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April 4, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** **The Regional Executive Director**  
MIMAROPA Region  
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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU :** The OIC Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

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

**SUBJECT :** **ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED**  
**COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC**  
**AWARENESS (CEPA) OF SNAKE ISLAND NCMCR AT HONDA**  
**BAY WHARF, BARANGAY STA. LOURDES, PUERTO**  
**PRINCESA CITY ON MARCH 10, 2023**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated March 10, 2023 of SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani along with the activity report of Research Assistant Christine Palanca Dagos on the above-mentioned subject.

Per report, there were twenty (20) men and five (5) women with a total of twenty-five (25) residents from Honda Bay, Barangay Sta. Lourdes who participated in the activity on March 10, 2023.

This will serve as Means of Verification (MoV) for Snake Island NCMCR activities for CY 2023 under the CEPA Campaigns.

For information and record.



**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

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March 22, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**THRU :** The OIC Chief, Technical Services Division

**FROM :** Rhodora B. Ubani  
Chief, Conservation and Development Section  
Snake Island Management Officer as concurrent capacity

**SUBJECT :** **ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS (CEPA) OF SNAKE ISLAND NCMCR AT HONDA BAY WHARF, BARANGAY STA. LOURDES, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY ON MARCH 10, 2023**

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Respectfully forwarded is the activity report of the Ms. Christine P. Dagos, Research Assistant of SIMO re the above subject.

The Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) activity is one of the target activities of SI-NCMCR as reflected in the WFP 2023. This was being done specifically to coastal communities within or fronting the Honda Bay where Snake Island is located to raise awareness of coastal communities re Snake Island.

Please be informed that there were twenty (20) men and five (5) women with a total of twenty-five (25) residents from Honda Bay, Brgy. Sta. Lourdes who participated in the activity. Presentation such as initiatives taken at Snake Island NCMCR, Mangroves and Marine Debris were presented. Likewise, there have been questions that were raised particularly about the allowable fishing activities at Snake Island.

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**RHODORA B. UBANI**



**ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED COMMUNICATION, EDUCATION AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF SNAKE ISLAND NATIONAL COASTAL AND MARINE CENTER FOR RESEARCH (SI-NCMCR) AT HONDA BAY WHARF, BARANGAY STA. LOURDES, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY ON MARCH 10, 2023**

In line with the implementation of the Snake Island 5-Year Operational Plan as the DENR National Coastal and Marine Center for Research, a Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) was conducted on March 10, 2023 at Honda Bay Wharf, Barangay Sta. Lourdes. It was participated by twenty (20) men and five (5) women with a total of twenty-five (25) fisherfolks and boat owners within Honda Bay.

The program was started with an opening prayer led by Mr. Genesis Z. Ustares followed by a welcome remarks given by Purok President Edwin C. Dumanguit. Then, SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani share about the rationale of activity, emphasizing that the Snake Island would be the nursery of all the marine species, conserving and protecting it would be the benefit of all. Marine Biologist Genesis Z. Ustares gave a presentation regarding the Initiatives taken at Snake Island NCMCR, followed by the presentation of Data Manager Sanny A. Nedroda regarding the Mangroves. He made mention of the importance of protecting our mangroves as they provide essential habitat for thousands of species and also stabilize shorelines, preventing erosion and protecting the land - and the people who live there - from waves and storms. Research Assistant Christine P. Dagos then presented regarding Marine Debris and how it will affect our health negatively when fish and other organisms ingest the micro-plastics.

When the table was opened for question and answer portion, the following issues and concerns were raised by the fisherfolks and boat owners of Barangay Sta. Lourdes:

1. When will the Snake Island start to open for tourism?
  - a. Marine Biologist II Genesis Z. Ustares shared the 3<sup>rd</sup> function of Snake Island as National Coastal and Marine Center for Research which is to serve as a model for sustainable coastal and marine management, as well as the proper implementation of the principles of ecotourism. He added that the discussion about the opening of Snake Island for tourism is still on the process. And he encouraged the community to involved in the review Operational Plan for 2023-2028 implementation and further cooperate in its implementation.
2. Mrs. Analiza A. Magoliño, President of Honda Bay Boat Owners Association Incorporated (HOBBAI) of Barangay Sta. Lourdes asked if what are the possible activities if we open the Snake Island to the public?
  - a. Marine Biologist Genesis Z. Ustares responded that we initially identified some activities such as mangroves appreciation tour and bird watching. In this way, the guests will gain knowledge about proper management of our coastal and marine resources.



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3. Are you allowed to do Enforcement as AMPA Guard?
- a. Marine Biologist Genesis Z. Ustares emphasize the enforcement activity in Snake Island currently abide in soft approach method thru regular IEC activities and raising awareness to the fisherfolks. That's why thru regular sea patrol activities, we can evaluate and recommend suitable approach for effective and efficient law enforcement within the island.
  - b. SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani added that since the Snake island personnel are not in permanent position, we don't have any authority to apprehend. We have the Philippine Coastguard and Philippine Maritime to do that. Our responsibility is to conserve and monitor the Island and inform the authority for those who are doing illegal activities around the Snake Island vicinity.

The activity was closed with a closing remarks by Mrs. Analiza A. Magoliño, President of Honda Bay Boat Owners Association Incorporated (HOBBAI) of Barangay Sta. Lourdes, thanking everyone for the very informative presentation and for protecting the "heart" of Honda bay, the Snake Island.

Attached is the attendance sheet and photo documentation for your reference.

Prepared by:

  
**CHRISTINE P. DAGOS**  
Research Assistant, SI-NCMCR



### PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani, sharing Snake Island Rationale and answering queries of fisherfolks.



Marine Biologist Genesis Z. Ustares presenting the Initiatives of Snake Island NCMCR.



Data Manager Sanny Nedroda presenting the Mangroves.



Research Assistant Christine P. Dagos presenting the Marine Debris.



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Ms. Analiza Magoliño, President of HOBBAI giving her closing remarks.



Group picture with fisherfolk of Honday Bay, Barangay Sta. Lourdes.