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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

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Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Palawan

FROM

The OIC, CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWIN FOREST

AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION SYSTEM OF BPRMO

WITHIN THE FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF

BPR FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

DOCUMENTS

ATTACHED :

BPRMO Report on Lawin Accomplishment of July 2023

DATE

AUG 0 3 2023

Respectfully forwarding herewith is the attached report of the BPR Management Office for the month of July 2023 on the implementation of Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System Accomplishments. Based on the report, the BPRMO patrolled a total distance of 32.60 km or 108.67 % of their monthly target as per BRPMO's 3rd Quarter Lawin Patrol Plan of 2023.

Likewise, BPRMO will file case on those individuals who did not comply with Notice to Vacate this succeeding months for violation of Section 78 of P.D. 705 as amended.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.

For and in the absence of the OIC, CENRO

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The OIC, CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

FROM

The BPR Management Office Technical Personnel

SUBJECT

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWIN FOREST AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION SYSTEM OF BPRMO WITHIN THE FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF

BPR FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2023

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1. BPRMO Report on Lawin Accomplishment of July 2023 ATTACHED :

2. Letters dated July 12 and 25, 2023 3. Memorandum dated July 21, 2023

DATE

AUG 0 2 2023

With the implementation of the Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System, respectfully submitted is the detailed report of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) on the results of the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR area for the month of July 2023.

I. Findings and Result

Two (2) Patrol Teams were dispatched during the conduct of this activity within the Forest Conservation Area (FCA) of BPR situated in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga, Palawan. The target distance for the month of July 2023 is 30 kilometers (km) based on the Lawin Patrol Plan for the 3rd Quarter of 2023. On the said month, the BPRMO Patrol Teams were able to traverse an aggregate distance of 32.60 km or 108.67 % (Table 1).

Table 1. BPRMO Lawin monitoring and patrolling accomplishment for July 2023

Month	Target (km)	Accomplishment (km)	Difference (km)	Accomplishment
July	30	32.60	(2.60)	108.67%

^{*}The accomplishment rate is computed based on the 30 kilometer target per CENRO/CA per month compared to the sum of the distance patrolled per CENRO/CA.

Table 2 shows a total of 461 Forest Condition Counts (FCCs) recorded during the patrolling. Open-Uncultivated (OUC) appears to have the highest figure recorded for July 2023 with 166 counts or 36%, while Old Growth Forest (OGF) has the least recorded observation with 3 counts or 0%. The remaining forest conditions such as Open-Cultivated (OC), Advanced Secondary Forest (ASF), and Early Secondary Forest (ESF) with corresponding total figures of 100 (22%), 35 (8%), and 158 (36%), respectively. Based on the SMART analysis, the total FC with the good condition has a total count of 195 or 42% which includes OGF, ASF, and ESF.

Table 2. Patrol Observation: Forest Condition Counts

				Fo	rest (Condition					
OG	F	ASI	F	ESI	F	OU	C	OC		Tot	al
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
3	0	35	8	157	34	166	36	100	22	461	100

OGF-Old Growth Forest. ASF-Advance Secondary Forest. ESF-Early Secondary Forest. OUC-Open, Un-cultivated. OC-Open, Cultivated

For the presence of natural regenerants, 220 FCCs or 48% of the total FCC was recorded with the presence of natural regenerants while 241 FCCs or 52% were with the absence of natural regenerants. There were zero (0) or 0% recorded dense natural regenerants, while eighty-eight (88) FCCs or 19% and one hundred thirty-two (132) or 29% recorded as moderate and sparse natural regenerants, respectively (Table 3).

Table 3. Patrol Observation: Natural Regenerant Count

					Re	egenerant	ts				
		Presen	ce of	Regener	ant			No		Total Fo	
Dens	e	Moder	ate	Spars	se	Tota	1	Regener	ants	Conditi	on
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
0	0	88	19	132	29	220	48	241	52	461	100

Table 4 shows the observed and recorded threats within the FCA of BPR. A total of thirteen (13) threats were observed and recorded during the Lawin monitoring and patrolling for the month of July 2023 of the BPR Management Office. This was accounted for three (3) cutting of trees; six (6) for huts or houses and other infrastructures; two (2) for annual and perennial farming; and two (2) for slash and burn farming or "kaingin".

Table 4. Patrol Observation: Threat Count

Threats	No. of observation
Cutting of trees	3
Huts or Houses and other Infrastructures	6
Slash and burn farming or kaingin	2
Annual and Perennial Farming	2
Total	13

As can be viewed from the map in Annex C, the threats observed/documented in the FCA during the month of July 2023 are found in Barangays of Decalachao, San Jose and San Nicolas, Coron; Barangays of New Busuanga and Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan. The current threat index for this month of July 2023 was computed as 0.40 threats per kilometer (T/Km)

was lower than the previous months of May and June which was computed as 0.95 and 0.43 threats per kilometer (T/Km) threat index respectively.

II. Actions Taken by the BPRMO for the observed threats

Pertaining to the thirteen (13) observed/recorded threats for the month of July 2023, the following were the following:

Date of the conduct of Lawin activity	Threats	Actions taken
July 5, 2023	(1) under huts or house and other infrastructure	 Sent communication letter dated July 12, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.
July 11, 2023	 (1) under huts or house and other infrastructure, (1) slash and burn farming 	Sent communication letter dated July 12, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.
July 18, 2023	(4) under huts or house and other infrastructure	 Sent communication letter dated July 25, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction; Prepared memorandum dated July 21, 2023, for the OIC, CENRO from the BPRMO Personnel regarding the investigated illegal activity during the conduct of Lawin activity within the FCA of BPR; Already sent communication letters dated July 25, 2023 addressed for Mr. Rody Cadampog – President of Federation thru Ms. Aurea Cruz – Vice President of Federation\ In connection with this, the BPRMO Personnel already conducted follow-up action thru investigation and verification on July 28, 2023 pertaining the request for land status verification over a parcel of land located at So. Ingal, Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan within the BPR

• (3) for cutting of trees	 Sent communication letter dated July 25, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. New Busuanga, Busuanga, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction. Prior to the conduct of this activity, the CENRO Coron Personnel with the assistance of the BPRMO Personnel caught the offenders conducting illegal tree cutting activities at the said Barangay on July 19, 2023. However, the offender has escaped during the operation. On the other hand, the chainsaw used was left onsite and was apprehended; and later hauled the pile of timber forest products onsite.
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Table 5. Follow through action for observed threats for previews months.

Date of the conduct of Lawin activity	Threats	Actions taken		
June 14, 2023	(1) under huts or house and other infrastructure,	 Sent communication letter dated June 27, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. San Nicolas and Brgy. Decalachao Coron, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction. 		
June 14, 2023	 (8) for cutting of trees, (3) slash and burn farming 	Sent communication letter dated June 27, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.		
June 15, 2023	(1) under huts or house and other infrastructure	Sent communication letter dated June 27, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.		

June 15, 2023	• (1) slash and burn farming or <i>kaingin</i>	• Sent communication letter dated June 27, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. New Busuanga and Brgy. Buluang, Busuanga, Palawan for information regarding the conducted Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.
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III. Remarks and Recommendations

- Frequency of the visibility of patrolling and Lawin monitoring within the Forest Conservation Area of BPR is being intensified to include weekends, if necessary, in order to prevent and immediately address any possible threats within the forested areas of BPR;
- 2. As stipulated in the future actions, will send letter addressed to the concerned Barangays with a record of threats observed in every conduct of Lawin patrolling and monitoring to inform and assists them if it requires urgent action;
- Observed unlawful activities on the ground are being thoroughly investigated and documented and filing of appropriate criminal complaints against the offenders pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705 and other environmental laws, if so warrant;
- 4. For this year, this office is targeting the conduct of seminar/IEC to the Local Government Unit (LGUs)/Sangguniang Bayan for information of unlawful activities within the area covered by the BPR in their municipality; to provide awareness and possible collaboration for crafting possible solutions on the recorded illegal activities; and
- Conduct of rehabilitation activities such as tree planting, enrichment planting and assisted natural regeneration to maintain and accelerate the recovery of forest cover.

For the OIC, CENRO's information, record and further instruction/s, if any.

Prepared by:

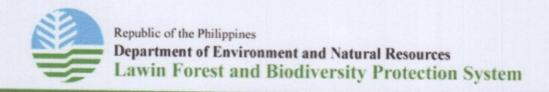
RICHARD JOHN P. GALAGATE

Project Operations Control Officer

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Project Development Officer

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Summary Patrol Report

Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

31

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This report presents the patrol performance and quality of the implementing unit during the above stated period of time (number of days). The report contains information on accomplishment rate, coverage and intensity of patrolling in different forest types on patrol distance covered per patroller. The information is meant to provide a basis for patrol planning for the next planning period and implementation of adaptive measures to enhance patrolling as necessary.

Overall accomplishment rate*

Level of Accomplishment

Accomplishment
Target

Accomplishment* Target* distance for the period for the period

32.60

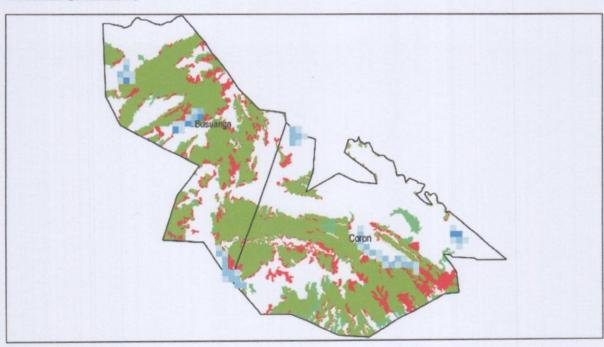
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Accomplishment Rate:

38.67

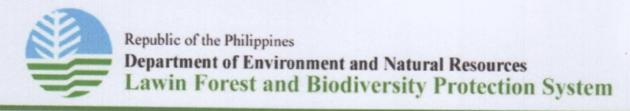
^{*}Target is computed based on 10km target per team of 4 DENR patrollers per month

Patrol coverage and intensity



Patrol distance covered by each forest ranger

Forest Ranger	Patrol Distance Accomplished		
Rommel Gacayan	25.39		
Archie Agnes	17.68		
Emerson Montanez, Jr.	17.68		
Gricilito Lagao	17.68		
Leonardo Puno	17.68		
Bernie Mantal	14.93		
Joy Kristel Degorio	14.93		
Michael Acbang	14.93		
Desiree Yvette Sandoval	14.43		
Dindo Sarmiento	14.43		
Richard Galagate	14.01		



Forest Protection Effectiveness Report

Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

92

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This reports presents trends in observations of forest condition, regeneration, threats and indicator species. The combined presentation allows for an evaluation if protection efforts are effective, conservation targets are met and the forest achieves the desired future forest condition. Protection efforts are effective, when records of forest condition, regeneration and indicator species show an upward trend towards more observations more and denser regeneration, particularly in degraded forest areas. Increasing trends in indicator species suggest that the improved forest condition is providing a better habitat for forest dependent species. All trends presented are put in relation to the patrol effort to provide comparability. Forest cover data were derived from 2003 and 2010 NAMRIA land cover maps.

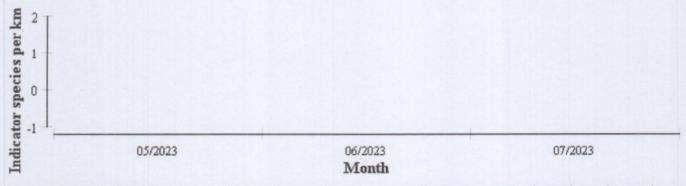
Trends of Observations per Patrol Kilometer in the Forest Conservation Area

Trend in Threats



A decreasing trend in threats in the forest conservation area mean effective forest protection; an increasing trend means the opposite.

Trend in Indicator Species



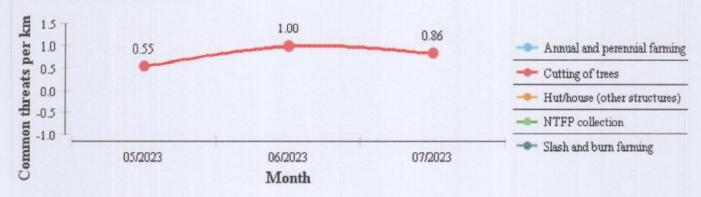
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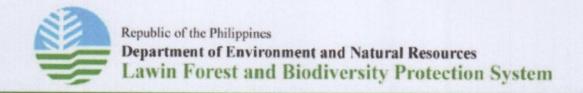
Trends in Regeneration Density



An increasing trend in regeneration means effective forest protection; a decreasing trend means the opposite.

Trends of most common Threats





Summary Threat Report

Region 04B - BPR

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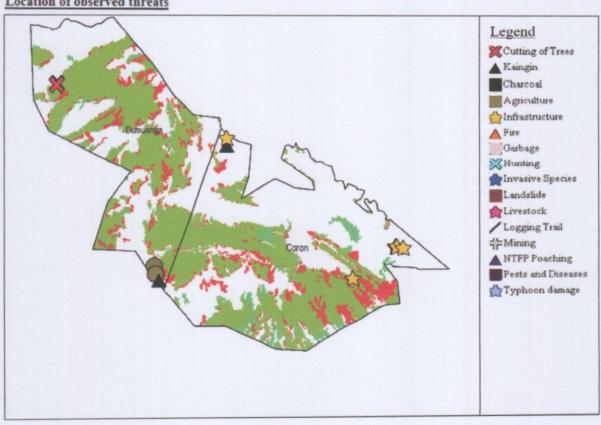
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This report presents information for the implementing units of DENR to effectively plan and carry out actions for adressing observed threats to the forest.

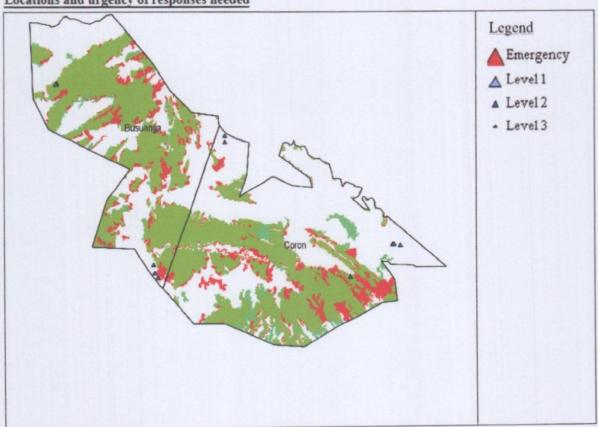
Threats observed and level of response required

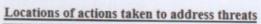
Threat	No. of Observations	Emergency - Immediate action required!	Level 1 - Action required within a week	Level 2 - Action required within a month
Hut or House and Other Infrastructure	6	0	0	6
Cutting of Trees	3	0	0	3
Annual and Perennial Farming	2	0	0	2
Slash and Burn Farming (Kaingin)	2	0	0	2

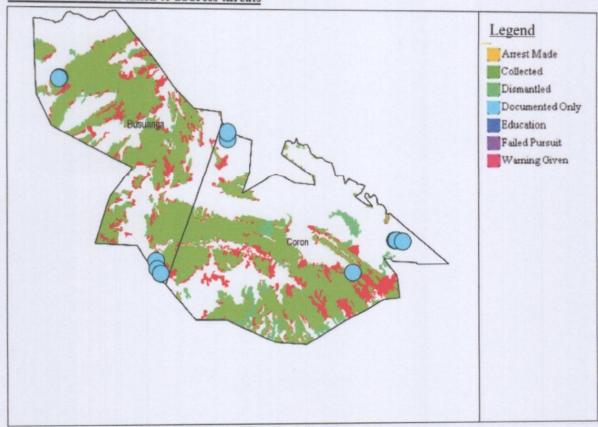
Location of observed threats

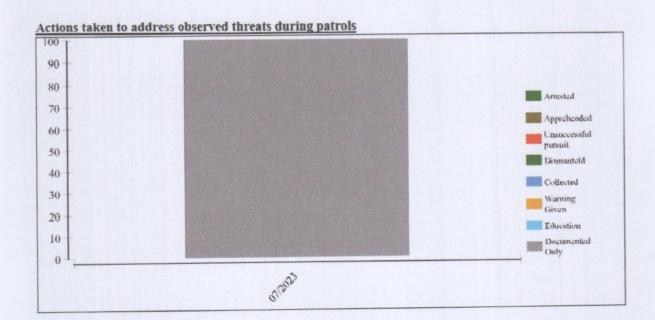


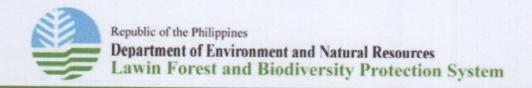
Locations and urgency of responses needed











Summary Response Report

Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

31

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This report presents the response performance and quality of the implementing unit during the above stated period of time (number of days). The report contains information on threats requiring responses, status of threats and types of responses per threat. The information is meant to provide a basis for response tracking and planning for the next planning period and implementation of adaptive measures to enhance responses to threats as necessary.

Number of threats observed:

13

Distribution of level of response required to address observed threats:

Immediate action required	Rrequires action within a week	Requires action within a month	No further action required
		13	

Number of threats requiring post-patrol responses:

Status of threats

No action yet	Requires further action	Addressed	Invalid observation

Responses per threat

Threat	Coordination with LGU	Devt. project	Education	Inv. sp. removal	Policy formulation	Wildlife rescue

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July 12, 2023

EDGAR VILLAREAL SR.
BARANGAY CHAIRMAN
Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan

Dear Hon. Villareal;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on July 11, 2023 in Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered two (2) threats within your area of jurisdiction, one (1) of which is for slash and burn farming (kaingin) and one (1) under huts and house and other infrastructure. The said illegal activities were in violation of Section 78 "Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands – Any person who enters and occupies or possesses, or makes kaingin for his own private use or for others, any forest land or grazing land without authority under a license agreement, lease, license or permit, or in any manner" of P.D.705 as amended.

Much to our concern to help conserve and protect the remaining forest within your barangay and for the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, we are however have limited manpower, mobility and fund resource to undertake the activity.

To deter illegal activity happening in your area of jurisdiction may we seek support from your barangay as we endeavor in safeguarding, conserving and protecting the remaining forest stand in your area from unlawful activities by reporting illegal activities to this office.

For future action, the BPR Management Office will coordinate with your barangay for the conduct of follow-up investigation to identify the personalities involved on the threats recorded; and will continue to implement Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System in your barangay within the Forest Conservation Area (FCA) of the BPR to deter illegal activities.

We are looking forward to your consideration on this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

OIC, DMO IV

In-Charge, Office of the CENRO

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July 12, 2023

FRANKLIN F. USORFACION BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

Dear Hon. Usorfacion;

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Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered one (1) threat within your area of jurisdiction were under huts and house and other infrastructure. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 78 "Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands – Any person who enters and occupies or possesses, or makes kaingin for his own private use or for others, any forest land or grazing land without authority under a license agreement, lease, license or permit, or in any manner" of P.D.705 as amended

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July 25, 2023

ARDON A. LIBARRA
BARANGAY CHAIRMAN
Barangay New Busuanga, Busuanga, Palawan

CONTACT NO. 595335410035

Dear Hon. Libarra;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan.

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on July 19, 2023 from Brgy. New Busuanga, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered three (3) threats within your area of jurisdiction were under cutting of trees within timberland/forest lands. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 77 - "Cutting, Gathering and/ or collecting Timber or other Forest without License" of P.D.705 as amended.

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July 25, 2023

JERSON ELBAT BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan

Dear Hon. Elbat;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on July 18, 2023 in Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered four (4) under huts and house and other infrastructure. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 78 "Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands – Any person who enters and occupies or possesses, or makes kaingin for his own private use or for others, any forest land or grazing land without authority under a license agreement, lease, license or permit, or in any manner" of P.D.705 as amended

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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The OIC, CENR Officer **CENRO Calamianes Islands**

Coron, Palawan

FROM

The Undersigned, BPR Management Office

SUBJECT

SPOT REPORT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATED ILLEGAL ACTIVITY DURING THE CONDUCT OF LAWIN ACTIVITY WITHIN THE FCA OF BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE (BPR)

ON JULY 18, 2023

DOCUMENTS

ATTACHED :

1. Memorandum dated July 20, 2023

2. Photo Documentation

DATE

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Respectfully submitted is the report of the BPRMO personnel regarding the investigated illegal activity during the conduct of Lawin activity on July 18, 2023, within the FCA of BPR in Brgy. San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan, as per Travel Order No. 2023-165.

In reference to reported illegal kaingin activity of a concerned citizen regarding in Brgy. San Nicolas, the BPR Management Office conducted investigation on the matter thru Lawin activity conducted on July 18, 2023. Also, thru the Memorandum report dated July 20, 2023, the threats recorded were huts or houses and other infrastructures. In addition, please be informed that during the said activity, the patrollers investigated personalities conducting clearing activity as one of the illegal activities inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR).

Investigation during Lawin Activity

During the conduct of Lawin monitoring and patrolling by BPRMO personnel on July 18, 2023 in Barangay San Nicolas, Coron, it was observed and documented the ongoing clearing activity allegedly by the group of Federation, the said group is headed by President Mr. Rody Cadampog. During investigation all of the investigated personalities except Ms. Aurea Cruz, Vice President of said organization disclose their identity and most of the time the person investigated relayed to the BPRMO personnel that we should asked their leaders (Mr. Cadampog at Ms. Cruz).

According to the information gathered the clearing activity was instructed by their President Mr. Cadampog that was recently conducted on the subject area last July 12, 2023. Also, disclosed on the investigation that personalities involved is a recent member of the mentioned group. The purposed of said clearing activity is for planting crops and fruit trees in the area within the reservation. In addition, they said that the undersigned can ask the Vice-President of their Federation residing in the nearby area for further details of their activity.

Correspondingly, the BPRMO personnel were able to investigate Ms. Aurea Cruz which she stated as the Vice-President of their Federation. Ms. Cruz said that the purpose of their group the federation is currently has ongoing petition for the whole area of YKR/BPR; and they were giving areas for their members to utilize such as planting crops and fruit trees as source of living. She mentioned that their claimed areas subjected for clearing activity at Brgy. San Nicolas is approximately 5-10 hectares inside the reservation. Moreover, she clarified that they were just conducting clearing activity and not kaingin activity.

On that note, one of the BPRMO personnel briefly explained to Ms. Cruz that their claimed areas subjected for clearing activity is inside the YKR/BPR, pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation 1387 s. 1975 that this Proclamation is an established fact that the Busuanga Pasture Reserve is a government property. The BPR do hereby withdrawn from sale, lease, settlement or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation, and reserve as a pasture reserve, subject to private rights.

Thus, Ms. Cruz said that they were fully aware the said existing laws bounded to the reservation; furthermore, she was advised by the undersigned the office of DENR will send communication letters to inform them regarding the matter.

Recommendation

- Based from the above gathered information during the Lawin activity of the BPRMO
 personnel regarding the illegal activity of the Federation headed by Mr. Cadampog, it is
 recommended for the conduct of follow-up investigation on the subject area to identify the
 members of said federation which illegally occupying inside the reservation thru a
 coordination and seek assistance with the Barangay San Nicolas to further map out the
 exact area claimed by each of the investigated personalities;
- 2. To send communication letters addressed to the Mr. Cadampog for information as reiteration regarding the existing laws and regulations pertaining to the subject area, citing the Presidential Proclamation 1387 issued in 1975 and the possible violation for unlawfully occupying the area inside the forestland which violates Section 78 of P.D. 705 as amended, and to inquire about the above personality's legal documents on their activities in the said area;
- 3. Regular monitoring of the subject areas to document the changes and to deter illegal activity observed inside the reservation.

For the OIC, CENRO's information, reference, and further instruction/s if any.

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