



MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWIN FOREST
AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE
FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF BPR FOR THE 2nd
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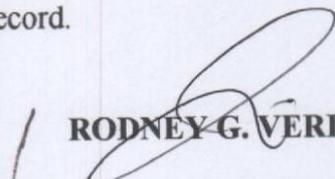
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ATTACHED : 1. BPRMO Report on Lawin Accomplishment for 2nd Quarter of 2023

DATE : JUN 30 2023

Respectfully forwarded herewith is the attached report of the BPR Management Office for 2nd Quarter of 2023 on the implementation of Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System Accomplishments. Based on the report, the BPRMO patrolled a total of 102.34 or 113.71% of their target as per BPRMO's 2nd Quarter Lawin Patrol Plan of 2023.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.


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ATTACHED : 1. BPRMO SMART-generated report for 2nd Quarter of 2023

DATE : **JUN 19 2023**

With the implementation of the Lawin Monitoring and Patrolling System, respectfully submitted is the detailed report of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) on the results of the Lawin monitoring and patrolling conducted in the Municipalities of Busuanga and Coron, Palawan within the BPR area for 2nd Quarter of 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 from April to June 2023 is 90 kilometers (km) based on the Lawin Patrol Plan for 2nd Quarter of 2023. Based on the results, the BPRMO Patrol Teams were able to traverse an aggregate distance of 102.34 km or 113.71 % (Table 1).

Table 1. BPRMO Lawin monitoring and patrolling accomplishment for 2nd Quarter of 2023

Months	Target (Km)	Accomplishment (Km)	Difference (Km)	Accomplishment (%)
April	30	32.78	(2.78)	109.29
May	30	36.77	(6.77)	122.56%
June	30	32.79	(2.79)	109.3
2nd Quarter	90	102.34	(12.34)	113.71

*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 1,251 Forest Condition Counts (FCCs) recorded during the patrolling. Open Uncultivated (OUC) appears to have the highest figure recorded for the 2nd Quarter of 2023 with 501 or 40%, while Old Growth Forest have the least with 7 counts or 0.5%. The remaining forest condition such as: Early Secondary Forest (ESF), Open-Cultivated (OC), and Advance Secondary Forest (ASF) with corresponding total figures of 423 (34%), 253 (20%), and 67 (5%), respectively. Based on the SMART analysis, the total FC with good condition has a total count of 497 or 39.5% which includes OGF, ASF and ESF. The OUC count appears to be significant, but this is due to teams traversing large grassland areas which is a natural feature of BPR while conducting the patrol.

Table 2. Patrol Observation: Forest Condition Counts

Forest Condition											
OGF		ASF		ESF		OUC		OC		Total	
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
7	0.5	67	5	423	34	501	40	253	20	1251	100

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

With respect to the presence of natural regenerants, 678 FCCs or 54% of the total FCC were recorded while 572 FCCs or 46% with absence of natural regenerants. There were (1) or 0% recorded dense natural regenerants, while one hundred thirty-four (134) FCCs or 11% and five hundred forty-four (544) or 43% are recorded as moderate and sparse natural regenerants, respectively (Table 3).

Table 3. Patrol Observation: Natural Regenerant Count

Regenerants											
Presence of Regenerant							No Regenerants		Total Forest Condition		
Dense		Moderate		Sparse		Total					
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
1	0	134	11	544	43	678	54	572	46	1251	100

Table 4 shows the observed and recorded threats within the FCA of BPR. A total of sixty-five (65) counts of threats were observed and recorded during the Lawin monitoring and patrolling for the month of 2nd Quarter of 2023 of the BPR Management Office. This was accounted for twenty-five (25) cutting of trees; twenty-two (22) for huts or houses and other infrastructures; seventeen (17) for slash and burn farming (kaingin); and one (1) typhoon related threats

Table 4. Patrol Observation: Threat Count

Threats	No. of observation
Cutting of trees	25
Huts or Houses and other Infrastructures	22
Slash and burn farming or kaingin	17

Typhoon-related threats	1
Total	65

As can be viewed from the map in Annex C, the threats observed/documentated in the FCA during the 2nd Quarter of 2023 are found in Barangays of San Nicolas, Decalachao, Guadalupe, Bintuan, Coron, Palawan; Barangays of Sagrada, Buluang, New Busuanga, San Rafael, Cheey, Old Busuanga, Sto. Niño, Busuanga, Palawan. The current threat index for the 2nd Quarter was computed as 0.49 (April), 0.95 (May), 0.43 (June) threats per kilometer (T/Km) was higher than the previous quarter which was computed as 0.33 (February) and 0.22 (March) threats per kilometer (T/Km) threat index respectively. . However, threat index for February 2023 was computed as approximately 0.33 threats per kilometer (T/Km), since, the value could be lower if the patrol on February 17, 2023 will be deleted since it was considered as void due to device error. Further, the threat index for March 2023 was computed as 0.22 threats per kilometer (T/Km). Likewise, the value can change since the target patrol distance were adjusted from 30 km to 60 km to compensate the target for the month of January 2023 as explained in the 1st Quarter of 2023 Report.

II. Future Actions

As initial action of the BPRMO on the threats observed/ recorded during the conduct of Lawin activity, for the 2nd Quarter has already on the months of April and May already sent communication letters to the concerned barangays for their information regarding the illegal activities in their area within the BPR. Moreover, for the month of June 2023, will be sending communication letters during the Lawin activity of the BPRMO in the area of jurisdiction of the concerned barangay with the observed illegal activities.

III. Remarks and Recommendations

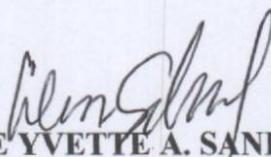
1. Frequency of the visibility of patrolling and Lawin monitoring within the Forest Conservation Area of BPR is being intensified to include weekends, if necessary, in order to prevent and immediately address any possible threats within the forested areas of BPR;
2. As stipulated in the future actions, 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;
3. 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. The BPRMO for this year 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;

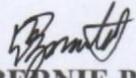
5. Conduct of rehabilitation activities such as tree planting, enrichment planting and assisted natural regeneration to maintain and accelerate the recovery of forest cover; and
6. The BPRMO will communicate through Lawin Helpdesk for the deletion of error patrol data which was synched to the SMART Connect of the BPR.

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

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Summary Patrol Report

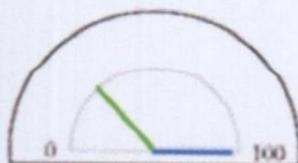
Region 04B - BPR

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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



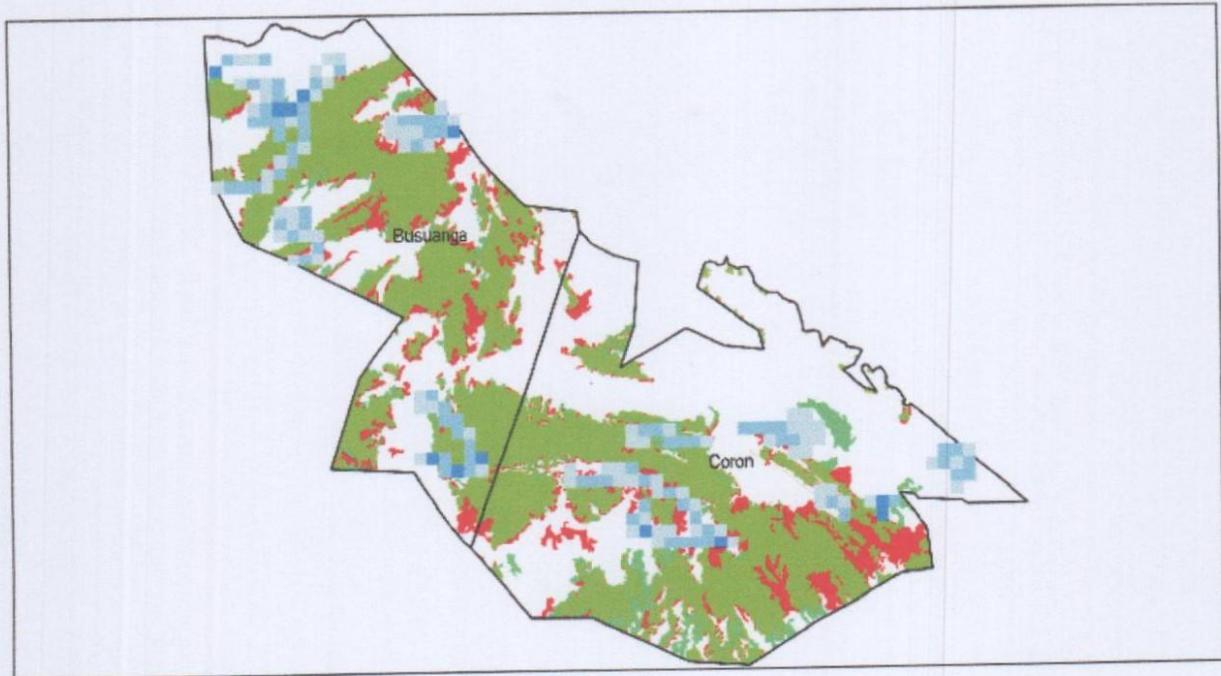
- Accomplishment
- Target

Accomplishment* for the period	Target* distance for the period
102.34	90

Accomplishment Rate:
103.71

*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
Bernie Mantal	67.13
Desiree Yvette Sandoval	64.44
Rommel Gacayan	64.44
Gricilito Lagao	64.09
Emerson Montanez, Jr.	60.26
Leonardo Puno	58.02
Michael Acbang	57.44
Dindo Sarmiento	56.43
Archie Agnes	54.19
Richard Galagate	48.62
Joy Kristel Degorio	40.09



Forest Protection Effectiveness Report

Region 04B - BPR

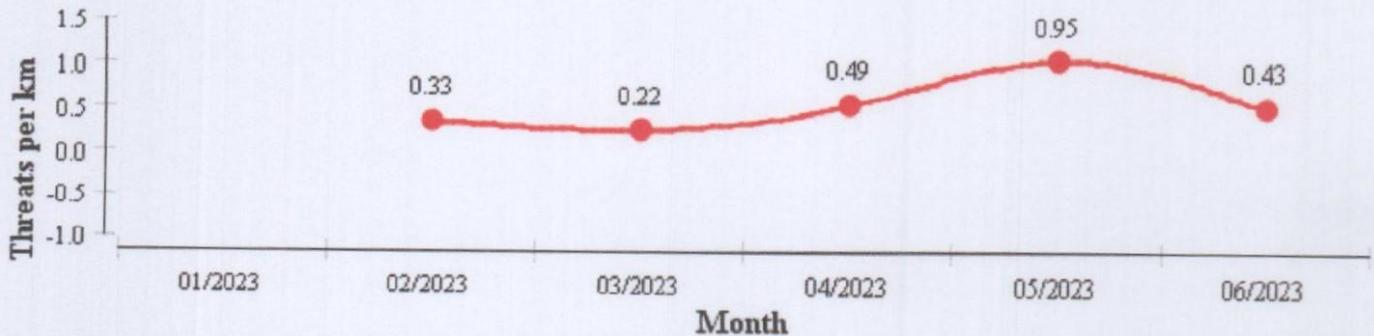
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This reports presents trends in observations of forest condition, regeneration, threats and indicator species. The combined presentation allows for an evaluation if protection efforts are effective, conservation targets are met and the forest achieves 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.

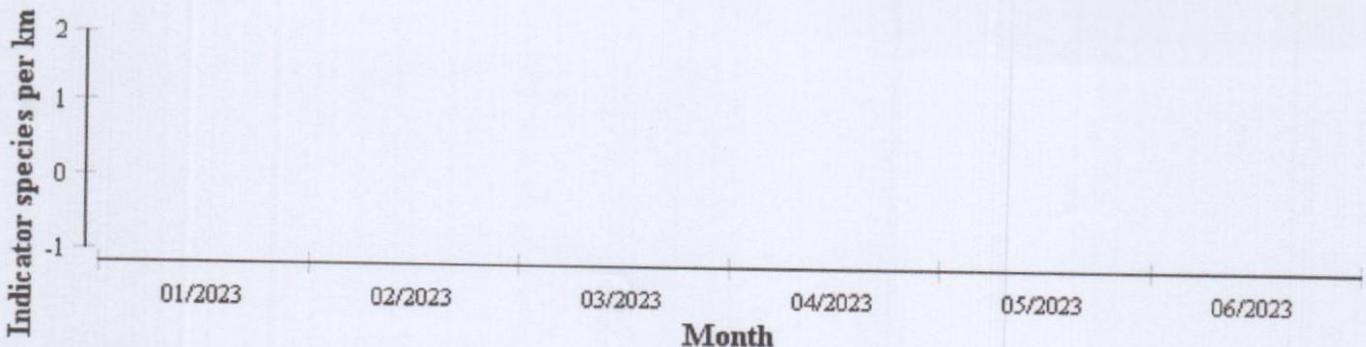
Trends of Observations per Patrol Kilometer in the Forest Conservation Area

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



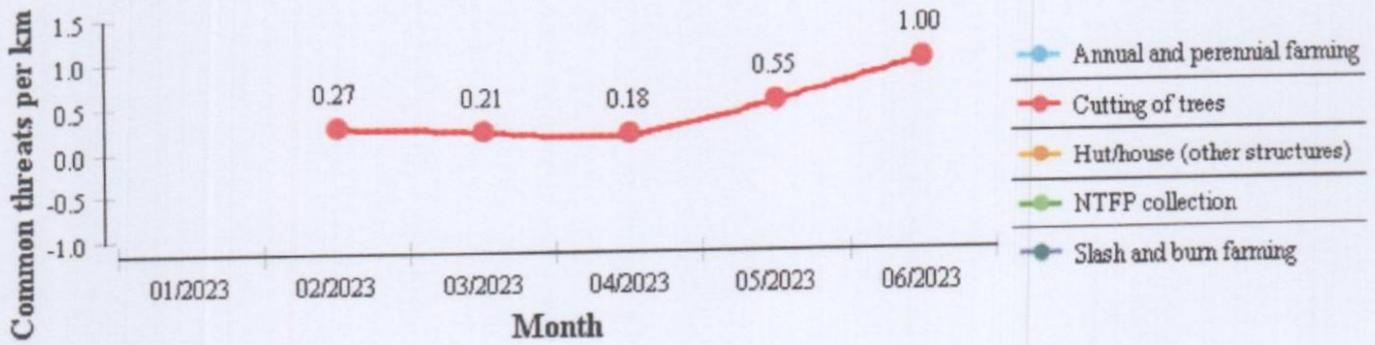
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Trends in Regeneration Density



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

Trends of most common Threats



**note: For the 1st Quarter, there is no Lawin activity on the month of January by the BPRMO personnel since all of the personnel/patrollers were not yet renewed until February 2023.*

**the patrol on February 17, 2023 is considered void and was not counted to the total distance accomplished by the personnel as well as the threats recorded.*



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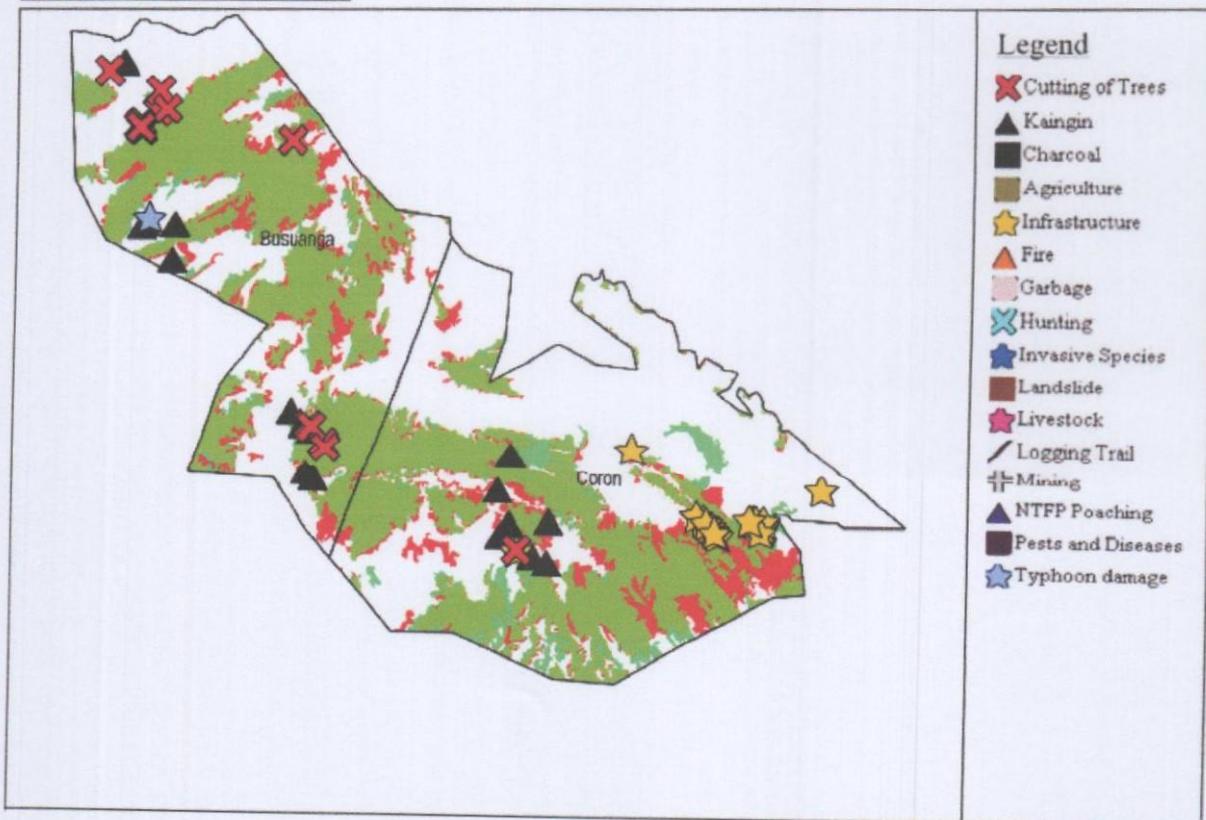
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This report presents information for the implementing units of DENR to effectively plan and carry out actions for addressing observed threats to the forest.

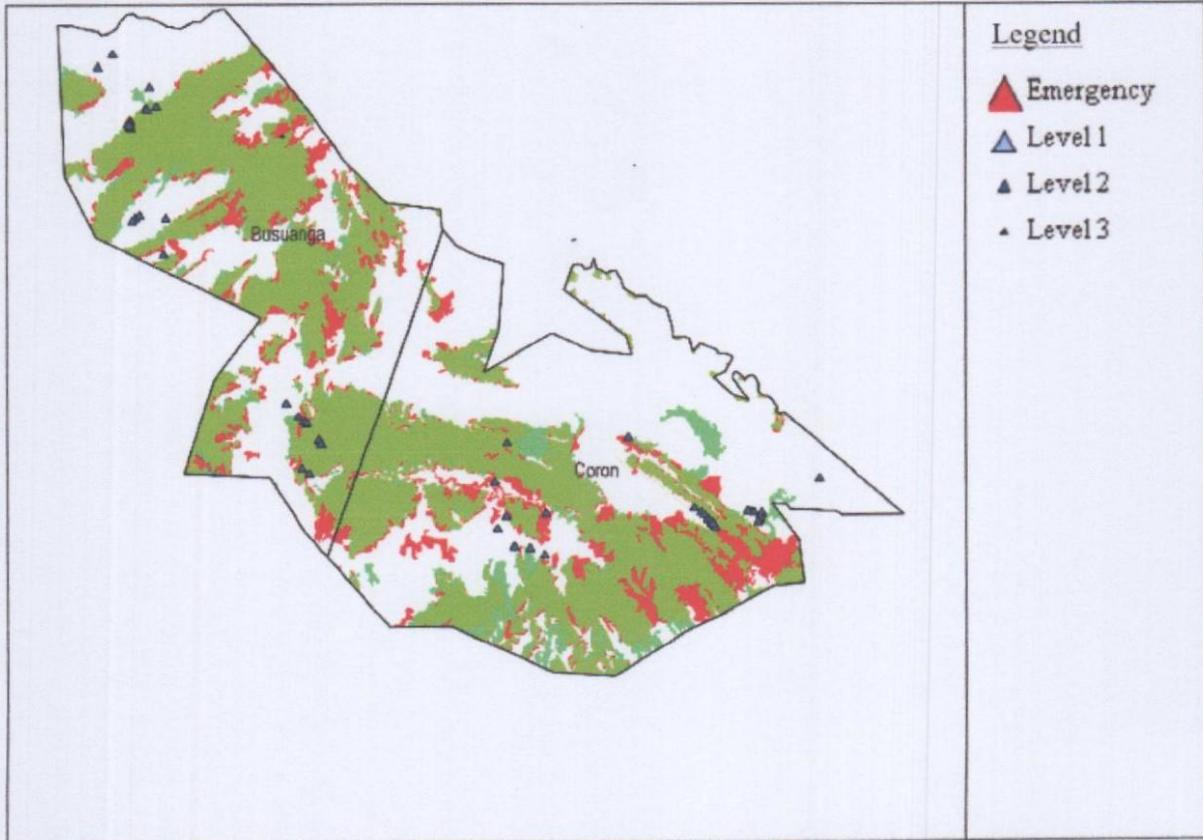
Threats observed and level of response required

Threat	No. of Observations	Emergency - Immediate action required!	Level 1 - Action required within a week	Level 2 - Action required within a month
Cutting of Trees	25	0	0	24
Hut or House and Other Infrastructure	22	0	0	22
Slash and Burn Farming (Kaingin)	17	0	0	17
Typhoon-related Threats	1	0	0	1

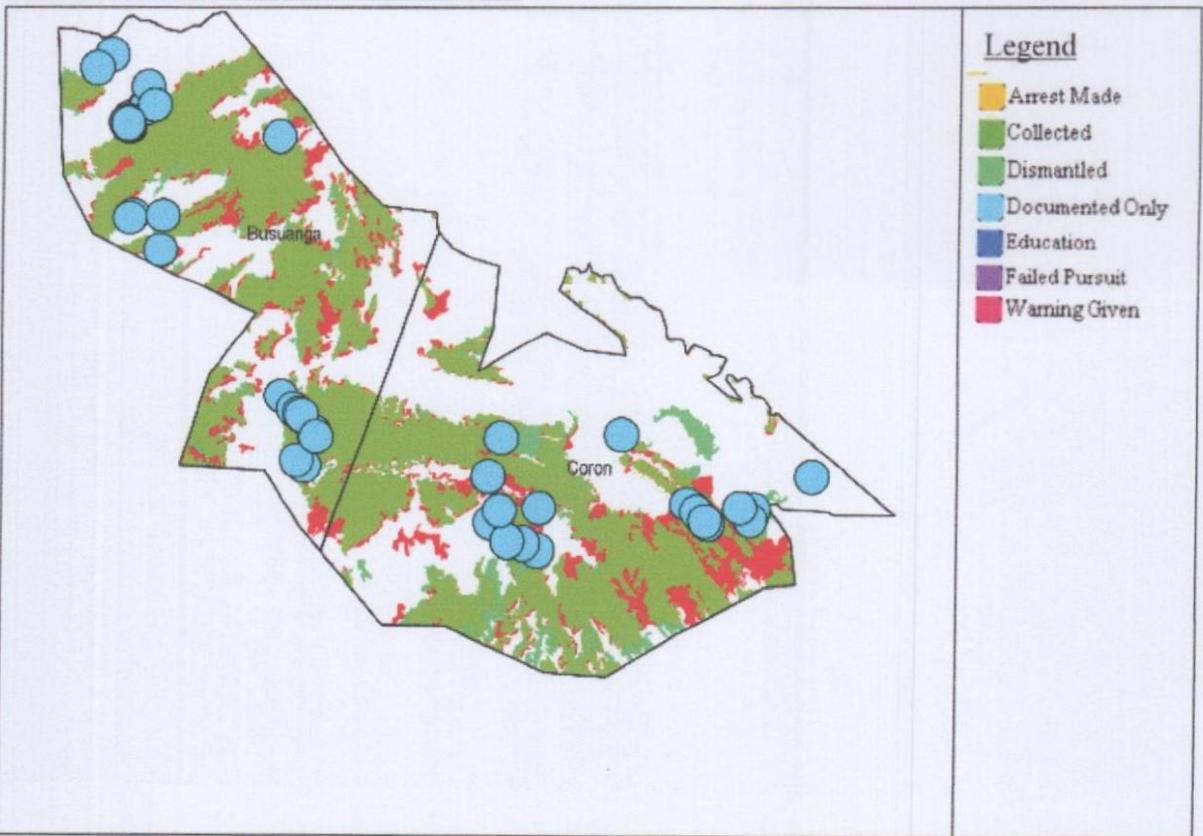
Location of observed threats



Locations and urgency of responses needed



Locations of actions taken to address threats



Actions taken to address observed threats during patrols

