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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The OIC-Regional Director**
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The OIC-Regional Executive Director
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Ermita, Manila

THRU : **Provincial Environment and**
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : **The Community Environment and**
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : **CLARIFICATION OF THE INVESTIGATION REPORT**
REGARDING SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION IN CORON,
PALAWAN

Respectfully endorsing is the report dated 18 April 2022 of the MGB Embedded Personnel Casandra Lynda Jalac of CENRO – Coron pertaining to the clarification on the investigation report in sand and gravel extraction in Coron, Palawan.

For your information and record.




ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.
CENRO – Coron



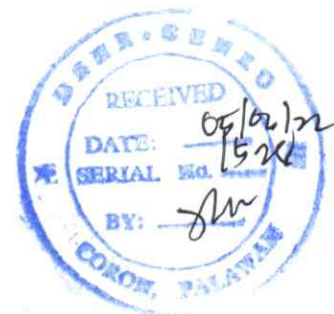

05 May 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

FROM : The Undersigned

SUBJECT : CLARIFICATION OF THE INVESTIGATION REPORT
REGARDING SAND AND GRAVEL EXTRACTION IN CORON,
PALAWAN



This is in connection with the Travel Order No. 2022-001, where the undersigned conducted an inspection on sand and gravel extraction in Coron, Palawan last 21 March 2022 in the barangays of Guadalupe, San Nicolas, Decalachao, and San Jose.

Background Information

Last 22 March 2022, the MGB Embedded personnel submitted the investigation report about the abovementioned subject. However, there is clarification on the said report. Specifically on the sand and gravel extraction in San Nicolas for the National Housing Authority (NHA) project. Below is the updated investigation report.

Findings and Observations

1. The subject area is geographically situated at 12° 05' 01" N, 120° 11' 56" E. It is ~15 km away from CENRO and can be reached within a 20-minute drive (Figure 1).
2. Based on the information gathered, this area is quarried by Mr. Ricardo "Kap Boy" Nacachi, the former barangay captain of Brgy. Maglambay, Busuanga. At present, Mr. Nacachi is residing at Brgy. 6, Coron, Palawan.
3. As mentioned by Mr. Nacachi and by a certain Mr. Billy Dumaicos, allegedly the subject area is owned by the present contractor of the NHA project.
4. Mr. Billy Dumaicos mentioned to the undersigned that the extraction in the area has stopped in 2021.



Figure 1. Location map of the sand and gravel quarry in San Nicolas. The white line denotes the barangay boundary. The image source is Google Earth.

5. This was confirmed during the investigation as no quarry equipment nor sacks of sand and gravel are observed in the area. Plants can also be observed on the piles of sediments implying no recent extraction was made.
6. The area, however, needs rehabilitation as the flow of the river is blocked by sediments. As the river is shallow, flooding in the area may heighten (*see Photo Documentation*).

Comments and Recommendations

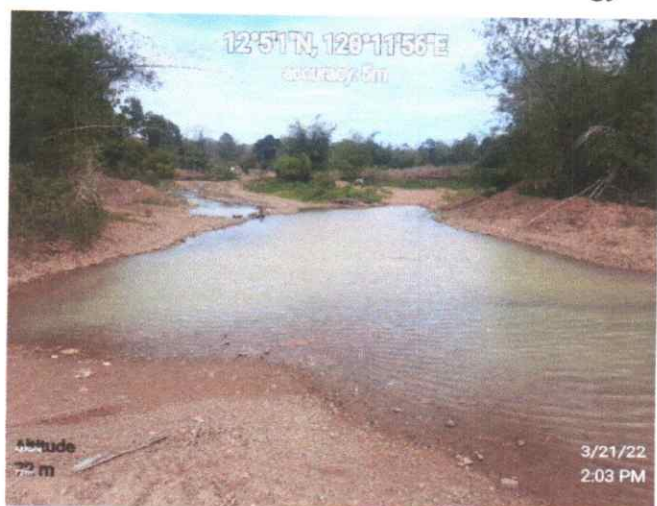
1. Based on the investigation, the former operator is suggested to rehabilitate the area to lessen the effect of flooding.

For your reference, record, and further instruction(s).


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 MGB MIMAROPA – Embedded Personnel

Photo Documentation

Brgy. San Nicolas



SAG excavation in Brgy. San Nicolas. Piles of sand and gravel were left in the river channel, blocking its natural flow, upon ceasing of quarry operations.