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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

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THRU : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Puerto Princesa City

FROM: The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Roxas, Palawan

SUBJECT: MONITORING OF MARINE TURTLE NESTING SITES IN

BARANGAY PORT BARTON, SAN VICENTE, PALAWAN

Respectfully submitted is the report of Conservation and Development Section (PAWCZMS) of CENRO-Roxas, Palawan on the abovementioned subject.

Attached are geotagged photographs of the activity and location map.

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The Conservation and Development Section of this office conducted a monitoring of marine turtle nesting sites in Barangay Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan last July 13 & 14, 2021. The activity was done when ease in health protocols regarding COVID-19 was implemented by the local government of San Vicente. Lesser number of nesting sites was visited due to strong waves. These are the same sites monitored the previous year. The following are the sites visited:

Inaladelan Resort, German Island, Sitio Capsalay

According to a resort staff, more than a hundred eggs of Olive Ridley turtle hatched last February of this year. This site was visited by CENRO-Roxas and PCSD personnel last January 14, 2021 where they saw seven (7) nests.

Tumuturing Beach, Sitio Barongbong

This cove is the farthest among the sites visited. The team saw broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach.

Wild Dharma Beach (formerly Coleman Beach), Sitio Barongbong

The team saw broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach and also saw a marine turtle in the waters. According to Mr. Jimmy Gallego, the caretaker of the area, they saw five (5) nests of marine turtles in the area this year.

Bulalakaw Beach, Sitio Barongbong

According to Ms. Rogielyn Menoro, caretaker of the area, she saw two (2) nests of marine turtle last November 2020.

Agtap Beach, Sitio Barongbong

Broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach in this area was observed by the team.

Cidad Beach, Cagnipa, Sitio Baybay Daraga

Like in other sites, there were broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach of this site.

Ricky's Paradise Cove, Cagnipa, Sitio Baybay Daraga

Cesar Trosa, worker of the resort, stated that he saw five (5) nests of marine turtle in the area last January of this year. He further stated that he also saw a marine turtle nest in the area last May of this year. Presence of broken marine turtle egg shells in the area was observed by the team.

Coconut Garden Island Resort, Cagnipa, Sitio Baybay Daraga

According to Ms. Ediely Seleriana, resort worker, they saw four (4) nests of marine turtles in the area last December 2020. The team noticed the presence of broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach.

Kabang Beach, Cagnipa, Sitio Baybay Daraga

According to Mrs. Liezel dela Cruz, caretaker in the area, her family saw a total of fifteen (15) nests of marine turtles from December 2020 until March 2021. She further said that out of those, eggs in four (4) nests were infested by ants. She showed us pictures of said infestation. The team also noticed the presence of broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach.

Kalipayan Beach 1, Sitio Villapeňa

According to Mrs. Marilyn dela Cruz, caretaker of the area, fifty (50) marine turtle eggs hatched in this area last November 2020. She further said that they saw four (4) nests of marine turtles but only eggs in one (1) nest hatched because other nests were reached by seawater. The team also noticed the presence of broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach.

Kalipayan Beach 2, Sitio Villapeňa

The team noticed broken marine turtle egg shells on the beach and a mound of Tabon bird nearby.

Arias' Beach, Peňaplata, Sitio Villapeňa

According to Ms. Noemi Espinosa, caretaker of the area, they did not notice any nest of marine turtle in this area this year, but, some children saw five (5) marine turtle eggs which were already blackish in color.

Data obtained from the Port Barton Pawikan Project of Atelier Aquatic Interest Company show that Olive Ridley turtles laid eggs at Wild Dharma Beach in Sitio Barongbong from December 18, 2020 until January 30, 2021. Three hundred thirty-four (334) hatchlings emerged from February 25, 2021 until April 3, 2021. In addition, one hundred fifty-one (151) Olive Ridley turtle hatchlings emerged at Inaladelan Island Resort in German Island of Sitio Capsalay from December 28, 2020 until January 25, 2021. Another Olive Ridley turtle laid eggs in Sitio Baybay Daraga on December 11, 2020 and fourteen (14) hatchlings emerged.

Residents, resort owners, and caretakers of these areas are educated on marine turtle protection and conservation.

Attached are geotagged photos of the activity and location map.

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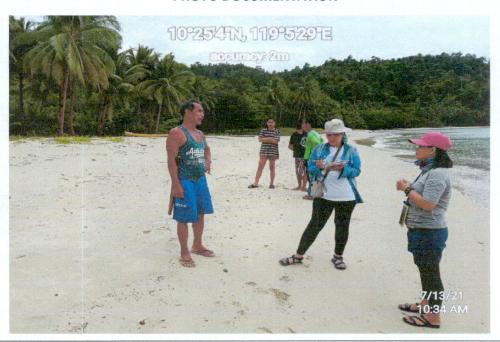
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Marine turtle nesting site monitoring in Wild Dharma Beach, Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan



Marine turtle nesting site monitoring in Tumuturing Beach, Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan



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Marine turtle nesting site monitoring in Cabang Beach, Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan



Marine turtle nesting site monitoring in Coconut Beach, Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan



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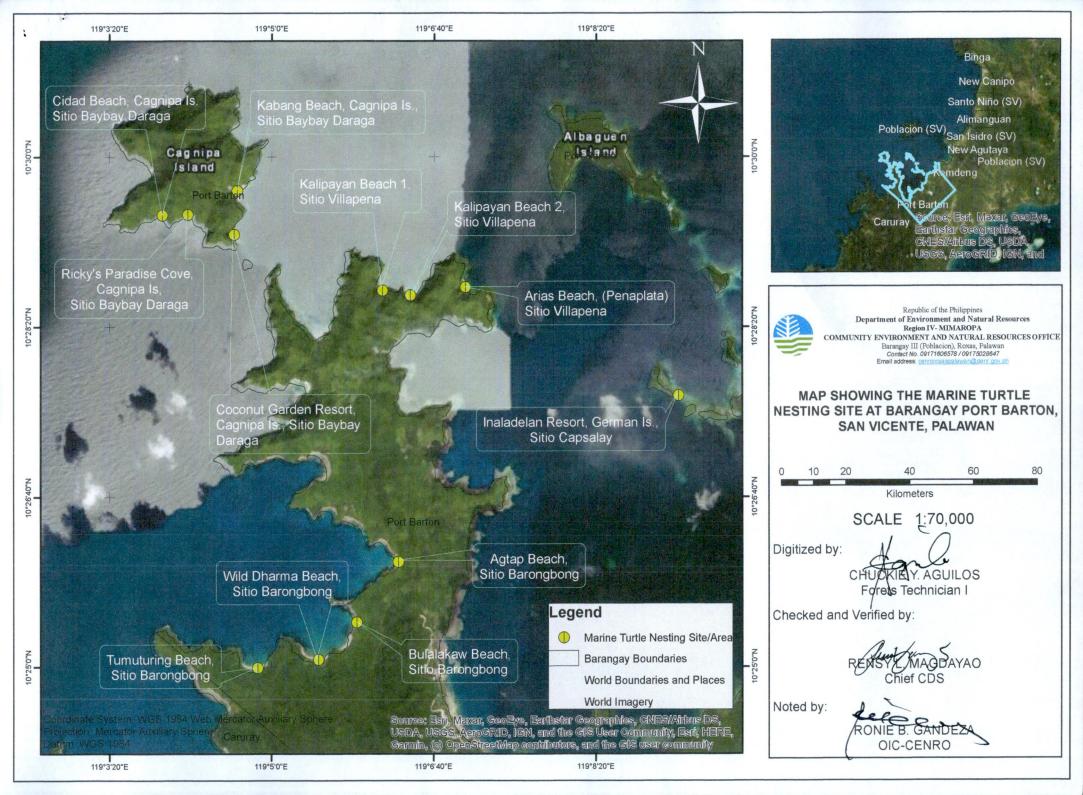
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Marine turtle nesting site monitoring in Arias Beach, Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan



Marine turtle nesting site monitoring in Paradise Cove, Port Barton, San Vicente, Palawan



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Marine Turtle Nesting Site/Area

Beach_Name	Latitude	Longitude
Tumuturing Beach, Sitio Barongbong	10°24'59.7"	119°04'51.6"
Wild Dharma Beach, Sitio Barongbong	10°25'04.4"	119°05'29.0"
Bulalakaw Beach, Sitio Barongbong	10°25'26.3"	119°05'52.8"
Agtap Beach, Sitio Barongbong	10°26'02.0"	119°06'18.4"
Cidad Beach, Cagnipa Is., Sitio Baybay Daraga	10°29'25.6"	119°03'52.2"
Ricky's Paradise Cove, Cagnipa Is., Sitio Baybay Daraga	10°29'25.9"	119°04'08.0"
Coconut Garden Resort, Cagnipa Is., Sitio Baybay Daraga	10°29'14.4"	119"04'36.8"
Kabang Beach, Cagnipa Is., Sitio Baybay Daraga	10°29'40.1"	119°04'39.0"
Kalipayan Beach 1, Sitio Villapena	10°28'41.4"	119°06'08.6"
Kalipayan Beach 2, Sitio Villapena	10°28'38.6"	119°06'25.6"
Arias Beach (Penaplata), Sitio Villapena	10°28'43.2"	119°06′59.4″
Inaladelan Resort, German Is., Sitio Capsalay	10°27°39.8"	119°09'11.2"