

Department of Environment and Natural Resources Environmental Management Bureau MIMAROPA Region



12 SEPTEMBER 2022

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO

The Regional Executive Director

**DENR MIMAROPA Region** 

**FROM** 

The Regional Director

EMB MIMAROPA Region

SUBJECT

REQUEST TO RECONVENE THE CORON INTER-AGENCY TASKFORCE TO FULLY IMPLEMENT THE URGENT REHABILITATION MEASURES ON THE ILLEGALLY QUARRIED AND RECLAIMED AREAS IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CORON,

**PALAWAN** 

This pertains to the agreements made during the Coron Inter-agency Taskforce Meeting held at Coron Westown Resort on 26 May 2022.

One of the agreements made thereon is to rehabilitate the areas which were illegally quarried, excavated, and reclaimed without valid permits by several identified proponents in Coron, Palawan. In response, the identified proponents submitted their proposed comprehensive rehabilitation plans which were eventually submitted to and evaluated by the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)-MIMAROPA Region. The MGB MIMAROPA Region then issued notices for the submission of additional information due to identified insufficiency in some technical details. As of date of this memorandum, no additional information nor response has been presented by the identified proponent.

To prevent any irreparable damage and accident/incident that may result to loss of life and properties, an immediate rehabilitation should be undertaken by these identified proponents through the guidance and supervision of the different agencies concerned. It is alarming that until now, no engineering or rehabilitation intervention measures have been conducted considering the seriousness and urgency of the matter.

Corollary thereto, as member of the task force, the Office of the undersigned would like to request to your good office as the chairperson of the Coron Inter-Agency Task Force, to call for an immediate special meeting to convene and discuss the matters pertaining to the immediate rehabilitation of the areas illegally quarried, excavated, and reclaimed within the Municipality of Coron, Palawan.

For the Regional Executive Director's consideration.

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