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**OSEC-2023-002727: Damage to Coral**

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Sir/Madam:

Good day. Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2023-002727.

Thank you.

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Date: Wed, Apr 26, 2023 at 8:14 PM

Subject: Damage to Coral

To: <[osec@denr.gov.ph](mailto:osec@denr.gov.ph)>

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have returned from a recent month long trip to Palawan, and particularly El Nido and Coron. I chose these locations specifically for the snorkelling and the wonderful reefs that abound. It was a truly wonderful experience which I enjoyed thoroughly.

It did however come to my attention that the large number of boats visiting the islands were in a habit of anchoring in the reef, using the coral to fix the anchor in place, each time this happens it causes large pieces of coral to become detached and die. If you times this effect by the number of boat visits a day and the number of days this damage is increasing exponentially, endangering a truly unique habitat that is both irreplaceable, and the source of income for the local people.

It would be a relatively easy and cost effective solution to create anchoring points at the regularly visited sites for boats to tie up to rather than using anchors in the coral.

It may be that this is already a project that is under consultation, I just felt that after witnessing the damage I ought to get in contact to highlight the ongoing problem. Attached is a photo of the typical damage caused by a single boat.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope to hear from you in the near future

Regards

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