



18 October 2022

MEMORANDUM

**FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA REGION**

**FROM : The Regional Director
EMB MIMAROPA REGION**

**SUBJECT : REQUEST OF LGU CORON TO CONTINUE THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THE CORON PUBLIC MARKET LOCATED AT BRGY.
POBLACION 6, CORON, PALAWAN LIMITED ONLY TO THE 0.9
HECTARES AREA WITH ISSUED CERTIFICATE OF NON-
COVERAGE (CNC)**

This pertains to the letter of Hon. Mario Reyes Jr. dated 07 October 2022 appealing before this Office to allow them to start the construction of **three (3) Public Market buildings** under the **New Coron Public Market Project** within the 9,000.00 square meters (sqm) area as described in the Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC) issued to them on 04 November 2020.

Please be advised that this office issued a Notice of Violation with Cease-and-Desist Instruction dated 16 June 2022 as monitoring result revealed that the project covered 1.87 hectares (ha) instead of the approved 9,000 sqm (0.9 ha) as described in the issued CNC¹.


However, citing the urgent need for a new location due to the impending development of the area where the public market is temporarily situated, the Local Government Unit of Coron is now appealing that they be allowed to start the construction of the three (3) Public Market buildings within the described area of the CNC pending the issuance of an ECC covering the entire area of 1.87 ha².

As of to date, approximately 500.00 sqm of the area has been developed. The office of the undersigned, however, has taken note that there are ongoing issues related to this project before your office such as the alleged destruction of mangroves, reclamation activities, and that the area is determined to be an Unclassified Public Forest.

In view of the foregoing, the office of the undersigned is respectfully endorsing the appeal of the LGU Coron to your office and to the Coron Task Force for the arrival of an informed decision.

For the Regional Executive Director's information, consideration, and further instructions, if any.




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¹ EMB Memorandum Circular No. 2014-005 provides that for Commercial and other related building projects (without storage for hazardous or toxic materials) ≤ 1 hectare need not to secure an ECC while projects that are >1 hectare but < 5 hectare are required to secure an ECC under Category B

² As of 17 October 2022, the ECC application has been automatically dropped by the ECC online system due to failure of the applicant to resubmit their requirements within 20 days

