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**MIMAROPA Region**  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L & S Building, Roxas Blvd.  
Ermita, Manila

FROM : The OIC PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **REPLY ON SHOW CAUSE MEMORANDUM DATED APRIL 13, 2022 BY LMO III ROLANDO L. MATANGUIHAN**

Respectfully forwarded herewith is the reply on Show Cause Memorandum dated April 13, 2022 of LMO III Rolando L. Matanguihan, Chief of Regulation and Permitting Section (RPS) of CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro regarding the irregularities found on the issued documents to Matias Cortuna relative to the apprehension of 14,047.75 board feet at So. Pakil, Barangay Cabacao, Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro.

For your information and record.

  
ERNESTO E. TAÑADA

April 22, 2022

**To: MR. ERNESTO E. TAÑADA**

OIC, PENR Officer

**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

Region IV-B MIMAROPA Region

Purok Pag-asa, Brgy. Payompon, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

**Thru: MR. ANASTACIO A. SANTOS**

CENR Officer

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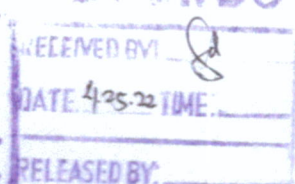
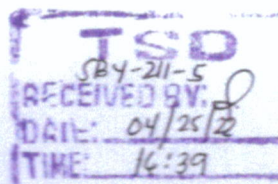
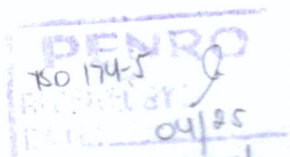
**Re: Show Cause Memorandum dated April 13, 2022.**

Dear PENRO Tañada:

I am respectfully addressing the Show Cause Memorandum dated April 13, 2021 that I received on April 21, 2022. I was given seventy-two (72) hours within which to submit my notarized written explanation about the apprehension of 14,047.75 board feet of Gmelina species at So. Pakil, Brgy. Cabacao, Abra de Ilog, Occidental Mindoro. In relation to said report, I am being asked about the alleged irregularities found on the issued documents to Matias Cortuna, such that the actual location of the first and last tree shown in the GIS Map of the Inventory Report used for the issuance of Clearance to Cut did not conform to the GIS Map prepared by the CENRO Investigation Team.

Procedurally, being the Chief of the Regulation and Permitting Section, I am tasked to receive and review the clearance application, in this case by one Mr. Matias Cortuna, and assign inspection team to conduct site inspection. However, the said application for the tree cutting permit for planted trees in the alleged private land of Mr. Matias Cortuna did not reach my knowledge. Hence, I am also not the one who reviewed the inspection report and made a recommendation thereto to the CENRO.

Considering the lack of personal knowledge on the questioned documents issued to Mr. Matias Cortuna, I came to know about his alleged application only after the apprehension of the above-mentioned Gmelina trees performed by the Monitoring and Enforcement Section of CENRO. In fact, I was able to derive documents in relation to such application only upon receipt of this formal show cause memorandum.



As may be gleaned from the map showing the plantation site owned by Matias Cortuna in relation to the plotted, inventoried and photographed trees, the same has been prepared by the ArcGIS Operator. Thus, it is my humble opinion that any discrepancy or irregularity could be best explained by the person who actually prepared the plotting of the coordinates of the trees in relation to the technical description of the title.

It can be noticed that I have not signed in any of the documents prepared and submitted for the tree cutting permit of Mr. Matias Cortuna, and neither did I issue a Recommendation thereto. Therefore, there is no prima facie administrative case that may be instituted against me.

With all these, I hope that this reply addresses your concern, and aid the conduct of investigation of our reputable office.

Thank you and more power.

Sincerely,




**ROLANDO L. MATANGUIHAN**

Chief, Regulation and Permitting Section  
CENRO Sablayan

**OATH**

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN** to before me this \_\_\_ day of APR 25 2022, in Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. I further certify that I have personally examined the affiant herein and that I am convinced that he voluntarily executed this affidavit and that he understood the contents thereof.

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