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THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC-PENR Officer

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cc: The Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)
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Submitted are the enumerated activities that were undertaken July to December 2023.

Handling of marine turtle focuses on the monitoring and protection of nesting habitats at the shorelines of Marinduque. Four nesting sites are identified within the province based on Technical Bulletin No. 2020-05, namely: (1) Barangay Lupac, Boac; (2) Barangay Mompong, Santa Cruz; (3) Poctoy White Beach, Torrijos and; (4) Barangay Masiga, Gasan where an established Pawikan hatchery is located. Nesting site in Barangay Daykitin, Buenavista can be considered an additional site since there were several times marine turtles sighted and hatched eggs in the nearby coastal area. This activity aims to conserve and protect marine turtle species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity.

The monitoring of marine turtle is a continuing activity. It is being regularly conducted by the staff and personnel of the Conservation and Development Section of PENRO Marinduque.

By July, two nesting incidents of marine turtle were sighted by the local visitors/tourists at White Beach, Poctoy, Torrijos. The incidents were reported to the In-Charge of Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) Torrijos who dispatched his personnel to respond to the area. After nesting period, the personnel enclosed the area to protect the eggs. The incidents were reported to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) Marinduque. The marine turtle nest was regularly monitored by the MENRO Torrijos and DENR.

By September, a total of ninety (90) Green Sea Turtle were released in the coastal waters of Barangay Masiga, Gasan. The ninety hatchlings were found at the sandy shore of Barangay Bacung-bacung, Gasan and turned-over to the hatchery for proper releasing. The released of young sea turtle was assisted by Gasan Police personnel in the presence of Barangay Officials and local coastal residents.

By November, a nest of marine turtle is being monitored at the shorelines of Barangay Libtangin, Gasan, Marinduque after a coastal resident headed by Mr. Edmundo A. Sol sighted a turtle laying eggs on October 21, 2023. The incident was also reported to the DENR personnel who conducted regular monitoring of the turtle nest in the area until the eggs are hatched and the hatchlings will be released to their natural habitat.

In view of the foregoing, please find attached the Table of Released Hatchlings, Map of marine turtle nesting sites and Geo-tagged photograph as ready references.

For information, record and further instructions.


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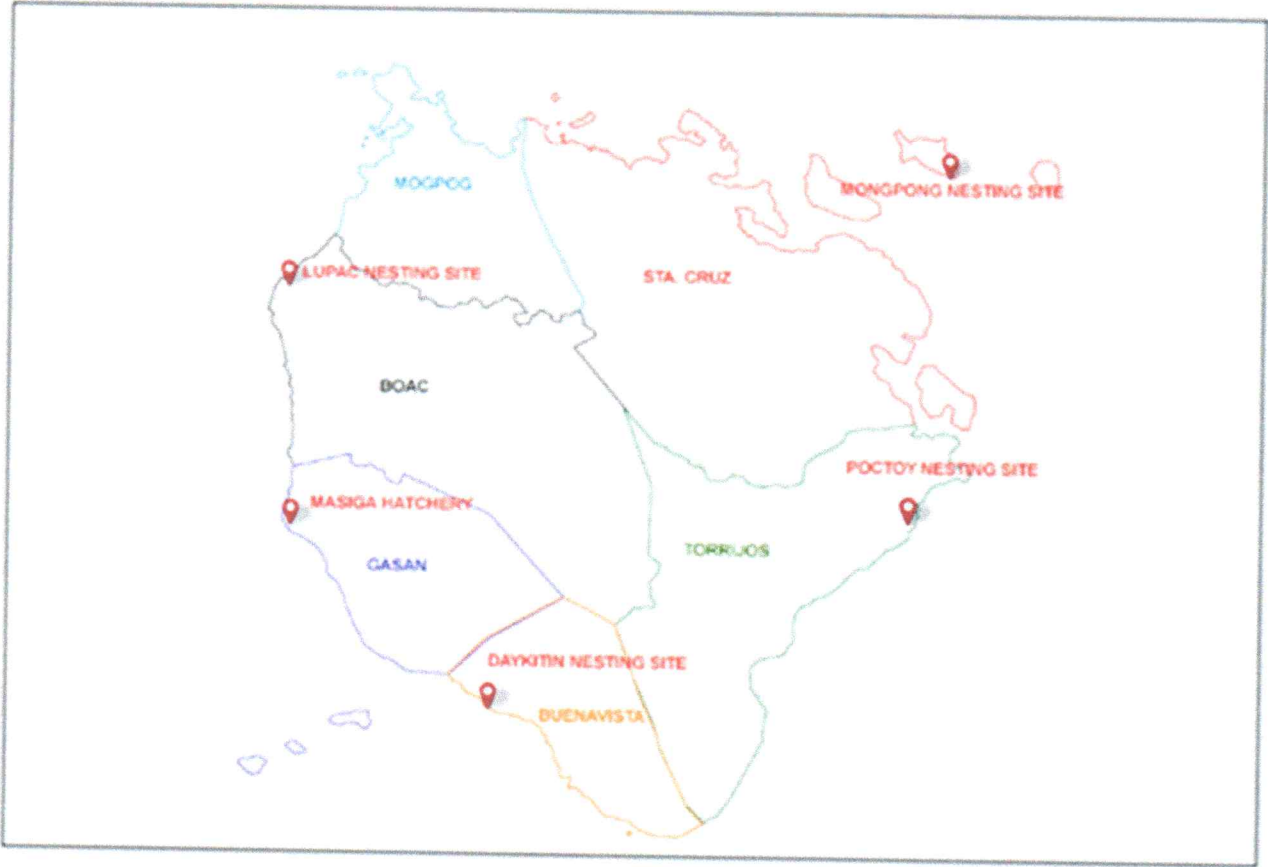
A. TABLES

Rescued and Released of Marine Turtles for CY-2023

MUNICIPALITIES	SPECIES	NUMBER OF RESCUED AND RELEASED	DATE	REMARKS
1. Boac	Hawksbill turtle	62	March 2, 2023	Hatchlings were accidentally found by the residents in the coastal area of Barangay Lupac and released on March 2, 2023.
2. Gasan	Green Sea turtle	90	March 17, 2023	A total of 90 eggs hatched at Masiga hatchery over 119 eggs of turtle found .
3. Gasan	Green Sea turtle	72	March 18, 2023	A total of 72 eggs hatched at Masiga hatchery over 110 eggs of turtle found .
4. Gasan	Green Sea turtle	88	April 22, 2023	Hatchlings were accidentally found by the group of teenager while they were jogging on the beach near Masiga hatchery.
5. Gasan	Green Sea turtle	102	April 28, 2023	A total of 102 eggs hatched at Masiga hatchery over 135 eggs of turtle found .
6. Gasan	Green Sea turtle	90	Septembr 3, 2023	Hatchlings were found in Barangay Bacung-bacung, Gasan and turned-over at Masiga Hatchery for proper release.
Total		504		

B. MAP

Map of Marine Turtle Nesting Sites



C. PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Nesting sites at White Beach, Poctoy, Torrijos



Releasing of ninety hatchlings of Green Sea Turtle in the coastal waters of Barangay Masiga, Gasan, Marinduque.

