February 6, 2023

#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

MIMAROPA Region

1515 DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

ATT'N : The Regional Strategic Communication and Initiatives Group

**FROM**: The OIC, PENR Officer

Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF COASTAL

CLEANUP IN CELEBRATION OF 2023 NATIONAL ZERO WASTER MONTH IN BARANGAY LAZARETO, CALAPAN

CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO ON JANUARY 27, 2023

Submitted is the report of this Office on the conduct of Coastal Clean-up in Barangay Lazareto, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on January 27, 2023. This is in partnership with the Gov. Arturo Arce Ignacio, Sr. Foundation, Inc. and the A&A Realty Development Corporation.

Please be informed that the activity was participated by staff of ex-Governor Benjamin I. Espiritu, Barangay Officials and residents of Lazareto and PENRO and PEMU Oriental Mindoro personnel. It was composed of 60 female and 35 male participants.

The activity has lasted for an hour in an approximately 300-meter shoreline stretch. A total of 23 sacks with an estimated weight of 180 kilograms of wastes/garbage such as plastics, food wrappers, old clothes, fishnets and other non-biodegradable wastes were collected. Moreover, high volume of woody debris/litter was also observed in the whole stretch of area due to Northeast Moonsoon / Amihan Season. The collected wastes are turned-over to the barangay and City ENR Officer for proper disposal while the woody debris/litter were planned to be removed through a pay loader/dump truck, with the assistance of the City Government of Calapan and the Gov. Arturo Arce Ignacio, Sr. Foundation, Inc. Other than cleanup, activities such as IEC and close coordination with the Barangay LGU will be conducted in order to address the environmental issues in the area.

Attached is the report with necessary photo documentation and attendance of the activity, for information and record.

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February 1, 2023

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Oriental Mindoro

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The Chief, MSD

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Forester II/Information Officer

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WASTER MONTH IN BARANGAY LAZARETO, CALAPAN

**CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO ON JANUARY 27, 2023** 

In observance to the celebration of the 2023 National Zero Waste Month, this Office have organized and spearheaded the conduct of Coastal Clean-up in Barangay Lazareto, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro on January 27, 2023. This is in partnership with the Gov. Arturo Arce Ignacio, Sr. Foundation, Inc. and the A&A Realty Development Corporation. The corporation has been developing housing projects/subdivision within the Barangays of Suqui and Lazareto, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro and is proactive on different environmental activities.

The barangay chosen is one of the coastal barangays in the City, where issue on waste management associated with the people is pragmatic. This area is also a nesting site for the sea turtle and where Harka Piloto Island - a locally managed MPA, is located. Due to increasing population in the area, extensive trashes and litters have been observed to be one of the environmental problems the barangay has been facing.

Further, both foundation and corporation are chaired by the ex-Governor Benjamin I. Espiritu, who has been an advocate of several environmental activities. Now, he has been anchoring their developments to several strategies on the mitigation and adaption on the effects of climate change. Moreover, the foundation seeks to enter into an agreement in order to facilitate the sustainability of activities/projects they want to work and partner with the agency.

Please be informed that the activity was participated by staff of ex-Governor Benjamin I. Espiritu, Barangay Officials and residents of Lazareto and PENRO and PEMU Oriental Mindoro personnel. It was composed of 60 female and 35 male participants. The activity started with a program wherein OIC, PENR Officer Alan L. Valle have graced the event. There, he expressed his gratitude to the participants, most especially to the support of the foundation. Further, he also stated the importance of such activity, and reminders on the strict implementation and compliance with the environmental laws, particularly the RA 9003 or the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act, which is relevant to the issues that the barangay have been facing. Additionally, Capt. Leopoldo Castisimo PN (Ret), Operations Manager/Project



Engineer of A&A Realty Development Corporation, also expressed his support to the start and many more environmental activities with the DENR.

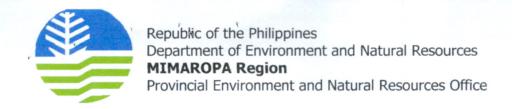
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In conclusion, it was observed that the site has no proper waste disposal and barangay does not strictly impose the ordinances on such environmental law. Hence, continuous information campaign will be conducted and coordination with the barangay LGU for strict implementation of ordinances and imposition of penalties on violation to proper solid waste management shall be done. Further, signages regarding the laws shall be placed within the area as well, to remind the residents on the obedience to the law.

The selected site shall be the focus area for the conduct of same activities and other appropriate activities for the whole year, in order to observe the progress and development, in terms of solid waste management and other environmental laws.

Attached is the photo documentation and attendance of the said activity.

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# PHOTO DOCUMENTATION ON THE CONDUCT OF COASTAL CLEANUP IN BARANGAY LAZARETO, CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO, IN CELEBRATION OF ZERO WASTE MONTH



Above are "Before" activity photos.



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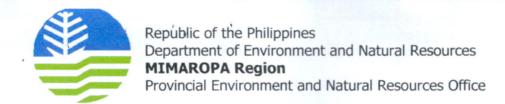








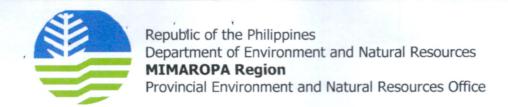
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#### PHOTOS BELOW SHOWS THE WASTE BEING COLLECTED IN THE CLEANUP SITE







Photo in the *Left* shows the photo opportunity with all the participants in the cleanup area after the activity while *Right* photo shows the photo opportunity in the program area.





Both photos above shows ex Govenor Benjamin "Chippy" I. Espiritu (in red shirt) discussing some matters with the OIC, PENR Officer Alan L. Valle (in white shirt)





Photos above show the amount of wastes/garbage collected in the coastal area.



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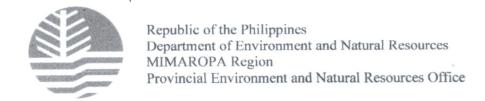
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