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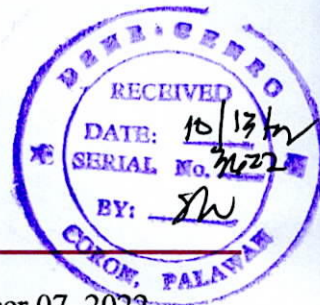
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October 07, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM :** The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 07, 2022 OF THE REGIONAL  
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY (NEDA), CHAIRPERSON, MIMAROPA REGIONAL  
PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (RPMC) OF THE  
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RE: REQUEST FOR  
E-COPY OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND CEASE AND  
DESIST ORDER ISSUED BY CENRO-CORON AGAINST THE  
DPWH AND THE CONTRACTOR OF THE CORON-CULION  
INTER-ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECT (E-2022-94309)

Furnished is the memorandum dated September 22, 2022 from the OIC, ARD for Technical Services Maximo C. Landrito relative the above subject.

In view hereof, the OIC, ARD for Technical Services Landrito instructed to directly coordinate with the Chairperson or its Staff of MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC). Likewise, please provide the requested e-copy of the Notice of Violation and Cease and Desist Order issued by your Office against the DPWH and the Contractor of the Coron-Culion Inter-Island Bridge Project in relation to the clearing and cutting of naturally growing trees without an approved cutting permit.

For information and strict compliance.

Copy Furnished:  
The RED, DENR MIMAROPA [mimaroparegion@denr.gov.ph](mailto:mimaroparegion@denr.gov.ph)  
The Enforcement Division, DENR MIMAROPA [enforcement.mimaropa@gmail.com](mailto:enforcement.mimaropa@gmail.com)  
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Ref. No. 09-013

September 07, 2022

**DIR. LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO**

OIC Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA  
Ermita, Manila

Dear **RED Claudio**:

Greetings from Calapan City!

This has reference to the implementation of the Coron-Culion Inter-Island Bridge Project being implemented by DPWH MIMAROPA in the province of Palawan. This project is among the major infrastructure development projects in the region which is being monitored by the MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) of the Regional Development Council.

The RPMC, together with other regional offices of DPWH, DOT, DENR, EMB, PCSD and NCIP, conducted a special meeting on April 07, 2021 to discuss the concerns raised by Calamianes Association of Tourism Establishments and the need to comply on various regulatory requirements such as Environmental Clearance Certificate, Free and Prior Informed Consent, Strategic Environmental Plan Clearance, and stakeholder's consultation.

Among the results of the meeting is the issuance of the suspension order of project implementation by DPWH MIMAROPA on April 08, 2021. Further, we were informed on actions undertaken by DENR CENRO and EMB MIMAROPA such as investigations conducted and the issuance of cease and desist order and notice of violations relative to the project.

As such, we are requesting for an e-copy of the issued Notice of Violation on clearing and cutting naturally growing trees without an approved tree cutting permit relative to Section 77 of PD 705 or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines as amended, the issued cease and desist order by CENRO Coron to DPWH MIMAROPA and the contractor, and other pertinent documents that will be useful in providing recommendations to facilitate the implementation of the project.

Our staff, Ms. Pamela L. de Torres of the Project Development, Investment Programming, and Budget Division (PDIPDB) will coordinate with your office on this request. She can be reached through mobile number 0967-257-4659 or email at [pldetorres@neda.gov.ph](mailto:pldetorres@neda.gov.ph).

Thank you and stay safe.

Very truly yours,

  
**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**  
Regional Director  
Chairperson, RPMC

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## Request for documents pertaining to the implementation of the Coron-Culion Inter-Island Bridge Project.

1 message

NEDA Regional Office IV-B MIMAROPA <mimaropa@neda.gov.ph>

Tue, Sep 6, 2022 at 10:50 PM

To: DENR MIMAROPA <denr.mimaropa@gmail.com>, "denr.rdmimaropa@gmail.com" <denr.rdmimaropa@gmail.com>

Cc: "Agustin C. Mendoza" <acmendoza@neda.gov.ph>, "Apollo Edwin S. Pagano" <aspagano@neda.gov.ph>, "Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr." <baatienza@neda.gov.ph>, "Jobelle M. Cruzado" <jmcruzado@neda.gov.ph>, "Pamela L. De Torres" <pldetorres@neda.gov.ph>

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Please refer to the attached file for details.

Thank you and stay safe.

Very truly yours,

**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**

Regional Director

Chairperson, RPMC

by

Ms. Angelus G. Genterola

Office of the Regional Director

NEDA MIMAROPA



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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.,  
Ermita, Manila

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

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

**SUBJECT :** **NEDA MIMAROPA REGION LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 7,  
2022 RE: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORON-CULION INTER-  
ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECT**

**DATE :** 05 OCTOBER 2022

This is in reference with the request of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) for the e-copy of issued Notice of Violation on clearing and cutting naturally grown trees without an approved tree cutting permit relative to Section 77 of PD 705 of the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines as amended, Cease and Desist Order issued by the CENR Office to DPWH MIMAROPA and the contractor and other pertinent documents lodge through 8888 Regional Office.

Please be informed that this Office served Cease and Desist letter dated November 18, 2021 to the Regional Director Gerald A. Pacnan, Department of Public Works and Highways signed by the former Coron CENR Officer Arnoldo A. Blaza, Jr.

Herewith is a copy of the said Cease and Desist letter.

For information and record.



RODNEY G. VERJAN, MPA



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT  
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MIMAROPA Region

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OIC –Regional Director

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HON. MA. VIRGINIA N. DE VERA  
Municipal Mayor

WITNESS:

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November 18, 2021

**RD GERALD A. PACANAN**  
Regional Director  
Department of Public Works and Highways  
EDSA, Quezon City  
Email: pacanan.gerald@dpwh.gov.ph



Attn: **The Managing Head**  
**NEWINGTON BUILDERS**

Dear RD Pacanan:

This pertains to complaint letter filed by the ELAC Director, Atty. Grizelda Mayo-Anda through electronic mail addressed to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer of Palawan dated November 11, 2021 regarding the alleged road widening project as component of the proposed Coron-Culion Bridge at Sitio Lelebquen, Brgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan

Please be informed that personnel of this office conducted an investigation last November 16, 2021, result of their investigation showed that the Newington Builders currently operating for the 6 kilometers length-12 meters wide road widening project of DPWH MIMAROPA at Brgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan. The said contractor are continuous doing clearing operations on the affected trees without an approved Tree-Cutting Permit from this office is a statutory crime punishable under Section 68, PD 705, as amended by Executive Order 277 Series of 1987, otherwise known as the "Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines" states that "Prohibits and Punishes anyone who shall cut, gather, collect or remove timber or other forest products without authority, from any forest land, from any alienable or disposable public lands, or private land". The road widening project also is a part of the Coron-Culion Bridge Project that doesn't have an approved Environmental Compliance Certificate and still not conducting Environmental Impact Assessment Study which in violation under Section 4 of PD 1586 states that "No person, partnership or corporation shall undertake or operate any such declared environmental critical project or area without first securing an Environmental Compliance Certificate".

In this regard, this office is hereby advising you and your project contractor to immediately cease and desist for any activities in connection to road widening project as component of the Coron-Culion Bridge until such legal clearances such as ECC, Tree Cutting and other clearances from concerned agencies is secured.

Please be guided accordingly.

Very truly yours,

**ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.**

**CENRO**



Copy furnished:

**DEPT. MIMAROPA, DENR ELA MIMAROPA, Office of the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer**





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with the legitimized and approved FLUP and shall follow the basic principles of good environmental governance. The tenure including renewal of existing tenure, ECCs or CNCs, allocation and utilization instruments/s permits shall be issued by DENR (CENRO, PENRO, RD & DENR Secretary) pursuant to the powers granted to it by existing laws, but the issuance of the same shall be done only after the endorsement of the LGU shall have been obtained within the period of two (2) weeks;

2. Based on consultation with the concerned stakeholders, barangay captain(s), the Sangguniang Bayan of Culion and the Municipal Mayor, the LGU shall expedite the review of all tenure/ allocation/ECCs/CNCs instruments referred to it by the DENR;
3. Said endorsement by the concerned LGU, shall be seriously considered by DENR in issuing tenure and renewal of tenure resource use rights, permits, proclaiming reservations, and ECCs/CNCs.
4. The DENR and the LGU shall jointly work together to facilitate processing and signing of co-management agreements on forestlands allocated for such purposes as community watersheds, communal forests, mangrove reservations and the like where LGU could directly invest local resources.

C. Role and Responsibilities of **DENR MIMAROPA** and **LGU-CULION**.  
C1. **DENR MIMAROPA** shall:

1. Provide technical assistance to **LGU-CULION** in developing the annual work and financial plan for implementing its legitimized and approved FLUP especially in developing and implementing its enforcement and forest protection activities;
2. Together with **LGU-CULION**, develop key indicators, standards, schedules, and protocols for the multi-sectoral annual evaluation of the FLUP implementation;
3. Review and approve applications for tenure instruments, reservations subject for proclamations, and other allocations in FFL based on the legitimized and approved FLUP and on the endorsement of the Municipal Mayor and Sangguniang Bayan of Culion. As necessary, assist **LGU-CULION** in facilitating the requirements for the application of various tenure instruments.
4. Review and issue utilization permits, resource use rights, ECCs or CNCs to qualified applicants only after said applications have been endorsed by the LGU;
5. Consistent with the legitimized and approved FLUP, enter into co-management with **LGU-CULION** especially for communal forests, community watersheds and mangrove reservations within the Municipality;





R4B CENRO Coron &lt;cenrocoron@denr.gov.ph&gt;

**NEDA MIMAROPA REGION LETTER DTD. SEPT. 07, 2022 -RE: REQUEST FIR  
DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE IMPLIMENTATION OF THE CORON-CULION  
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Wed, Sep 14, 2022 at 2:30 PM

To: R4B PENRO Palawan &lt;penropalawan@denr.gov.ph&gt;, R4B CENRO Coron &lt;cenrocoron@denr.gov.ph&gt;

For your advance information.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.

Thank you.

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**R4B CENRO Coron** <cenrocoron@denr.gov.ph>

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To: Regional Office &lt;denr8888mimaropa@yahoo.com&gt;

Good day!

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email with corresponding attachment/s.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

**RODNEY G. VERIAN**

OIC, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

CENRO - CORON

Bgy. Pob. 5, Coron, Palawan, 5316

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Thu, Oct 6, 2022 at 9:08 AM

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3. Review and provide the necessary recommendations and endorsements to DENR-MIMAROPA on applications for tenure allocation and utilization instruments, permits, and ECCs/CNCs in forestlands of Culion;
4. Pass necessary resolutions and ordinances for the effective and timely implementation of the legitimized and approved FLUP and enforcement of forestry regulations in the Municipality;
5. Create and mandate the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) to be the main responsibility center for implementing FLUP;
6. Organize and chair the multi-sectoral Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Council that will regularly meet to review and provide oversight in the implementation of FLUP including the activities of the forest protection teams and enforcement of forestry regulations in the municipality;
7. As part of the implementation of the FLUP, initiate and institutionalize an extensive information, education and communication (IEC) campaign for effective protection management and development of its FFL;
8. In support of community forestry and community-based forestry initiative, develop and implement an extension, incentive and support system for upland farmers, indigenous peoples, schools, volunteer groups, and other local stakeholders to encourage planting of tree crops and other high value perennial crops;
9. Plan, design, and construct farm-to-market roads in FFL with the least environmental damage and in support of economic initiatives for increased food and fiber production among upland farmers, IPs and other local stakeholders;
10. Together with the DENR-MIMAROPA, private sector, civil society groups and other stakeholders, organize and conduct investment forum in support of the FLUP implementation;
11. Initiate resolution or mitigation of conflicts arising from FFL protection, management, and development activities especially with respect to those arising from boundary conflicts, overlapping claims, illegal activities, and other forms of negative externalities;
12. Ensure that there shall be no development activities within the disputed and overlapping boundary claims among municipalities of Culion Island except for protection activities; and





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NOW THEREFORE, the DENR MIMAROPA and the LGU-CULION, being the government agencies responsible for the protection and management of the forest and forestlands (FFL) of Culion, hereby enter into this Memorandum of Agreement for the joint implementation of the Municipal Forest Land Use Plan under the following terms and conditions:

A. The legitimized and approved Municipal Forest Land Use Plan of Culion as the basis for protecting, managing, utilizing and developing forest lands.

1. The parties agree that the allocation of forest lands in Culion, their protection, management, development, and utilization shall be jointly implemented by the DENR and the Municipal Government of Culion in accordance with the legitimized (by the Sangguniang Bayan) and approved (by DENR MIMAROPA) copy of the Municipal Forest Land Use Plan;
2. The parties agree to apply transparent, accountable, and participatory processes in reviewing and issuing tenure instruments: declaring reservations and proclamations of forests and forest lands for certain purposes; in planning and budgeting implementation, and monitoring of the Municipal Forest Land Use Plan;
3. The parties agree to review environmental impact assessment and issue required environmental compliance certificates (ECCs) or Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNCs) of all public and private environmentally – sensitive infrastructures such as major roads, establishments of mono-culture plantations in the context of the Municipal Forest Land Use Plan of Culion;
4. The parties agree that any change in the approved land use allocation in forest lands and in the granting of tenure and allocation instruments shall be done through amendments in the FLUP and through transparent, accountable, and participatory processes, the mechanics of which shall be prescribed by the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Council of Culion; and
5. The parties agree that the enforcement of forestry laws and regulations shall be consistent with the approved FLUP.

B. General Principles in Reviewing and Processing Tenure Instruments and in Declaring or Proclaiming Allocation Instruments in Forests and Forest Lands.

1. The grant of tenure including renewal of existing tenure, allocation and utilization instruments, permits and ECCs or CNCs inside the forest lands of Culion shall be in accordance





DENR Mimaropa Region &lt;mimaroparegion@denr.gov.ph&gt;

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Office of the Regional Director

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Greetings from Calapan City!

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The RPMC, together with other regional offices of DPWH, DOT, DENR, EMB, PCSD and NCIP, conducted a special meeting on April 07, 2021 to discuss the concerns raised by Calamianes Association of Tourism Establishments and the need to comply on various regulatory requirements such as Environmental Clearance Certificate, Free and Prior Informed Consent, Strategic Environmental Plan Clearance, and stakeholder's consultation.


Among the results of the meeting is the issuance of the suspension order of project implementation by DPWH MIMAROPA on April 08, 2021. Further, we were informed on actions undertaken by DENR CENRO and EMB MIMAROPA such as investigations conducted and the issuance of cease and desist order and notice of violations relative to the project.

As such, we are requesting for an e-copy of the issued Notice of Violation on clearing and cutting naturally growing trees without an approved tree cutting permit relative to Section 77 of PD 705 or the Forestry Reform Code of the Philippines as amended, the issued cease and desist order by CENRO Coron to DPWH MIMAROPA and the contractor, and other pertinent documents that will be useful in providing recommendations to facilitate the implementation of the project.

Our staff, Ms. Pamela L. de Torres of the Project Development, Investment Programming, and Budget Division (PDIPDB) will coordinate with your office on this request. She can be reached through mobile number 0967-257-4659 or email at [pldetorres@neda.gov.ph](mailto:pldetorres@neda.gov.ph).

Thank you and stay safe.

Very truly yours,

  
**AGUSTIN C. MENDOZA**  
Regional Director  
Chairperson, RPMC

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6. Provide advice and technical assistance to **LGU-CULION** in the delineation and devolution of communal forests, social forestry projects, community watersheds, and other areas subject for co-management. The DENR shall also guide **LGU-CULION** in the preparation of management plans for said devolved areas, and extend other assistance that will expedite the transfer of devolved forestry projects to the LGU;
7. Assist **LGU-CULION** in clarifying and resolving conflicts or disputes among various stakeholders related to FFL;
8. Link **LGU-CULION** and the communities to potential investors or private sector groups for the establishment of forest-based enterprises;
9. Upon request from **LGU-CULION**, design and conduct training and capability building activities in support of Culion's FLUP Implementation;
10. Provide policy updates and IEC/Advocacy materials to **LGU-CULION**;
11. Furnish **LGU-CULION** a quarterly report of collection on forest charges and assist **LGU-CULION** in determining and getting its share from the national wealth; and
12. Assign the CENRO to co-chair the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Council (MNRC) that will be formed to oversee the implementation of the FLUP and other forest management activities in the Municipality of Culion;
13. Identify and assign focal person supported by Memorandum Order / Special Order from the RD, PENRO, and CENRO to assist in the FLUP implementation of **LGU-CULION**.

**C.2. LGU-CULION shall:**

1. In consultation with DENR-MIMAROPA, develop. Provide budgetary support, and implement annual work plans for implementing its FLUP based on agreed targets, standards, schedules, protocols, and indicators of performance. The annual work and financial plans should clearly specify strategies for closing the open access areas, protection and management of natural forests, facilitating resolution of conflicts, enforcement of forestry regulations, investments, capacity-building, extension services, monitoring and evaluation, and other key areas;
2. Consistent with the legitimized and approved FLUP and in close consultation with DENR-MIMAROPA, facilitate the processing of tenure applications or of proclamations, reservations, and co-management agreements to close the open access FFL of Culion;





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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** THE PENR OFFICER  
Palawan

**ATTENTION :** THE OIC-CENR OFFICER  
Coron

**FROM :** THE OIC, ASSISTANT REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
for Technical Services

**SUBJECT :** LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA), CHAIRPERSON, MIMAROPA REGIONAL PROJECT MONITORING COMMITTEE (RPMC) OF THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL RE: REQUEST FOR E-COPY OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND CEASE AND DESIST ORDER ISSUED BY CENRO-CORON AGAINST THE DPWH AND THE CONTRACTOR OF THE CORON-CULION INTER-ISLAND BRIDGE PROJECT [E-2022-94309]

DENR PENRO  
PALAWAN RECORDS  
RECEIVED  
BY: *[Signature]*  
DATE: 10-03-2022 22-59 AG

**DATE :** SEP 22 2022

Referred is the letter-request dated September 7, 2022 of Regional Director Agustin C. Mendoza, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Chairperson, Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) of the Regional Development Council, requesting for an e-copy of the Notice of Violation (NOV) and Cease and Desist Order (CDO) issued by EMB-MIMAROPA and CENRO-Coron against the DPWH and the Contractor of the Coron-Culion Inter Island Bridge Project, respectively. Accordingly, the NOV and CDO were based on the clearing and cutting naturally growing trees without an approved cutting permit pursuant to Sec. 77 of P.D. 705, as amended.

In line with this, you are hereby directed to advise CENRO-Coron to coordinate with the Chairperson of the RPMC or its staff, and provide the desired documents as soonest. Submit report of your action/s taken on the matter for monitoring purposes.

*[Signature]*  
**MAXIMO C. LANDRITO**



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