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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

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Ermita, Manila

FROM

The OIC-Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

ACTIVITY REPORT ON CONDUCTED AUTONOMOUS REEF

MONITORING STRUCTURE (ARMS) MONITORING AT

SNAKE ISLAND NCMCR ON FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Forwarded is the memorandum dated February 28, 2022 of Marine Biologist II Genesis Z. Ustares of Snake Island NCMCR.

As per report, the monitoring was conducted on February 22, 2022 to check the condition of the ARMS unit in 18 meters depth in the deployment area (09°54'21.6" N, 118°49'24.7" E. The team was composed of Snake Island certified divers.

Further, the visibility is clear at 3 meters' depth with a sea temperature of 28°C, sightings of damsel fishes, wrasses, *Chaetodon mesoleocus*, *Nemipteridae*, *Caesionidae*, *Apogonida* and *Mullidae* were also recorded in the area. The coral reefs within the area (3-5 meters deep) were severely damaged by the recent Typhoon while in the deep area (>5 meters deep) only received slight damages and majorly still in good condition.

For information and record.



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The OIC-Provincial Environment and

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The Chief,

Conservation and Development Section/SIMO

FROM

Genesis Z. Ustares

Marine Biologist II, Snake Island NCMCR

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Respectfully submitted is the activity report of the undersigned on ARMS monitoring activity in Snake Island – National Coastal and Marine Center for Research.

A monthly schedule for ARMS monitoring was set on February 22, 2021 to regularly check the condition of the ARMS unit after its redeployment activity on August 15, 2019 as well its condition after the Typhoon Odette last December 17, 2022. Research Assistant Jamael B. Masacal, Law Enforcement Officer Dioniso A. Mahilum Jr., Keven A. Lito and Vincent Arcano who assisted as boat operator, carried out this month's monitoring activity.

Fortunately, after the Tyhoon Odette, the ARMS unit was still spotted in the deployment area (09°54'21.6" N, 118°49'24.7" E) at 18 meters' depth with a visibility of 3 meters and a sea temperature of 28°C and conducted appropriate actions. There's also sightings of damsel fishes, wrasses, *Chaetodon mesoleocus*, *Nemipteridae*, *Caesionidae*, *Apogonidae* and *Mullidae*. Further, the coral reefs within the shallow area (3-5 meters deep) were severely damaged by the recent Typhoon while in the deep area (>5 meters deep) only received slight damages and majorly still in good condition.

For your information and further instructions.

Noted by:

RHODORA B. UBANI Chief, CDS/SIMO

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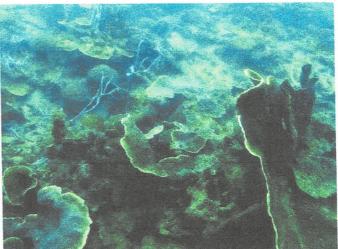
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Monitoring team bound to deployment area (left) and preparing to descend (right)





Mr. Jamael Masacal securing the ARMS unit (left) and some damaged corals nearby the ARMS unit (right)





Secured ARMS unit at 18 meters' depth