



ORIENTATION MEETING FOR THE CREATION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF BACUIT – EL NIDO BAY WQMA

Minutes of Meeting

Date: 14-15 June 2022

Time Started: 10:00 am

Venue: DENR ENTMRPA Conference Room

Attendees:

Representative/s from the following
sectors:

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| - DILG | - LGU – MAO |
| - DPWH | - LGU – MMO |
| - NEDA | - DENR CENRO Taytay |
| - DOST | - ENTMRPA – PAMO |
| - DOH | - El Nido Foundation Inc. |
| - DEPED | - El Nido Chamber of Commerce |
| - DHSUD | - Malampaya Foundation Inc. |
| - LGU – MEEDO | - Zoological Society of London |

AGENDA: “*Creation of the Governing Board of Bacuit – El Nido Bay WQMA*”

DAY 1: June 14, 2022 – 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

- I. Registration of Attendance of Participants
- II. Opening Prayer was led by Mr. Karl Alexander Dammay, Technical Staff of EMB and the Opening Remarks was led by Ms. Edna Velasco, PEMU Palawan.
- III. Acknowledging of the presence of the attendees
- IV. Orientation of the Creation of the Bacuit – El Nido Bay as a Water Quality Management Area
 - Designation/Operationalization of the Bacuit – El Nido Bay as a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA)
 - Brief Discussion of the Section 5, Article I of Chapter of the Water Quality Management System mandated under the Republic Act 9275 also known as “Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004”
 - Presentation of the Coverage and Conditions of WQMA Designation
 - Procedures in the Designation of the WQMA
 - Current WQMA in the MIMAROPA Region
 - Demonstration of the Action Planning for WQMA and its Processes
 - Introduction of the Initial 10-year WQMA Action Plans




- Processes and Legal Basis for the Creation of Multi Sectoral Group under WQMA
 - Expounding of the definition and objectives of Area Cooperation Arrangement
- V. Discussion on the Current Water Quality Status of Bacuit – El Nido Bay
- Introduction on the Water Quality Monitoring Stations established in Bacuit Bay and El Nido Bay
 - Operationalization Status of the Bacuit-El Nido Bay WQMA
 - Presentation of the Trend Data of the parameters (dissolved oxygen, total suspended solids, phosphates, color, pH, temperature, and fecal coliform) from year 2017 to 2021.
 - Illustration of the tourist arrivals in El Nido, Palawan in year 1997 and from 2013 to 2019.
- VI. Open Forum/Discussion
- Bulalacao Falls were identified as another source of water supply.
 - Concerns regarding the water quality of the water supply of the establishments located in El Nido were addressed.
 - During the forum, it was conceived that some of the establishments rely on deep wells for their water supply, whereas others are connected to MEEDO, which is the water service provider in El Nido.
 - In relation to this, EMB requested for the list of establishments connected to MEEDO. According to Mr. Conrado David, President of El Nido Chamber of Commerce, Inc., they are willing to connect to MEEDO however, due to the high price, they were unable to.
 - It was recommended that the LGU, business sectors and the service provider will be meet separately by the EMB and as a whole then after.
 - Another issue determined is the lack of source of the water supply in El Nido as its main resource is from the timberland.
 - Clarification regarding on the names of some of the beaches where the sampling stations are located.
 - **Vanilla Cove Beach – Maramegmeg and Peaceful Beach – Lamuro*
 - It was also brought up that there was no permit on the reclaimed part of the estero.
 - Requesting for the clarification on the roles of the LGU and other sectors as members of the BENB WQMA Governing Board.
 - Imploration on expanding the scope of the BENB WQMA in terms of land area.
- VII. Excursion on the established sampling stations along El Nido Bay and Bacuit Bay
- Nacpan Beach
 - Calitang Beach
 - Corong Corong Pier
 - Corong Corong Cove
 - Vanilla Beach
- VIII. Meeting Adjourned



DAY 2: June 15, 2022

- I. Arrival and registration of participants in DENR ENTMRPA Conference Room in El Nido, Palawan
- II. Brief discussion on the safety in the boating excursion of sampling stations established on the islets of the Bacuit – El Nido, Palawan
 - Big Lagoon
 - Seven Commando
 - Secret Lagoon
 - Shimizu
 - Payong payong Reef
- III. Meeting Adjourned

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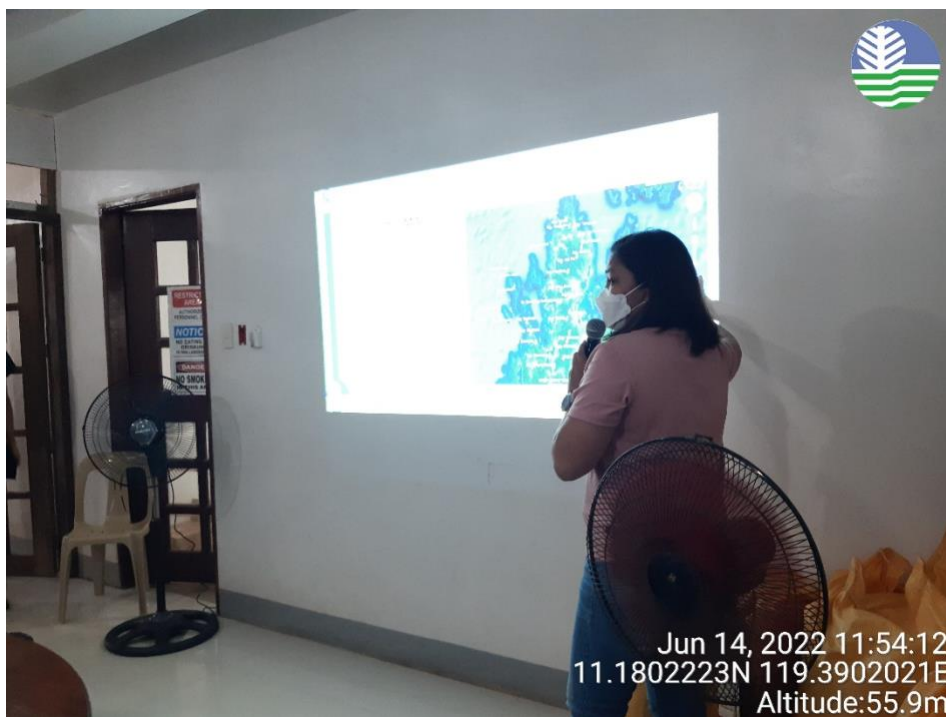
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Designation/Operationalization of the Bacuit – El Nido Bay as a Water Quality Management Area (WQMA) Discussion Proper



Open Forum/Discussion



Presentation of the scope area of the BENB WQMA



Field Work / Site Visit at the Corong Corong Pier



Field Work / Site Visit at the Calitang Beach



Field Work / Site Visit at the Nacpan Beach



Field Work / Site Visit at the Corong Corong Cove



Field Work / Site Visit the Vanilla Beach