consultation
5. Setting of Rules and Regulations

6. Trainings and Seminars
   - Basic Tourist Reception and Guiding Techniques
   - Effective Customer Service
   - Homestay
   - Culinary
   - Etc.
7. Product Promotional Strategies

8. Monitoring and Evaluation
Tourism study in the local is focused on the identification of local attractions or areas that have tourism potential in order to generate tourist traffic to these areas. Generally tourism sites (areas) are endowed with natural or manmade physical attributes and resources that are conducive to recreation, leisure, and other wholesome experiences and are intended for use of travelers and tourists.

These resources can be characterized at two levels: first level, natural and cultural characteristics indigenous to an area; and second level, attractions, activities and facilities needed to draw, entertain and accommodate the tourists and travelers in the area.
Tourism attractions in the municipality are either natural or man made located in the different barangays.
Inventory of Tourist Attractions

The table below shows the tourism sites within the municipality. Tourism sites are located in only five (5) barangays and are mostly natural attractions.
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<td>Grotto, foottrails</td>
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The PHILIPPINES' 1ST & Only Mining Attraction

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One of the most famous attractions of the abovementioned Benguet Mines Tourism Village in Balatoc is the Balatoc Mines Tour, which offers the thrilling experience of exploring mine tunnels. It includes the use of miner’s gear; an underground train rides with a two-hour guided tour in the mining tunnel with dynamite blasting and actual visit of the mill plant where gold ores and bullions used to be processed. The tour proper is ended with a visit to the Benguet Mines Tourism Village Museum.
Agno River is the 3rd largest river system in Luzon and 5th in the entire Philippines. It has a total length of 206 kilometer that traverses the province of Benguet, and drains in Lingayen Pangasinan. Its headwaters come from the slopes of Mt. Datain Mt. Province at an elevation of 2,090 meters above sea level. Of its total length, about 90 kilometers run through mountainous terrain and canyons.

Barangays Tinongdan and Dalupirip are among the communities traversed by this mighty river. These two barangays regard the river as sacred as it helps sustain the livelihood of the people with its abundant water resources. In fact, the river has the potentials to be developed for water activities such as water rafting and rubber tubing.
The mountain has quite a history of plane crashes thus earning its name as “plane grabber”. In early 1960’s, a UC45 CAB from Cubi Airport crashed at the slope of Mt. Ugo in Kalaudan. Mr. Tomas Lacquias, a nearby resident rescued the victims (3 pilots). His three-day old baby boy at the time of the accident was named after one of the pilots, Lindsay.

Mt. Ugo has an elevation of 2,150 meters above sea level and legend has it that its name was derived from the Ibaloi word “ugoan” which means to cut the neck/throat.
Many years after that fateful incident, in June 26, 1987, a Philippine Airline (PAL) plane from Manila bound to Loakan Airport crashed on the Southern portion of Mt. Ugo, about 1 km. down from the peak, killing all passengers and crew on board; so far the most tragic accident in the history of air transport in Benguet. Incidentally, Mr. Tomas Lacquias and his son Lindsay were the first to conduct rescue. Unfortunately, as they were trying to gather the personal belongings of the victims, the rescue helicopter crashed, but they were able to aid the team and help save their lives.

As a sign of gratitude to Mr. Lacquias, the PAL management sent Lindsay to school to take up Aircraft Mechanic Course after which he was hired and is now a proud employee of the country’s flag-carrier company. Nevertheless, these series of accidents did not bring any negative impression or effect to the mountain. Instead, it has paved the way to its discovery as a tourist attraction. Yearly thereafter, treks were made by PAL employees as well as the relatives of the victims to light candles & offer prayers in commemoration of their loved ones.

At present, Mt. Ugo is being hailed as an alternative to Mt. Pulag because of its equally cool climate and diverse flora and fauna. Several treks are being organized yearly by different organizations and different mountaineering groups have already started joining such activities.
Mt. Marikit is another scenic mountain of barangay Tinongdan with an elevation of 1395 meters above sea level. It is about 3 hours descend or roughly 4.5 kilometers away from the summit of Mt. Ugo and also 3 kilometers above Ambasa. While in Mt. Marikit, one can enjoy the view of various lime stone rock formations. However, exploring the rocks require extra caution because of its sharp-edged quality.
On the bosom of Mt. Marikit is the equally enchanting Ambasa cave that has four chambers with calcite formation/deposits along its walls. However, it is not currently recommended for total exploration and spelunking because of its limited space and low ceilings. Lately, interested mountaineers are allowed to explore the cave but are asked to leave their backpacks outside. The area has a jungle appearance with balate and sagat tree serving as cover with thick vines all over.
CAYOCO IBALOI VILLAGE
The CADIOSAO complex is composed of three vernacular houses sharing a common front yard. These houses are the following: Coco Carpio Residential House, Palaci Carpio Residential House and Tipal Beguis Residential House.

The owner of these houses all belong to the CADIOSAO clan that traces its ascendary from spouses CADIOSAO and JAGONA, both from two different tribes, the Ibaloi and Iowak.
Exploring Dalupirip and its Heritage Church

Dalupirip Rice Fields
MT. PIGINGAN
DALUPIRIP, ITOGON, BENGUET
SHEKDNAN CAMP SITE
Shekdan camp found in Dalupirip is approximately two hectares wide and used for events that require wide areas such as the UB Science High Adventure Camp in 2005. The site was actually a rice field which used to be planted with the famous KINTOMAN, an aromatic and tasty red rice of the Ibaloi upland farmers.
MT. PALANCHEY
Suyok Falls cascades at about 20 meters high and is about 500 meters away from Asinhotsprings across the Agno River. It is also a tributary of Agno River which irrigates the rice paddies of Dalupirip Proper. Its spacious catch basin provides a good bathing area. The falls’ view from a distance is simply captivating.
This American-designed church was reconstructed in 1949 after the World War II. Its unique features have earned the admiration of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts’ Committee on National Sites and Monuments, thus its preservation is highly encouraged. The church is highly regarded for its contribution in the formulation of Christian values of the people in Dalupirip.
A 6-hectare pine-forested reserve of pristine quality with spectacular vistas of mountains and valleys, Crosby Park offers nature lovers an ideal setting for eco-walk, camping, scouts’ jamborees, picnics, and other exhilarating outdoor nature-based experiences. Facilities such as restrooms, shower rooms and electricity are provided for the comfort of visitors.
The Binga Hydroelectric plant is situated about 31 km. east of Baguio City and 19 km. downstream of the Ambuklao Hydroelectric Plant. Its construction began in August 1956 and started full operation in March 31, 1960. It is currently generating 125 megawatts daily, supplying power to Northern and Central Luzon including Metro Manila.

The dam was built along the Agno River and has a length of 215 meters, width of 107.37 meters and a 94.50 meter spillway. It is made of earth and rockfill and has 6 tainter gates measuring 12.5m by 12m with hoist that are driven. Its crest is measuring 586 meters in width and has a drainage area of 936 sq.km. Furthermore, the distance of backwater from the dam is measured at 10km.

Besides its purpose as a hydroelectric plant, the dam is also appreciated for its scenic beauty. Travelers is treated to views of pine-clad mountains just above the peaceful waters of the dam. The powerhouse is also open for educational visits from students especially those who want to study the actual process of power generation.
1300 LEVEL SWIMMING POOLS, RESORTS
Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet
These are privately owned swimming pools, which are gaining popularity for its warm water coming from the drain tunnel of Benguet Corporation. It is fondly called “Trese” at Poblacion because of its elevation as identified by Sangilo Mines.
The swimming pool resorts in 1300L Poblacion, are the most visited place in the municipality. A total of 21 resorts are operating with some facilities offered such as steambath, which is also the “most visited” and preferred place. Some resorts offers videoke and night swimming. Aside from tourism, the operation of swimming pool resorts gives employment to the locals in the municipality.

Table 36. Inventory of Swimming Pool Resorts (1300 Level, Poblacion, Itogon, Benguet)
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AVE MARIA SHRINE & MT. BIDAWAN
POBLACION, ITOGON, BENGUET
Mt. Bidawan is a pine forested historical mountain with an elevation of 1240 meters above sea level situated within the boundaries of barangays Dalupirip, Tinongdan and Poblacion. It used to be the trail of locals and missionaries visiting these barangays long before the opening of road networks. It was also the trail of Filipino, American and Japanese soldiers during the war. Mt. Bidawan was declared by the municipality as a wildlife sanctuary.

On the saddle adjoining Mt. Bidawan and Mt. Cotcot is Ave Maria where a grotto of the Blessed Virgin Mary was constructed. A foreign missionary priest worked for its construction within the trail linking barangays Dalupirip and Poblacion in June 20, 1959. A regular prayer meeting by devotees was then held at the area, thus, the name Ave Maria. Recently, however it was destroyed by unknown individuals, but was reconstructed to make it the pilgrimage site of the barangay.
ASIN HOT SPRING
Located 39 kilometers from Baguio City and about an hour drive is the asin hot spring of Dalupiri. Interestingly, this spring has four outlets with varied temperature. According to folk stories, there used to be a mud pool at the area but was later on filled with earth and gravel. Just below the spring is the Agno River with several adjacent fish ponds. Accordingly, these fish ponds utilize the lukewarm water from the spring which is very much favorable for the rapid growth of fishes.
One of the hidden treasures of the mountains is this stretch of approximately 12-14 kilometers of undeveloped uphill-downhill foot-trail with white-mountain sand. The slope trail width is approximately one meter and is a combination of open, partially and fully shaded areas; shaded portions have wild bamboos and various forest trees. One can enjoy the view of the San Roque Dam’s Reservoir along the trails. There are also several creeks along the trail which serves as water stations for travelers and or anyone who is in for a cool refreshing dip.

The trail was originally being used by the local folks from Daynet and Tayum in going to Philex or vice-versa to transport their products and basic needs before the San Roque Dam was constructed.
The Itogon Training Center and Sleeping Quarters located in Bua, Tuding offers a venue for different functions such as meetings, seminars, conferences, workshops and other forms of social gatherings. Strategically located on top of a hill, visitors can enjoy the countryside view of Baguio City and Benguet while taking pleasure in the cool climate of the area.
BARANGAY HALL OF TINONGDAN
The barangay hall of Tinongdan offers two rooms for guest usually tourists going and coming from Mt. Ugo. It can accommodate 12 guests wherein the other room consists of 8 beds while the other 4 beds. A minimal fee is collected for every night used.
The number of visitors recorded was taken from the visited Primary Tourist Destinations: Mt. Ugo, Binga Dam, Crosby Park, Balatoc Mines Tour and 1300L Swimming Pools. Tourism destinations/attractions in the municipality are also visited not only by locals but even foreigners specifically in Mt. Ugo during the Mt. Ugo Climb, a yearly event of barangay Tinongdan.
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POTENTIAL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN THE LOCALITY
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The municipality is rich in natural tourist destination which can be developed and promoted. The most visited tourist destinations are 1300Level Pools, Balatoc Mines Tour and Mt. Ugo. Tourism facilities should be improved/constructed to be more competitive with other tourist destination and eventually tourism accreditation. The annual Mt. Ugo Climb and Pilipinas Akyatlhon are usually scheduled on the 2nd week of April and 2nd week of February, respectively which are participated in by mountain climbers, trekkers and nature lovers. Promotions of these activities should be improved to increase participation.
Recent Awards and Citations
2015 2nd PLACE GRAND STREET PARADE

Citation received during the Benguet Tourism Assembly

2014 FIRST PLACE FOR ADIVAY TOURISM ARTSCAPE COMPETITION

2014 FIRST PLACE FOR ADIVAY DANCE DRAMA COMPETITION
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PAST AWARDS AND CITATIONS
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Important Events of the Year

JANUARY
Ampucao Barangay Fiesta (First Week)
Feast of Sto. Nino de Prague @ Philex Mines (2nd Week)

FEBRUARY
AMPNHS Foundation Day @Bua, Tuding, Itogon, Beng
(3rd Week)
Saint Louis High School Antamok Foundation Day @ Ucab
(2nd Week)
Feast our Lady of Lourdes @ Ucab (2nd Week)
Tinongdan Barangay Fiesta Colos Festival

MARCH
Daluippir Barangay Fiesta (2nd Week)/Paedeng Festival
Municipal Women’s Day Celebration @ Municipal Hall
Fianza Memorial National HS Foundation Day @ Tinongdan

APRIL
Tuding Bararangay Fiesta
Loacan Barangay Fiesta

MAY
Joint Gumatdang Barangay and Parish Fiesta (May 1-2)

OCTOBER
Universal Children’s Month
Senior Citizen’s Month
Feast of Our Lady of Fatima @ Tuding (1st Sunday of the month)

NOVEMBER
Joint Poblacion Barangay and Parish Fiesta
Ucab Barangay Fiesta

DECEMBER
Tinongdan Parish Fiesta (1st weekend of December)
Joint Virac Barangay and Parish Fiesta
Foundation Day of the Municipality of Itogon (week before Christmas Day)
Kintoman Festival
TOURISM SUSTAINABILITY

Tourism is sustained when it dignifies and makes people proud of it because people treat each other well; it satisfies the customer because there is a lot of caring; and it promotes well-being because it brings out the best in every Filipino.
Thank You!