



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
PENRO Marinduque

October 10, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR-MIMAROPA Region

THRU : The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **COMPLIANCE MONITORING OF SOCIALIZED INDUSTRIAL FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (SIFMA) AWARDED TO UNITED MARINDUQUENIANS, INC.**



Respectfully forwarded is the compliance monitoring conducted on September 20-23, 2022 by the Compliance Monitoring team on the Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) awarded to United Marinduquenians, Inc. represented by Ms. Ellen S. Yarisantos on June 10, 2010 and will expire on June 10, 2035 covering an area of 369 hectares located in Brgy. Tabionan, Antipolo and Banuyo, Gasan, Marinduque

Per coordination with the SIFMA holder thru Ms. Ellen S. Yarisantos, they are still interested in managing and developing the SIFMA area. However, they need to comply with terms and conditions stipulated in the agreement. Per monitoring conducted, the team found out that the SIFMA area is planted with Narra and Gmelina trees.

Moreover, the Compliance Monitoring Team advised the SIFMA holder thru their representative, Ms. Ellen S. Yarisantos to submit their Annual Reports, pay the required Annual fees including the surcharges and introduce new improvements/developments in the awarded SIFMA area.

For information and record.


IMELDA M. DIAZ



September 30, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC-PENR Officer

THRU : The Chief, Technical Services Division

FROM : Compliance Monitoring Team

SUBJECT : **COMPLIANCE MONITORING OF TENURE OF SOCIALIZED INDUSTRIAL FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (SIFMA) ISSUED TO UNITED MARINDUQUENIANS, INC..**

I. REFERENCE

In compliance with the approved Work and Financial Plan (WFP) for CY 2022 of PENRO Marinduque under Natural Resource Management Arrangement/Agreement and Permit Issuance to conduct compliance monitoring of tenurial instruments within the administrative jurisdiction of PENRO Marinduque. The team monitored and assessed the area of the United Marindueians, Inc. from September 20 to September 23, 2022.

II. BACKGROUND

The Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) is an agreement entered into by and between a natural or judicial person and the DENR wherein the latter grants to the former the right to develop, utilize and manage a small tract of forestland consistent with the principle of sustainable development. (*DENR Administrative Order No. 96-24*).

The United Marindueñians, Inc. represented by Ms. Ellen s. Yarisantos, a community-based organization, is a holder of SIFMA which was issued on June 10, 2010, and will expire on June 10, 2035. The agreement with number SIFMA R4B-11-2010 has an approximate area of Three hundred sixty-nine (369) hectares of public forest lands located in the Barangays of Tabionan, Antipolo and Banuyo, Gasan, Marinduque.

Before the compliance monitoring and assessment of the tenured area, the team coordinated with the Barangay Official of Bachao-Ibaba. Gasan to inquire the house of Ms. Ginalyn L. Selva, staff of Ms. Ellen S. Yarisantos. The team discussed the rationale of the activity with Ms. Selva and Ms. Yarisantos via teleconferences and requested assistance from the members of UMI during the ocular inspection.

III. FINDINGS

1. Ms. Ellen S. Yarisantos disclosed some issues within the organization and some factors affecting the management and development of the SIFMA area. Subsequently, despite these issues and concerns the organization continue the development of the SIFMA area.
2. Accordingly, the holder planted some forest trees like Rubber tree, Gmelina and Narra. At first, they planted seedlings of Rubber tree, however, due to some typhoon that hit the province these were damaged. They shift from Rubber tree to Narra and Gmelina which they think is more resilient during typhoons. During the planting activity, the UMI hired



workers from other provinces, particularly in Mindanao and some residents of Barangay Tabionan, Gasan.

3. During the interview with Ms. Yarisantos, the team asked if they are willing and interested to continue the management and development of the area which was answered positively by the holders. They are still interested in managing and developing the SIFMA area.
4. The team reminds the holder that to qualify for renewal of the agreement or to avoid the preemptive cancelation of the tenurial instrument they need to comply with the provision stipulated in the agreement specifically the Annual Report, payment of annual rental fee and compliance to any instruction that will emanate from the Regional Office or PENRO Marinduque.
5. Ms. Yarisantos assures the team that they will convene and meet her co-holders regarding the said matters. The team also informed Ms. Ginalyn Selva that this Office would send a formal letter to the holder in connection with the said matter for their information.
6. The team was accompanied and assisted by Mr. Jimmy Mendeja, one of the workers of Ms. Ellen S. Yarisantos in planting forest trees like Narra and Gmelina trees within the area together with Mr. Edwin Selva, husband of Ms. Ginalyn L. Selva.
7. Per inspection and verification conducted, the team found that the area was planted with Narra and Gmelina. Said trees were already matured and already harvestable. Mr. Mendeja disclosed that they started to plant Narra and Gmelina seedlings in an elevated/high portion of the SIFMA area. In addition, the undersigned found that a portion of the area is planted with coconut palms, "*palay*" and fruit-bearing trees like mangoes and lanzones. Likewise, some portion of the SIFMA area is vegetated with grass, cogon, and naturally growing trees like Lauan, Maligango and Ipil-Ipil.

IV. REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

In view of the foregoing, the team recommends the following, to wit:

1. To require the holder to submit their Annual Report as stipulated in the agreement. The annual report should contain the current administration of the party and the plans for utilizing the area which should be in accordance with the approved Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP).
2. To advise the holder to pay their annual fees over the said tenured area including the surcharges.
3. To advise the SIFMA holder to introduce new improvements/developments within the SIFMA area.
4. To conduct continuous annual monitoring of their compliance with the agreement.

V. ATTACHMENTS

1. Monitoring and Evaluation Form;
2. Geotagged Photos; and
3. Digitized Map

For information, record and further instruction.




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MONITORING AND EVALUATION FORM

Monitoring date: September 20-23, 2022

Monitoring Time: 09:35 AM

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1. Tenurial Instrument Information:

Name of Holder: United Marinduquenians, Inc.		Area (ha): 369.00
Address: Barangays Tabionan, Antipolo and Banuyo, Gasan, Marinduque		
SIFMA No.: R4B-11-2012	Type of Agreement: Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA)	Year Approved: 2010
Name of Holder: Ellen Sena Yarisantos		
Name of Contact Person/Designation: Ginalyn L. Selva		
Contact Numbers: 09091534479		
Email: None		

2. Nature of Improvement:

Plantation (Area Planted Developed)			Infrastructure (if, any)			Others Observation
Name of Species	Area Planted (Ha)	No. of Trees Planted	Kind	Dimension	Estimated Value	
Narra						
Gmelina						

Compliance to the terms and conditions of the Tenorial instrument:

	YES	NO	Remarks
1. The SIFMA Holder shall comply the following under item number 1 conditions for SIFMA Area			
1.A. – At least 90% of the plantable area:			Gmelina, Narra trees
a. Plant forest tree species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. Non-Timber species (Rattan, Bamboo, etc...)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
1.B – Planted with the following conditions:			
a. At least 50% minimum stocking density of five hundred (500) seedlings per hectare within one (1) year from grant of the Agreement.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
b. At least 75% cumulative plantation established on the second year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c. At least 100% planted on the third year with no case shall the stocking density be lower than five hundred (500) saplings/trees per hectares	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
1.C – Cash Crops:			
a. Planted crops within SIFMA Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b. Devoted not more than 10% of the area for permanent agricultural purpose.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
2. Introduction of exotic species untested in Philippine conditions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. Cutting of trees within SIFMA area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4. Reforested area along river	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5. Converted SIFMA Area to other land use	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
6. Provided management and financial services for the development of the SIFMA area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
7. Activities committed to community development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
8. Observe rights of workers/employees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Prevention and responses to arrest gully erosions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
10. Protection of natural and protected forest within or adjacent to the SIFMA area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
11. Protection from forest fires and other forms of forest destruction and encroachment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
12. Prevention and protection from pollutive activities within or in the vicinity of the SIFMA area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
13. Obstruction or in any manner prevent passage through SIFMA area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14. Protection and conservation of unique, rare, or endangered trees, palms, wildlife found within the SIFMA area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
15. Alteration or modification of boundaries or legal status of the SIFMA area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
16. Cooperation on LGU, PENRO and RD in the development and execution of the agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
17. Transfer, convey and sell rights of SIFMA Holder to any person, cooperative or association	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
18. Utilization of SIFMA area or portion/s thereof for other government projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
19. Women participation in the project planning and implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
20. Submission of Annual Report	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
21. Utilization of harvested crops and trees except under environmental protection and ecological balance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22. Use of SIFMA as collateral to obtain loans for the area improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
23. Upon expiration of the agreement all improvements introduced, including forest crops shall remain within the SIFMA area	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
24. Fair compensation for any improvements due to SIFMA holder or Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
25. Payment of annual rental due to the government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
26. Termination of the agreement upon death of the SIFMA Holder	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
27. Cancellation of the agreement (through the fault of the SIFMA Holder)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
28. Renewal of the agreement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
29. Amendment of the agreement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
30. Breach of any provision in the agreement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
31. Any dispute between SIFMA holder and DENR	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Other findings:

Per inspection and monitoring conducted, the SIFMA area is planted with forest trees like Narra and Gmelina. Said Narra and Gmelina trees were matured and well grown.

Naturally growing trees were remained intact.

Portion of the SIFMA area were cultivated into coconut plantation.

Comments/Recommendations:

To require the holder to submit their Annual Reports.

To advise the holder to pay their Annual fees including the surcharges over the said tenured area.

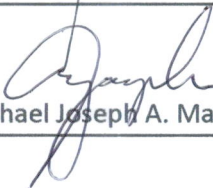
To advise the SIFMA holder to introduce new improvements/developments within the SIFMA area.

To conduct continuous monitoring of their compliance with the agreement.

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Coordination with Ms. Ginalyn L. Selva, staff/caretaker of United Marinduquenians, Inc regarding compliance monitoring of the SIFMA area



Coordination with Barangay LGU of Tabionan, Gasan regarding of United Marinduquenians, Inc regarding compliance monitoring of the SIFMA area

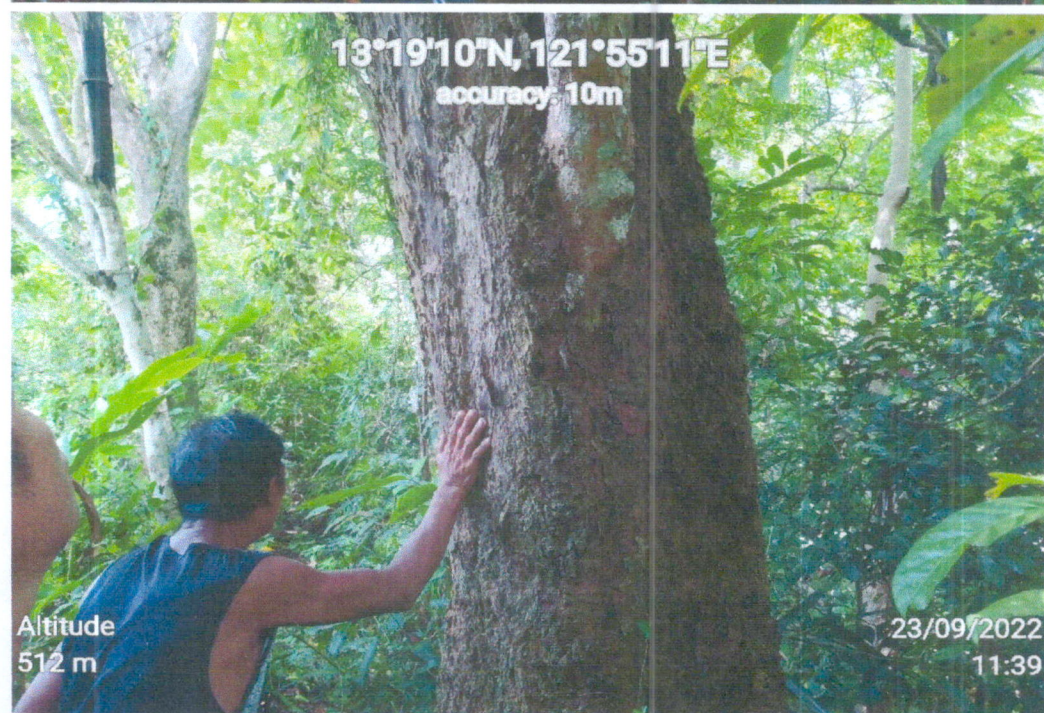
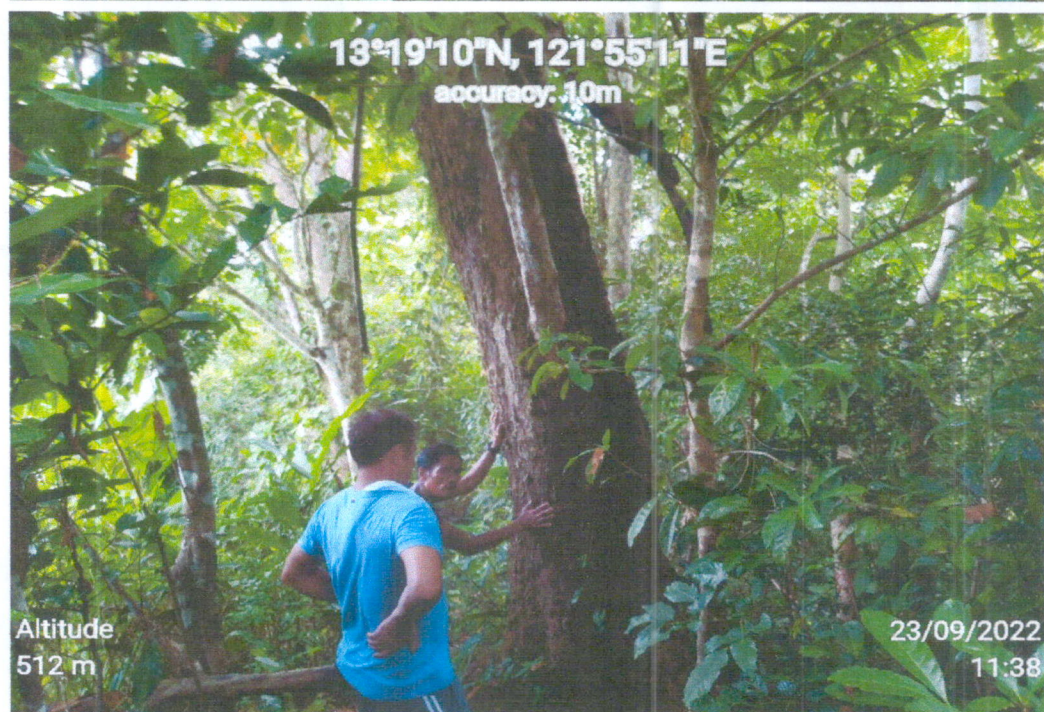
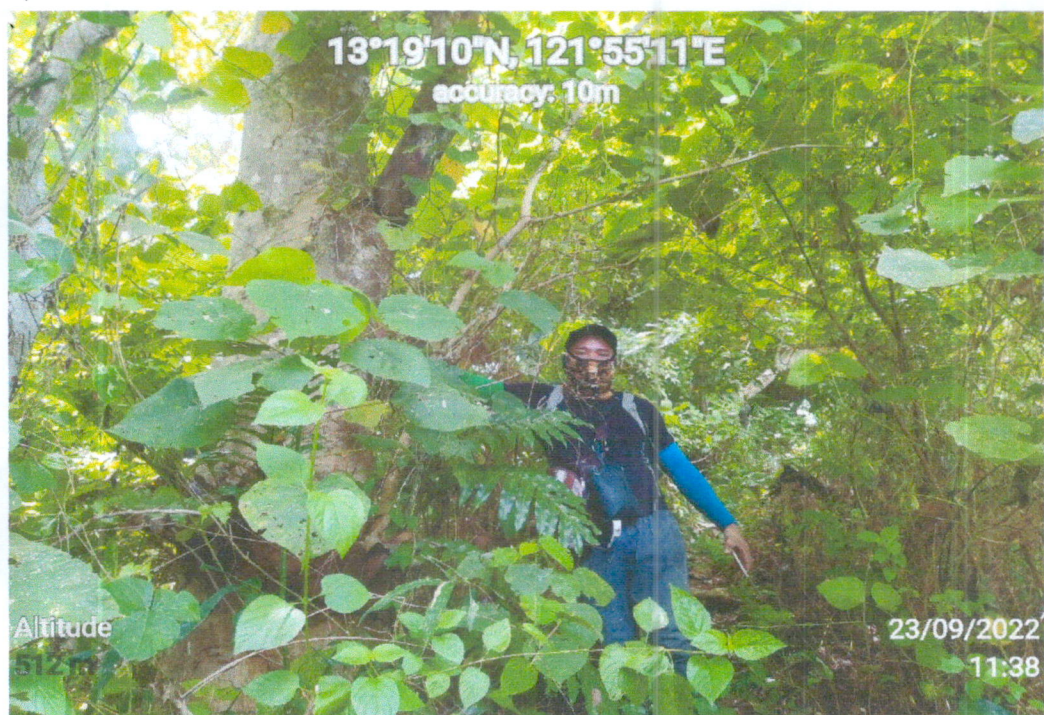


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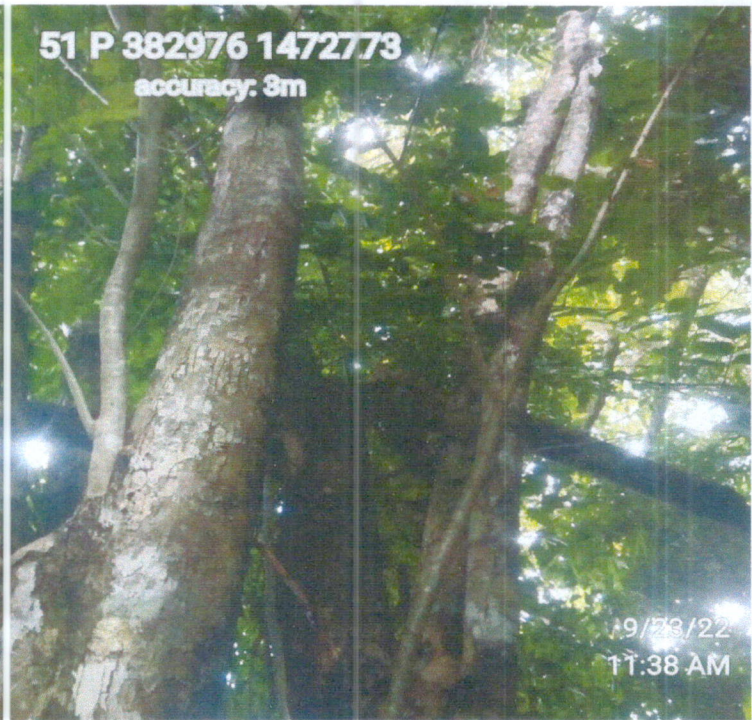
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Geotagged photos showing the planted Narra and Gmelina trees located within the SIFMA lot awarded to United Marinduqueniens, Inc.

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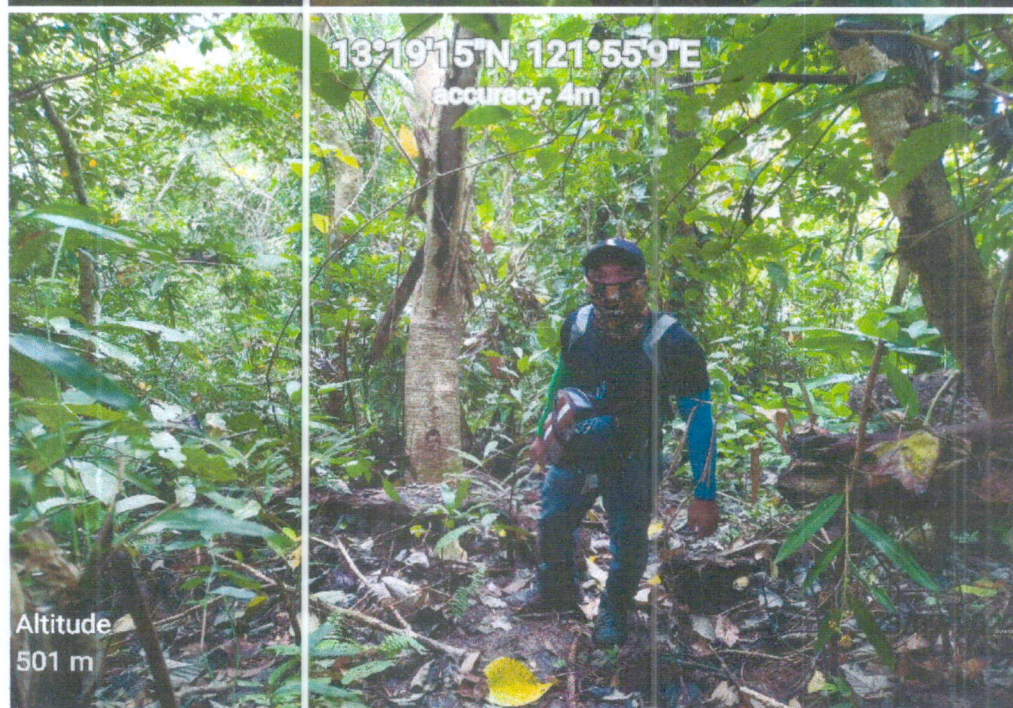
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Geotagged photos showing the planted Narra and Gmelina trees located within the SIFMA lot awarded to United Marinduquenians, Inc.

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Geotagged photos showing the underdeveloped portion of the SIFMA lot awarded to United Marinduquenians, Inc. located at Barangay Tabionan, Gasan, Marinduque



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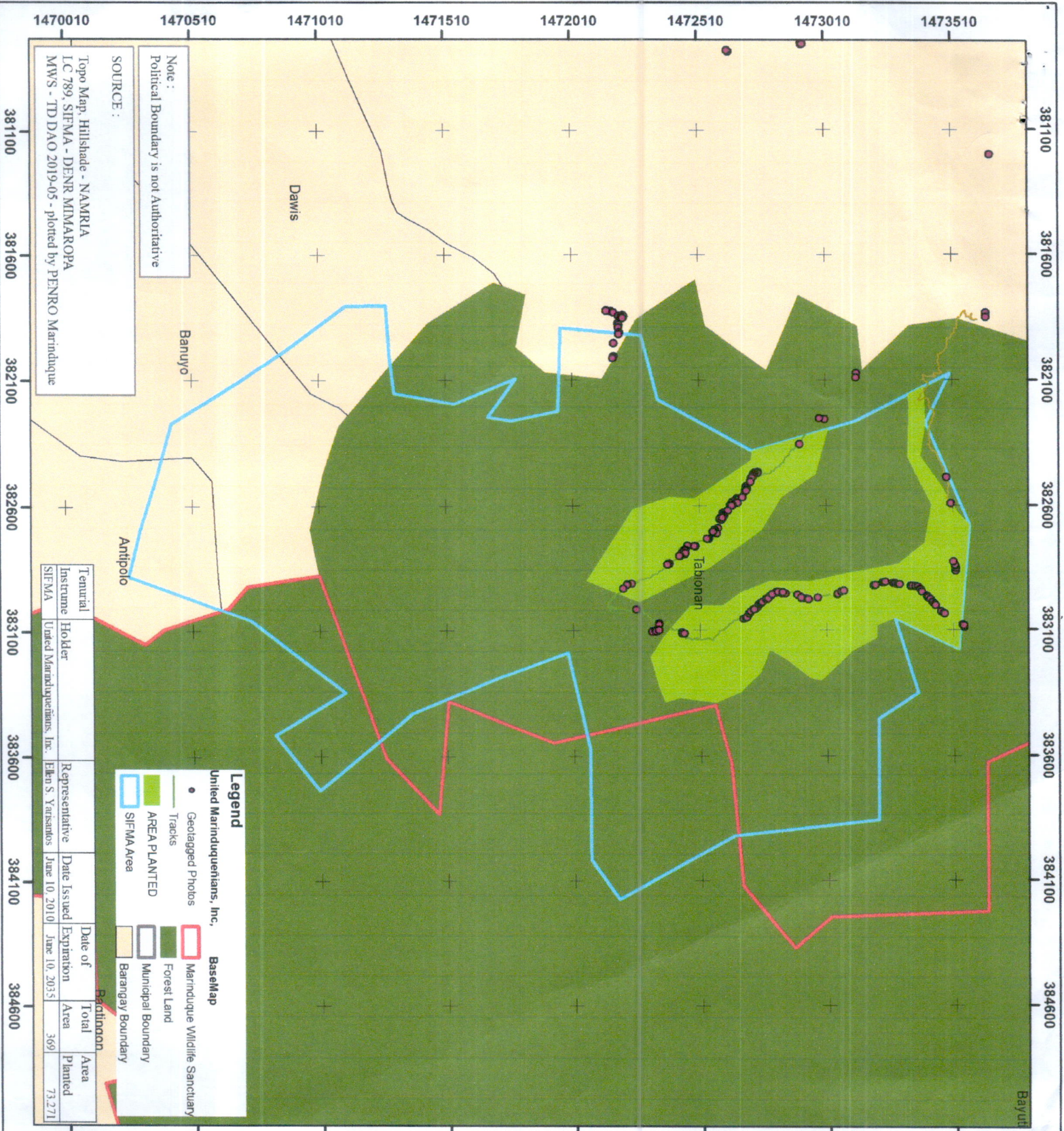
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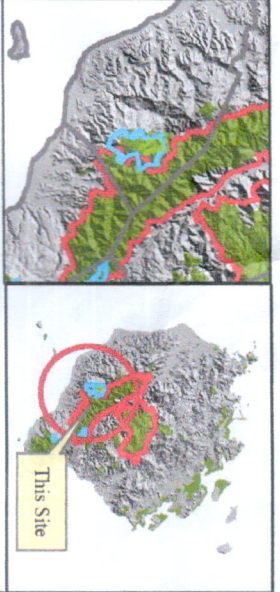
Geotagged photos during the compliance monitoring of the SIFMA lot awarded to United Marinduquenians, Inc. (UMI) together with Messrs. Jimmy Mendeja and Edwin Selva located at Barangay Tabionan, Gasan, Marinduque.



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UNITED MARINDUQUEÑIANS, INC.
SIFMA AREA

SCALE : 1:20,000

0 180 360 720 1,080 1,440
Meters

Location
Barangay : Tablonan, Banuyo and Antipolo
Municipality : Gasan
Province : Marinduque

Datum : WORLD GEODETIC SYSTEM_1984
Projection : UNIVERSAL TRANSVERSE MERCATOR
Coordinate System : WGS_1984 UTM ZONE 51N



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CERTIFICATION
This is to certify that this is the true and correct map of SIFMA area issued to United Marinduqueñians, Inc. located in Municipality of Gasan, Marinduque.

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