

## Lanuza Surfing Festival 2011 to culminate on Nov. 26

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BUTUAN CITY, Nov. 25 (PIA) -- Some 101 surfers converge and compete for this year's surfing competition in Lanuza, Surigao del Sur which will culminate Saturday, Nov. 26.

According to Department of Tourism (DOT) Caraga, five of the participants came from Switzerland and Australia, the rest from Siargao, Lanuza, La Union, Ilocos Sur and from Catanduanes.

At stake is the P200,000 prize for the 9th National Surfing Open for the Wahini, Men and Junior divisions. For the 7th Long Board Invitational, a prize of P100,000 is up for grabs. Part of the weeklong celebration is the holding of the 3rd Agri-Aqua Tourism Trade Fair and the Beach Dancing Competition.

The Lanuza Surfing Festival 2011 officially started the weeklong competition last Monday, November 21, through a grand opening ceremony. Adding glitters to the opening salvo were the Beach Dancing Competition, Fireworks Display and the Cultural Show. Some guests in attendance were Director Letty Tan of DOT 13, Director Edna Mabeza of DA 13, Congressman

Philip Pichay, Governor Johnny Pimentel and other local officials.

The event was done in collaboration of the municipal government of Lanuza, provincial government of Surigao del Sur, Congressman Philip Pichay, the Department of Tourism 13 and the Philippine Surfing Federation. (DOT-13/PIA-Caraga)