

# MERLYN G. BUSCATO

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- Chairperson, Agriculture Department of Bohol Island State University (BISU - Bilar Campus, Zamora, Bilar, Bohol) (August 2023-December 2023)
- Lifetime Member of Several Professional Organizations [i.e., Philippine Society for the Study of Nature, Inc. (PSSN), Crop Science Society of the Philippines, Inc. (CSSP), and Philippine Society of Soil Science and Technology Inc. (PSSST)]
- Co-authored a study entitled “Botanical control of golden kuhol (*Pomacea canaliculata* Lamarck) using asyang [*Mikania cordata* (Burm. F.) B.L. Robinson]” funded by ViSCA-gtz of Tropical Ecology Leyte State University (formerly Visayas State College of Agriculture) Visca, Baybay, Leyte, Philippines
- Published two papers on: “Allelopathic potential of tropic ageratum (*Ageratum conyzoides* L.) on the growth of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)”; and “Competitive activity of tropic ageratum (*Ageratum conyzoides* L.) on the growth and yield performance of rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)
- Former Asst. Prof. at Silliman University College of Agriculture, Bantayan, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental (June 2007-December 2022).
- Former College Instructor at Silliman University College of Agriculture, Bantayan, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental (June 2004-June 2007).
- Graduate Research Assistant of the Department of Pest Management, Visayas State College of Agriculture (now Visayas State University), Visca, Baybay, Leyte, Philippines
- Licensed Agriculturist with MSc in Weed Science at Visayas State University
- Awarded as Best Thesis Award on a study entitled “Life cycle and Gross Morphology of Weedy Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)” by the Pest Management Council of the Philippines (PMCP), Inc. at Matina, Davao City, Philippines

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## EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

**Master of Science in Weed Science** **2003**  
Leyte State University (now Visayas State University/VSU) ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte

**Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA)** **1997**  
Visayas State College of Agriculture (now VSU)  
ViSCA, Baybay, Leyte