



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**PENRO Marinduque**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
MWS-PAMB Chairperson  
DENR-MIMAROPA Region**

**THRU : The Assistant Regional Director  
For Technical Services**

**FROM : The OIC, Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer**

**SUBJECT : PREPARATION ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY  
STANDARDS UNDER THE "NEW NORMAL" THAT WILL  
BE INSTITUTIONALIZED UPON THE RESUMPTION OF  
OPERATION OF ECOTOURISM & RESEARCH  
ACTIVITIES WITHIN MARINDUQUE WILDLIFE  
SANCTUARY (MWS).**

**DATE : July 05, 2021**

Respectfully endorsed is the Memorandum Report of PASu Emeterio M. Recto dated June 21, 2021 regarding the above captioned subject, and in compliance with your previous instruction last year regarding the Minutes of Meeting and Resolutions passed by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) En Banc meeting of MWS.

Please be informed that the guidelines along with the health and safety protocols issued by Inter-Agency Task Force on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Health (DOH) will be properly observed by Protected Area Management Offices and this may be used by the PAMB as reference in the adoption of safety measures in various protected areas.

Be informed further that the previous plan of PAMO as guided by the PAMB regarding the re-opening of the ecotourism and research activities within MWS which was agreed on January 2021 is already in place. The scheduled re-opening in February 2021 was postponed due to the declaration of community quarantine classification issued by the local government and the increasing COVID-19 positive in the province.

Likewise, the PAMO in collaboration with Mr. Gerardo M. Jamilla, Provincial Tourism

Officer during the Second MWS-PAMB En Banc Meeting held on May 27, 2021 at Brgy. Laylay, Boac, Marinduque was supporting our plan for the soft opening of the ecotourism activities this coming Second Semester provided that minimum health protocols will be complied.

This province is under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) and it is allowed to accept guests for outdoor recreation per DOT Administrative Order No. 2021-001 and Memorandum Circular No. 2021-001 on the amended health and safety guidelines governing the operations of Tourist attractions under community quarantine and new normal.

Thus, this Office will only allow outdoor activities while accommodation will not be permitted for the meantime, except to some unavoidable circumstances. All visitors with symptoms, if any, will be denied and recommended to temporary isolate at the designated isolation area of the concerned barangay. Online booking will be the priority in the list while walk-in visitors will be allowed if within the permissible capacity. The required age limit (18-59 years old) of the visitors under COVID 19 IATF policy will be observed.

In this regard, this Office is recommending for the soft opening of ecotourism activities including the research study within MWS considering that the province is under MGCQ.

For information, record and further instruction.

  
**IMELDA M. DIAZ**



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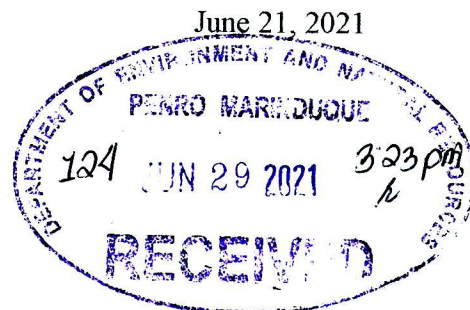
*PASu, the forward for this to RED for approval. Prepare memorandum. Likewise, the re-opening of MWS must be approved by PAMB. This is.*

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The OIC, PENR Office

**FROM :** The SEMS/PASu-MWS

**SUBJECT :** PREPARATION ON THE HEALTH AND SAFETY STANDARDS UNDER THE "NEW NORMAL" THAT PLAN TO INSTITUTIONALIZE UPON THE RESUMPTION OF OPERATION OF ECOTOURISM & RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITHIN MARINDUQUE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (MWS).



Respectfully submitted is the report on health and safety standards under the "New Normal" before Marinduque Wildlife Sanctuary (MWS) resumes its operation on ecotourism and research activities. This is in compliance with the previous instruction of RED Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer last year regarding the Minutes of Meeting and Resolutions passed by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) En Banc meeting of MWS.

Please be informed that the guidelines along with the health and safety protocols issued by Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID), Department of Tourism (DOT) and the Department of Health (DOH) be properly observed by Protected Area Management Offices and this may be used as reference in the adoption of safety measures in respective protected areas by the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB).

Likewise, the previous direction of Protected Area Management Office through the PAMB regarding the re-opening of the ecotourism and research activities within Marinduque Wildlife Sanctuary (MWS) which was planned on January 2021 for the preparation of facilities/equipment, signages and materials to be used for the soft opening of the activities were already in place. The opening was scheduled on February 2021 was not implemented due to the declaration of community quarantine classification issued by the local government and the increasing COVID-19 positive in the province.

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Presently, the PAMO in collaboration with Mr. Gerardo M. Jamilla, Provincial Tourism Officer of Marinduque during the Second MWS-PAMB En Banc Meeting held on May 27, 2021 at A&A Beach Resort/Restaurant and Catering Services, Brgy. Laylay, Boac, Marinduque is favoring our plan for the soft opening of the ecotourism activities this coming Second Semester provided that minimum health protocols will be complied.

The province of Marinduque is under Modified General Community Quarantine (MGCQ) and it was allowed per DOT Administrative Order No. 2021-001 and Memorandum Circular No. 2021-001 on the amended health and safety guidelines governing the operations of Tourist attractions under community quarantine and new normal as follows:

### **TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA 1, 2 & 3**

Brgy. Tumagabok, Boac; Brgy. Malibago, Torrijos & Brgy. Bagtingon, Buenavista

#### **General Policy**

1. Pre-booking is required to all guest/visitors to observe the allowable capacity;
2. The age limit of all guest/visitor is 18-59 years old;
3. Upon arrival of all guest/visitor will require to fill-out the health declaration form;
4. No wearing of face mask and face shield no entry policy;
5. Checking of body temperature will be done using thermal scanner;
6. Guest/visitor shall be advice to disinfect their shoes using sanitizing mats and hand sanitizer will be provided at the Registration Area;
7. Observed physical distancing;
8. Sanitized pens are available at the Ecotourism Information Center, if necessary;
9. Regular briefing and information on current and updated health crisis and simulation of pertinent security and safety measures by PAMO Staff must be conducted;
10. Precautionary measures such as Physical Distancing, Hand Washing and Respiratory etiquette must be strictly observed;
11. PAMO Personnel and Ecoguides attending to guest must wear facemask/face shield;
12. Disposable gloves must be used when handling cash or documents, and/ or materials that are passed from person to person;
13. Contactless process at the front desk is highly encouraged;
14. PAMO Personnel and Ecoguides must be familiar with room occupancy policy for accompanying person in the event of a suspected case;
15. PAMO Staff is ready to assist guest/visitor anytime that requires physical contact must wear proper PPE such as: face mask and gloves, whenever necessary;
16. Hand shaking is not advised, the practice of Filipino Brand of Service (FBS) or the "Mabuhay Gesture" in greeting and receiving guests, as well as other forms of contactless Greeting is highly encouraged;

#### **A. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA 1**

Brgy. Tumagabok, Boac, Marinduque

(Activities offered: Swimming/bathing at Lambingan Pool, Trekking/Hiking at View Deck)





### **Lambingan Pool**

1. Rinse before and after using the pool;
2. Maintain physical distancing; and
3. Maximum capacity of pool was reduced to 25% guests at a time.

### **View Deck**

1. Maintain physical distancing;
2. Maximum capacity of view deck was reduced 25% guest at a time; and
3. Non-wearing of facemask or face shield is allowed during hiking or touring around the vicinities of View Deck.

## **B. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA 2**

Brgy. Malibago, Torrijos, Marinduque

(Activities offered: Camping & Trekking/Hiking at Balagbag Mountain Ranges)

1. Guest/Visitor for trekking/hiking at Balagbag Mountain Ranges should proceed upon arrival at Ecoguide Office, Brgy. Hall, Malibago, Torrijos;
2. Maintain physical distancing;
3. Maximum capacity of trekking at Balagbag Mountain Ranges was reduced 25% guest at a time; and
4. Non-wearing of facemask or face shield is allowed during hiking/trekking or touring around the vicinities.

## **C. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AREA 3**

Brgy. Bagtingon, Buenavista

(Activities Offered: Swimming/bathing at Bulsukan Falls & Trekking at Mt. Natilus and Balagbag Mountain Ranges)

1. Guest/Visitor for swimming/bathing at Bulsukan Falls and trekking at Mt. Natilus and Balagbag Mountain Ranges should proceed upon arrival to Ecoguide Office, Brgy. Hall, Bagtingon, Buenavista;
2. Maintain physical distancing;
3. Maximum capacity of trekking at Mt. Natilus and Balagbag Mountain Ranges was reduced 25% guest at a time; and
4. Non-wearing of facemask or face shield is allowed during hiking or trekking at the vicinities.

Furthermore, this Office is on-going in the preparation of the minimum health protocol required by the IATF, DOT, DOH and other concerned government agencies such as the following:

1. Prepared minimum health protocol signages/markings e.g. wearing of face mask, observe social distancing, hand washing areas, etc.;
2. Purchased thermal scanner, 70% alcohol, sanitizer, facemask, faceshield, disposable gloves, etc.;

3. Installed plastic barrier in the front disk/registration booth;
4. Maintained the facebook page of MWS;
5. Conducted re-orientation meetings with the members of PAMO-MWS Ecoguides and
6. Coordinated with the concerned Barangay Officials, Municipal and Provincial Tourism Offices.

For the moment, this Office will only allow outdoor activities while accommodation will not be permitted for the meantime, except to some unavoidable cases. All suspected visitors with symptoms, if any, will be recommended to temporary stay/rest at the designated isolation area of the concerned barangay. Online booking will be the priority in the list while walk-in visitors will be allowed if the capacity is still available. The required age limit (18-59 years old) of the visitors will be observed as required under COVID 19 policies.

In view of the foregoing, it is hereby recommended for the soft opening of ecotourism activities including the research study within MWS considering that the province is under MGCQ and allows to resume the said activities. This will be a big help for the members of eco-guides association and other stakeholders of the locality to earn extra income and sustain their livelihoods. (Please find attached pictures of the said minimum health protocol preparation.)

For information, record and further instruction.

  
**EMETERIO M. RECTO**





Protected Area Management Office



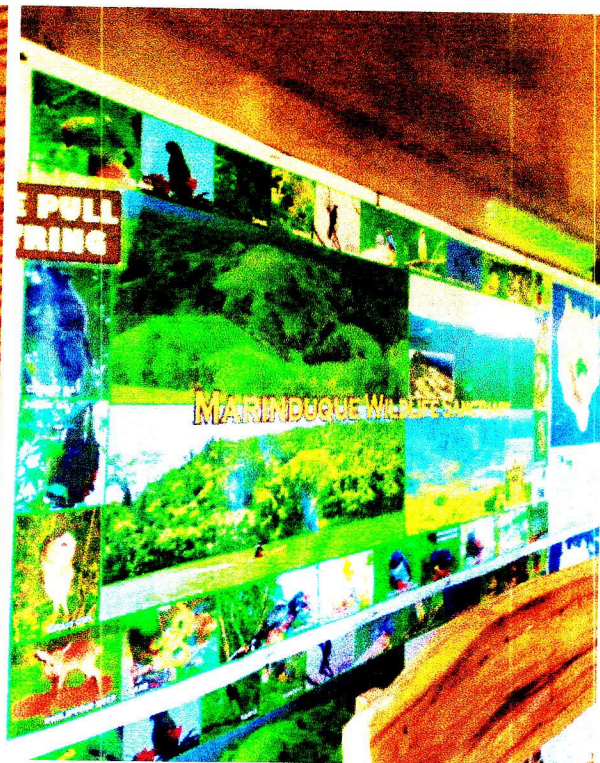
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PAMO Multi-Purpose Hall

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**Signages (Rate/Fees) and Reminders to visitors.**





Signages/Reminder to visitors.





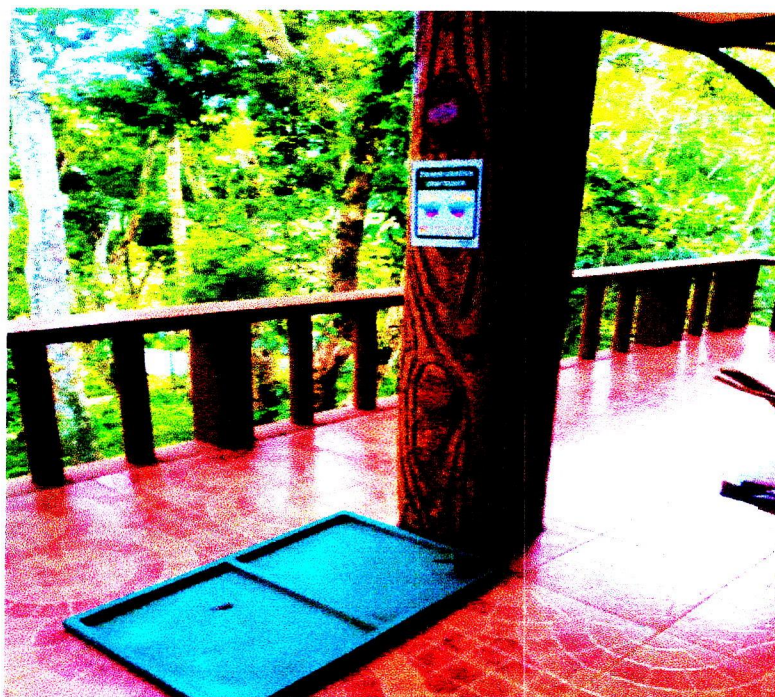
Signages of Rate of Fees to be collected and plastic barrier at front disk.





Health Protocol Signages and plastic barrier at registration booth

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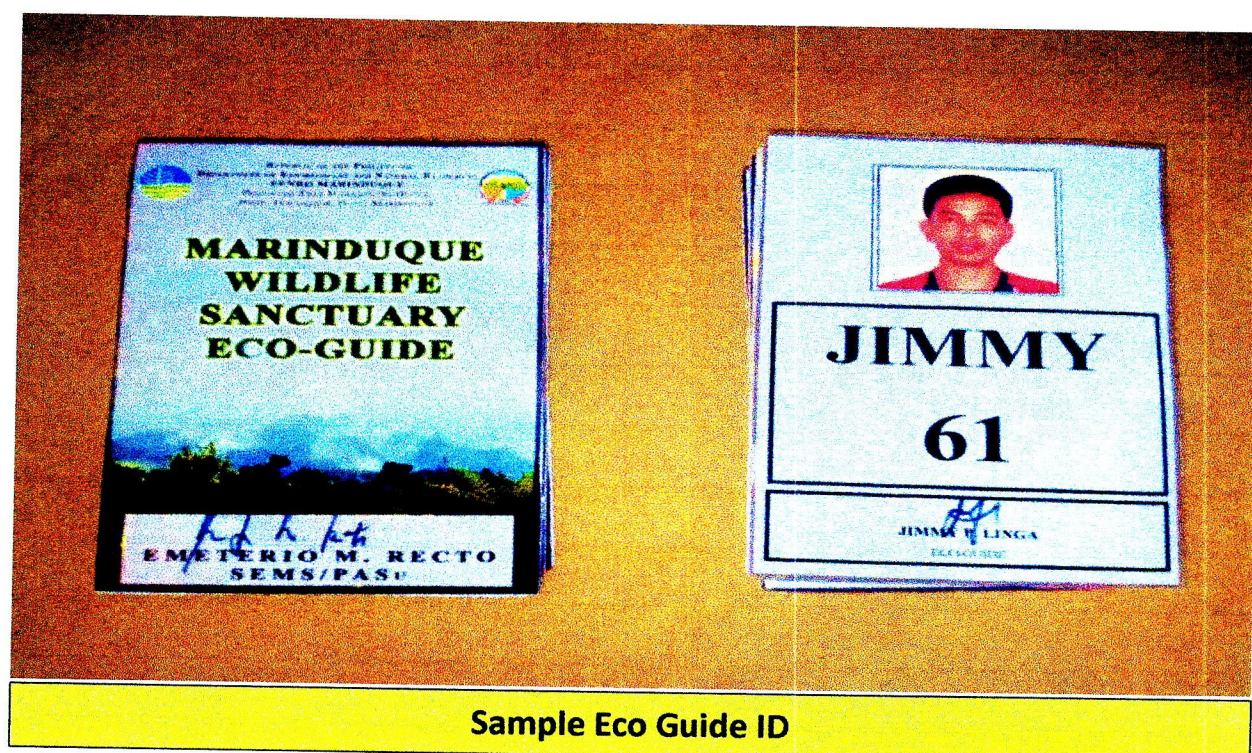
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Participants of Re-orientation/Meeting with the Eco Guide of Brgy. Tumagabok, Boac conducted on May 21, 2021.





**Conducted Re-orientation/Meeting with the Eco Guide of Brgy. Tumagabok, Boac on May 21, 2021.**





Participants of Re-orientation/Meeting with the Eco Guide of Brgy. Malibago, Torrijos conducted on May 14, 2021.

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**Conducted Re-orientation/Meeting with the Eco-Guides of Brgy. Malibago, Torrijos, Marinduque on May 14, 2021.**

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