

**DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF TIMOR-LESTE**  
**MINISTRY OF STATE ADMINISTRATION**

MINISTERIAL ORDER

No. 6/2003

**Of 29 July**

**ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER OF SUCOS IN THE  
NATIONAL TERRITORY**

It is incumbent upon the Ministry of State Administration the conception, execution, coordination and evaluation of policies defined and approved by the government for the State Administration sector in all its dimensions as well as the promotion, *inter alia*, of proper planning and organisation of the territory and the simultaneous administrative decentralisation.

Specific studies concerning the administrative division of the country and the restructuring of the State apparatus at different levels are underway. Such studies are interconnected with research activities on the legitimisation of leaders and on the establishment of new community structures.

Once completed, these studies will lead to the drafting of relevant legislation which development will still take some time.

Nevertheless, as of late, the country has been attending several claims for the establishment of new *sucos* and new villages without the necessary legal grounds.

The “rights” being claimed are non-existent because they are not based on the law. The formation of new *sucos* cannot occur in accordance with the free will of each and every person. Rather, it has to take place in compliance with the law.

It is the law that will define the minimum number of families and persons required for the establishment of a hamlet, the number of villages required to form a *suco*, the territorial size of a *suco*, as well as the organisational capacity and the existing means in a given area before it can be recognised as a new *suco*.

Until such a time as the appropriate law is approved by the National Parliament, no new *suco* will be recognised by the State.

However, the need to organise and galvanise the population to actively take part in the development of the country cannot be further delayed and it is important to legitimise the

community leaders whose meritorious work is acknowledged by the State. In this connection, commencing in the last quarter of 2004, the Ministry of State Administration, through the Technical Secretariat of the Electoral Administration – STAE - shall organise and conduct elections of *suco chiefs and suco councils* in a phased manner. This task is expected to be completed by 2005.

The holding of elections in the *sucos* implies their previous determination nationwide.

This being the case, in compliance with the decisions made by the Council of Ministers on 11 January this year, pursuant to Section 15 of the Decree-Law No. 7/2003 of 19 May, and in compliance with the provisions of Section 117.2 a) of the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, the Interim Minister of State Administration determines the following:

### **Section 1 Establishment of the Number of *Sucos***

For purposes of holding the next nationwide elections of *suco* chiefs and *suco* councils throughout, a total of 443 *sucos* shall hereby be recognised until such a time as a specific law on the subject is approved.

### **Section 2 Distribution and Denomination of the *Sucos***

1. The 443 *sucos* are located in different districts, as follows:

*	Lautem District	34 <i>sucos</i>
*	Baucau District	59 <i>sucos</i>
*	Viqueque District	35 <i>sucos</i>
*	Manatuto District	29 <i>sucos</i>
*	Manufahi District	29 <i>sucos</i>
*	Aileu District	31 <i>sucos</i>
*	Ainaro Distric	21 <i>sucos</i>
*	Ermera District	52 <i>sucos</i>
*	Liquiça District	23 <i>sucos</i>
*	Bobonaro District	50 <i>sucos</i>
*	Covalima District	29 <i>sucos</i>
*	Oecusse/Ambeno District	18 <i>sucos</i>
*	Dili District	33 <i>sucos</i>

2. The nominal list of each *suco* shall be contained in the Annex (Annex 1) to the present Order and, for all legal purposes, shall be an integral part thereof.

### **Section 3 Final Provision**

The present Order shall integrally replace the Instruction of the Minister for Internal Administration No. 01/MAI/2002 of 10 October.

**Section 4**  
**Entry into force**

The present Order shall enter into force on the day immediately after its publication in the Official Gazette.

Done in Dili on 13 June 2003

To be published

[Signed]

The Interim Minister for State Administration, *Ana Pessoa Pinto*

ANNEX

Order from the Minister for State Administration

NAME OF SUCOS OF THE BAUCAU DISTRICT

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Bahú		
02.	Bucoli		
03.	Buibau		
04.	Buruma		
05.	Caibada Uaimua		
06.	Garimai		
01.	Soba		
02.	Tequinaumata		
03.	Nunira		
04.	Libagua		
01.	Afaloicai		
02.	Oso-Huna		
03.	Hae-Coni		
04.	Alaua-Craik		
05.	Alaua-Leten		
01.	Baguia		
02.	Lacoliu		
03.	Letemumo		
04.	Macalaco		
05.	Uaitame		
06.	Guruçá		
07.	Bualale		
08.	Maluro	Quelicai	
09.	Abo		

10.	Lelalai		
11.	Laisorulai de cima		
12.	Laisorulai de baixo		
13.	Afaçá		
14.	Namanei		
15.	Abafala		
01.	Uatu-Haco	Venilale	
02.	Uailaha		
03.	Bado-Ho'o		
04.	Fatulia		
05.	Uai-Oli		
06.	Bahamori		
07.	Uma Analu		
08.	Uma-Anaico		
01.	Vemasse	Vemasse	
02.	Loilubo		
03.	Osooala		
04.	Ostico		
05.	Uatu-Lari		
06.	Uaigae		
07.	Caicua		
Σ	59	6	

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*Interim Minister for State Administration*

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE BOBONARO DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Ritabou	Maliana	
02.	Tapo Memo		
03.	Odamau		
04.	Rai Fun		
05.	Holsa		
06.	Lahomea		
07.	Saburai		
01.	Balibo Kota	Balibo	
02.	Leohitu		
03.	Cová		
04.	Leolima		
05.	Batugade		
06.	Sanirin		
01.	Ai-Assa	Bobonaro	
02.	Lourba		
03.	Malilait		
04.	Leber		
05.	Tapo		
06.	Bobonaro		
07.	Sibuni		
08.	Molop		
09.	Oe-Leu		
10.	Ilatalaun		
11.	Colimau		

12.	Maliubu		
13.	Tebabui		
14.	Carabau		
15.	Cota Bo'ot		
16.	Atu Aben		
17.	Soi Leco		
18.	Lour		
01.	Opa	Lolotoe	
02.	Guda		
03.	Lupai		
04.	Deudet		
05.	Lontas		
06.	Gildapil		
07.	Lebos		
01.	Miligo	Cailaco	
02.	Goulolo		
03.	Atudara		
04.	Guenolai		
05.	Raiheu		
06.	Manapa		
07.	Daudo		
08.	Purogoa		
01.	Aidabaleten	Atabae	
02.	Rairobo		
03.	Atabai		
04.	Hataz		
$\Sigma$	50	6	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE AILEU DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Hoholau	Aileu Vila	
02.	Bandudatu		
03.	Lahae		
04.	Lausi		
05.	Fatubosa		
06.	Liurai		
07.	Malere		
08.	Saboria		
09.	Aisirimou		
10.	Seloi Kraik		
11.	Fahiria		
01.	Hautuho	Remexio	
02.	Fadabloko		
03.	Maumeta		
04.	Faturasa		
05.	Acumau		
06.	Liurai		
07.	Tulatakeu		



08.	Fahisoi		
01.	Kotolau	Laulara	
02.	Talitu		
03.	Madabeno		
04.	Tohumeta		
05.	Fatise		
01.	Fahisoi	Liquidoe	
02.	Manukasa		
03.	Namleso		
04.	Bereleu		
05.	Fautrilau		
06.	Acubilitoho		
07.	Betulau		
$\Sigma$	31	4	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE LAUTEM DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Fuiloro		

02.	Bauro	Lospalos	
03.	Raça		
04.	Home		
05.	Muapitine		
06.	Souro		
07.	Cacaven		
08.	Loré I		
09.	Loré II		
10.	Leuro		
01.	Afábubu		
02.	Baricafa		
03.	Cotamuto		
04.	Lakawa		
05.	Luro		
06.	Wairoke		
01.	Iliomar I	Iliomar	
02.	Iliomar II		
03.	Ailebere		
04.	Fuat		
05.	Cainliu		
06.	Tirilolo		
01.	Baduro	Lautém	
02.	Com		
03.	Daudere		
04.	Eukisi		
05.	Ililai		
06.	Maina I		
07.	Maina II		

08.	Pairara		
09.	Parlamento		
10.	Serelau		
01.	Mehara		
02.	Tutuala	Tutuala	
Σ	34	5	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE AINARO DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Leolima		
02.	Beikala	Hatu Udo	
01.	Nunu Mogue		
02.	Mulo	Hatu Bulico	
03.	Mauchiga		
01.	Aituto		
02.	Edi		
03.	Fatubessi		
04.	Horiauic		
05.	Liurai		
06.	Manelobas	Maubisse	
07.	Manetu		

08.	Maubisse		
09.	Maulau		
01.	Ainaro	Ainaro	
02.	Mau-Ulo		
03.	Mau-Nunu		
04.	Soro		
05.	Manutassi		
06.	Cassa		
07.	Suro-Craic		
$\Sigma$	21	4	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE COVALIMA DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub Distrito	Remarks
01.	Fatululik	Fatululik	
02.	Taroman		
01.	Beluluik Leten	Fatumean	
02.	Nanu		
03.	Fatumean		
01.	Dato Rua		
02.	Dato Tolu		
03.	Fohoren		

04.	Lactos	Fohoren	
01.	Beco II	Mape/Zumalai	
02.	Fatuleto		
03.	Lepo		
04.	Lour		
05.	Mape		
06.	Raimera		
07.	Ucecai		
08.	Zulo		
01.	Beco I	Suai	
02.	Debus		
03.	Kamenasa		
04.	Labarat		
05.	Suai		
01.	Foholulik	Tilomar	
02.	Lalawa		
03.	Maudemu		
01.	Holpilat	Maucatar	
02.	Belecasac		
03.	Matai		
04.	Ogues		
$\Sigma$	29	7	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE ERMERA DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Atara	Atsabe	
02.	Baboe Kraik		
03.	Baboe Leten		
04.	Batu Manu		
05.	Laklo		
06.	Lasaun		
07.	Laubonu		
08.	Leimea Leten		
09.	Malabe		
10.	Obulo		
11.	Paramin		
12.	Tiarlelo		
01.	Estado	Ermera	
02.	Humboe		
03.	Lauala		
04.	Liguimea		
05.	Mertutu		
06.	Poetete		
07.	Ponilala		
08.	Raimerhei		
09.	Riheu		
10.	Talimoro		
01.	Ailelo		
02.	Asulau/Sare		
03.	Fatubalu		
04.	Fatubessi		

05.	Hatulia	Hatulia	
06.	Kailete Leotela		
07.	Leimea Kraik		
08.	Leimea Sarinbala		
09.	Lisabat		
10.	Manusea		
11.	Mauabu		
12.	Samara		
13.	Uruhau		
01.	Dukurai	Letefoho	
02.	Eraulo		
03.	Goulolo		
04.	Hatugau		
05.	Katrai Kraik		
06.	Katrai Leten		
07.	Lauana		
08.	Letefoho		
01.	Oeleso	Railaco	
02.	Fatuquero		
03.	Lihu		
04.	Matata		
05.	Railaco Kraik		
06.	Railako Leten		
07.	Samaleten		
08.	Taraso		
09.	Tokoluli		
$\Sigma$	52	5	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE LIQUIÇA DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Fahilebo	Bazartete	
02.	Fatumasi		
03.	Lauhata		
04.	Leorema		
05.	Maumeta		
06.	Metagou		
07.	Motaulun		
08.	Tibar		
09.	Ulmera		
01.	Asumano	Liquiça	
02.	Darulete		
03.	Dato		
04.	Hatukesi		
05.	Leotela		
06.	Loidahar		
07.	Lukulai		
01.	Guguleur	Maubara	
02.	Guico		
03.	Lisadilia		
04.	Maubaralisa		



05.	Vatuboro		
06.	Vatuvou		
07.	VaviquinIa		
$\Sigma$	23	3	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE DISTRITO DE MANATUTO**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Hohorai	Laclo	
02.	Laku Mesak		
03.	Umanaruk		
04.	Umakaduak		
01.	Batara	Laclubar	
02.	Fatumakerek		
03.	Funar		
04.	Manelima		
05.	Orlalan		
06.	Sananain		
01.	Aubeon	Barique/Natarbora	
02.	Barique		
03.	Fatuwaqui		
04.	Manehat		
05.	Umaboku		
01.	Cairui	Laleia	

02.	Hatularan		
03.	Lifau		
01.	Ailili	Manatuto	
02.	Aiteas		
03.	Cribas		
04.	Iliheu		
05.	Maabat		
06.	Sau		
01.	Fatumakerek	Soibada	
02.	Leohat		
03.	Manlala		
04.	Maunfahe		
05.	Samoro		
$\Sigma$	29	6	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE MANUFAHI DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Aituha	Alas	
02.	Dotik		
03.	Malagidan		

04.	Taitudal		
05.	Uma Berloik		
01.	Bubususu	Fatuberliu	
02.	Fatukahi		
03.	Kaikasa		
04.	Klakuk		
05.	Talinehar		
01.	Babulu	Same	
02.	Betano		
03.	Daisula		
04.	Gratu		
05.	Holarua		
06.	Letefoho		
07.	Rotutu		
08.	Tutuluro		
01.	Aitenua	Turiscai	
02.	Beremana		
03.	Fatukalo		
04.	Kaimauk		
05.	Foholau		
06.	Lesuata		
07.	Liurai		
08.	Manumera		
09.	Matorek		
10.	Mindelo		
11.	Orana		
$\Sigma$	29	4	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE VIQUEQUE DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Ahic	Lacluta	
02.	Dilor		
03.	Laline		
04.	Uma Tolu		
01.	Builale	Ossu	
02.	Liaruca		
03.	Loi-Huno		
04.	Nahareca		
05.	Ossu de Cima		
06.	Ossorua		
07.	Uabubo		
08.	Uaibobo		
09.	Uaguia		
01.	Afaloicai	Watu-Lari	
02.	Babulo		
03.	Macadique		
04.	Matohoi		

05.	Uaitame		
06.	Vessoru		
01.	Afaloicai	Watu-Carbau	
02.	Bahatata		
03.	Irabin de baixo		
04.	Irabin de cima		
05.	Loi - Ulu		
06.	Uani Uma		
01.	Bahalarauain	Viqueuqe	
02.	Maluru		
03.	Bibileo		
04.	Caraubalu		
05.	Fatu Dere		
06.	Luca		
07.	Uaimori		
08.	Uma Qui'ic		
09.	Uma Uain Craic		
10.	Uma Uain Leten		
Σ	35	5	

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NAME OF SUCOS OF THE OECUSSE/AMBENO DISTRICT

No.	Sucos	Sub Distrito	Remarks
01.	Banafi	Nitibe	
02.	Bebe Ufe		
03.	Lela Ufe		
04.	Suni Ufe		
05.	Usi Taco		
01.	Bobometo	Oesilo	
02.	Usitakeno		
03.	Usitasae		
01.	Bobocasae	Pante makassar	
02.	Costa		
03.	Cunha		
04.	Lalisuk		
05.	Lifau		
06.	Naimeco		
07.	Nipane		
08.	Taiboco		
01.	Abani	Passabe	
02.	Malelat		
$\Sigma$	18	4	

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**NAME OF SUCOS OF THE DILI DISTRICT**

No.	Sucos	Sub-District	Remarks
01.	Sabuli	Metinaro	
02.	Duyung		
01.	Beloi	Atauro	
02.	Vila		
03.	Biqueli		
04.	Maquili		
05.	Macadade		
01.	Bidau Lecidere	Nain Feto/Dili Oriental	
02.	Meti Aut		
03.	Bidau Santana		
04.	Bairo Formosa		
05.	Bairo Central		
06.	Bairo dos Grilhos		
01.	Becora	Cristo Rei/Dili Oriental	
02.	Kulu Hun		
03.	Balibar		
04.	Kamea		
05.	Bemori		
06.	Akadiru-Hun		
07.	Hera		
01.	Motael	Dom Aleixo/Dili Ocidental	
02.	Colmera		
03.	Bairo Pite		

04.	Vila Verde		
05.	Fatuhada		
06.	Comoro		
07.	Kampung Alor		
01.	Lahane Oriental	Vera Cruz	
02.	Lahane Ocidental		
03.	Caicoli		
04.	Mascarinhas		
05.	Dare		
06.	Santa Cruz		
$\Sigma$	33	6	

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