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April 19, 2022

#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

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Ermita, Manila

**FROM** 

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED COASTAL AND

MARINE RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING FOR

**DRY SEASON 2022** 

Forwarded is the memorandum dated April 12, 2022 regarding the above-mentioned subject.

As per report, a total of thirty-four (34) participants joined the activity, twenty (20) males and fourteen (14) females from BMB-CMD, ERDB-CZFERD, CENRO Roxas, CENRO Taytay CENRO Quezon, CENRO Puerto Princesa, City ENRO, PENRO Palawan – CDS and the Snake Island Management Office (SIMO) as host of the activity.

This will serve Means of Verification (MoV) for Snake Island NCMCR CY 2022 activities.

For information and record.



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12 April 2022

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The Provincial Environment and

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THRU

The Chief,

Technical Services Division

**FROM** 

The Chief, Conservation and Development Section

Snake Island Management Officer in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT

ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED COASTAL AND

MARINE RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING FOR

**DRY SEASON 2022** 

Respectfully submitted is the activity report of Mr. Genesis Z. Ustares, Marine Biologist II, on the conduct coastal and marine resource assessment and monitoring at Snake Island – National Coastal and Marine Center for Research, Honda Bay, on April 4-8, 2022.

As per report, a total of thirty-four (34) participants joined the activity, twenty (20) males and fourteen (14) females with representatives from BMB-CMD, ERDB-CZFERD, CENRO Roxas, CENRO Taytay CENRO Quezon, CENRO Puerto Princesa, City ENRO, PENRO Palawan – CDS and the Snake Island Management Office (SIMO) as host of the activity.

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For your information and further instructions.

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# ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCE ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING FOR DRY SEASON 2022

April 4-8, 2022

As part of the target activities of Snake Island – National Coastal and Marine Center for Research for CY 2022, the SIMO hosted the conduct of dry season coastal and marine resource assessment and monitoring at Snake Island NCMCR, Honda Bay on April 4-8, 2022. This activity will also treat as the post-damaged assessment on ecosystems of Snake Island brought by Typhoon Odette in Snake Island.

A total of thirty-four (34) participants joined the activity, twenty (20) males and fourteen (14) females with representatives from BMB – Coastal and Marine Division, ERDB – Coastal Zone and Freshwater Ecosystems Research Division, CENRO Roxas, CENRO Taytay CENRO Quezon, CENRO Puerto Princesa, City ENRO, PENRO Palawan – Conservation and Development Section and the Snake Island Management Office (SIMO) as host of the activity.

On day 1, upon arrival of the participants on the island, a levelling off meeting was done led by the undersigned that includes the team designation, method orientation and materials preparation. The following team were assigned in respective components:

Corals & Fish	Mangroves	Seagrass	Macrobenthos	Avifauna
Lea Avilla (BMB)	Alvin Gestiada (ERDB)	Mariche Natividad (ERDB)	Annieraj Velasco (ERDB)	Alon Velasquez (ERBD)
Dionisio Mahilum Jr. (SIMO)	Amelia Abecina (BMB)	Micah Bernales (ERDB)	Julius Landrito (SIMO)	Jacqueline Concepcion (BMB)
Precy Obrique (C-Taytay)	Jamael Masacal (SIMO)	Demi Decena (PENRO)	Prince BJ Medina (PENRO)	Myla Adriano (City ENRO)
Jo Annie Corvera (C- Roxas)	Mark Angel Lito (SIMO)	Clarisse Macola (PENRO)	Rojean Rosales (PENRO-OJT)	Fe Bolen (City ENRO)
Jether Manliguez (C- Quezon)	Hazzel Valones (City ENRO)	Chuckie Aguilos (C- Roxas)	Pia Mae Palay (PENRO-OJT)	Alonzo Padon (City ENRO)
Karl Aries Sumandal (C-Roxas)	Ken Sabuya (City ENRO)	Jerry Bautista (C-Quezon)		Rogelio Abison (C-PPC)
	Santos Cautala (City ENRO)			Jessie Escandalio (C-PPC)
	Jerry Lapian (City ENRO)			

On day 2, 3, 4 and 5, the assessment proper was done. Unfortunately, due to weather condition brought by Low Pressure Area (LPA), the corals and fish components were only



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accomplished 4 out of 6 established stations. The remaining 2 stations will be surveyed by SIMO team once favorable weather condition shows. As per observation of the corals and fish team, the surveyed stations 1, 2, 5 & 6 shows that the dead corals were already covered by algae and shows no Recently Killed Corals (RKC) hence can be concluded that no damages brought by Typhoon Odette and fortunately shows promising fish biomass.

The mangroves team did the survey along with the damaged trees on the established permanent plots. They also re-painted and marked the permanent plots. Some of the fallen and/or damaged trees were cut down and treat the tree to prevent fungal infestation. As part of the cleaning of affected mangroves, a small chainsaw will be requested to use for cutting/trimming of the remaining damaged mangroves.

Due to Typhoon Odette, sand shift was occurred in the island resulting the covering of seagrass beds near the shoreline on monitoring station 1 hence started the transect line on around 3-4 feet deep. Fortunately, sand shift did not occur in other monitoring stations.

The avifauna team installed a mist net and traps for avian and fauna survey in Snake Island. Some birds were trap in installed mist net and was documented and then released. Presence of rodents were caught in the installed fauna trap and since it is an invasive species, it was drowned and buried in the sand. The team recommends for regular installation of rodent traps in the island for it may threatened other wildlife in the area.

Processing of CPCE coral reef data and fish visual census data were tasked to SIMO and will be submitted to ERDB for analysis, interpretation and technical writing. Raw data of mangroves, seagrass, associated macrobenthos and fauna were already obtained and processed by ERDB technical personnel. Moreover, data on avian survey will be forwarded to ERDB once it was submitted by the City ENRO.

This will serve Means of Verification (MoV) for Snake Island NCMCR CY 2022 activities. Attached is the photo documentation of the activity and attendance sheet. For your information and further instructions.

Prepared by:

Marine Biologist II



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### PHOTO DOCUMENTATION





Courtesy call of ERDB and BMB team to PENRO Cayatoc





Land transport and unloading of rented SCUBA tanks





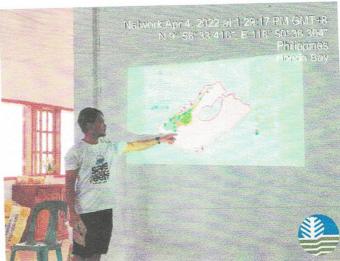
Boat transfer of SCUBA tanks and other materials/equipment (left) and participants (right)



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Levelling off meeting: designation of task, methodology orientation and material preparation



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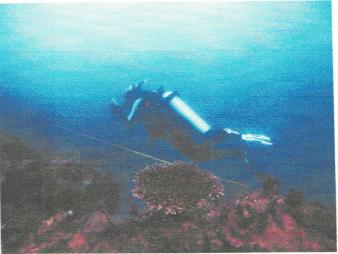
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Corals and Fish component team





Ms. Precy Obrique (left) doing the photo transect and Ms. Lea Avilla (right) doing the rugosity chain method





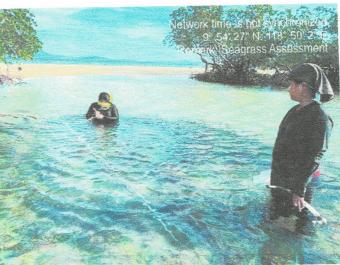
Mr. Dionisio Mahilum Jr. (left) laying the transect tape. Mr. Karl Sumandal and Ms. Jo Annie Corvera (right) doing the fish visual census



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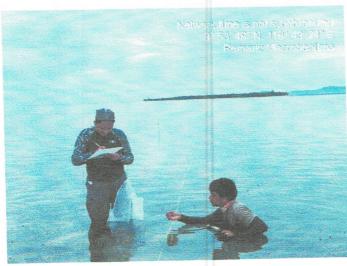








Seagrass team during their surveys and group photo in the survey site





Associated macrobenthos component team during their survey and collection (left) and their group photo (right) in the survey site



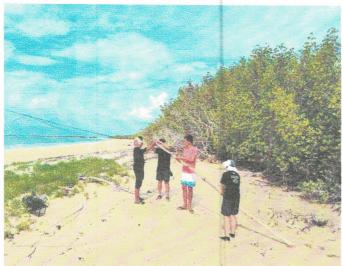
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Ms. Annieraj Velasco of ERDB during macrobenthos species ID and documentation





Mist net installation of the fauna team







Fauna team during night survey (left) and trapped rodent



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Mangroves component team during the survey and re-painting and marking the permanent plots



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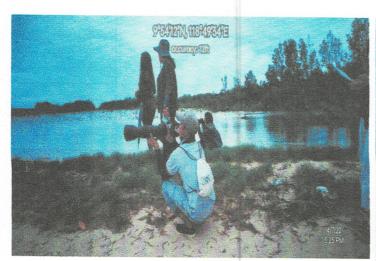


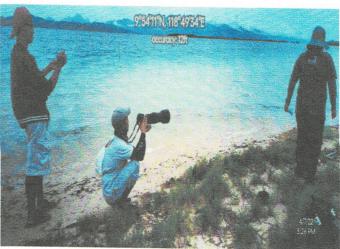
City ENRO doing the trimming and treatment of damaged/felled mangroves trees



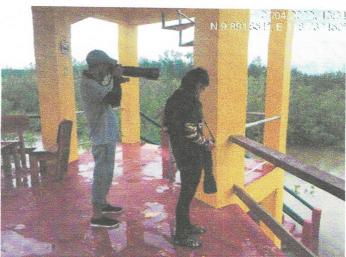
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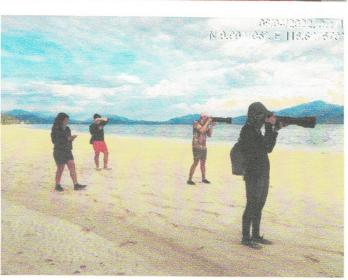












Waterbirds component team during the survey



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Pre-processing of gathered raw data





Group photo of all participants after the levelling off meeting



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Group photo of seagrass team (left) and associated macrobenthos team (right)





Group photo of mangroves team (left) and fauna team (right)





Group photo of corals and fish team (left) and City ENRO team – combined waterbirds and mangroves component (right)



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Coastal resource assessment participants during meals