Region VI (Western Visayas) is located in Central Philippines and consists of the major island of Panay and the smaller Guimaras as well as several outlying islands. The Region has a total land area of 12,828.97 sq km and is bordered to the north by the Sibuyan Sea and northeast by the Visayan Sea, east by the Guimaras Strait, south by the Iloilo Strait and the Panay Gulf and west by the Sulu Sea.