

REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF STAKEHOLDERS' CONSULTATION MEETING FOR FY 2024 BUDGET PROPOSAL OF DENR-PENRO MARINDUQUE

FEBRUARY 27, 2023
DENR-PENRO MARINDUQUE CONFERENCE HALL,
BOAC, MARINDUQUE

I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

A. Activity	Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting for FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DENR-PENRO Marinduque
B. Participants	(1) DENR-PENRO Marinduque (2) National Government Agencies (NGAs) (3) Local Government Units (LGUs) (4) Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)
C. Activity Venue	DENR-PENRO Conference Hall, Capitol Compound, Barangay Bangbangalon, Boac, Marinduque
D. Activity Date	February 27, 2023
E. Program Manager/s	(1) OIC-PENR Officer Imelda M. Diaz (2) In-Charge, MSD Gemma P. Delos Reyes (3) Planning Officer II Jhonna Liza S. Medenilla
F. Facilitators	(1) Planning Officer II Jhonna Liza S. Medenilla (2) Planning Officer I Heidy L. Oyong (3) ISA II Mark Ryan S. Lozada

II. ACTIVITY OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the activity are the following:

1. To present the DENR Direction Setting through the leadership of Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga – Leading the ENR Sector Towards Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development;
2. To present the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028: Update on Environment Sector;
3. To present the FY 2024 Proposed Programs, Projects and Activities of DENR-PENRO Marinduque; and
4. To solicit inputs from the stakeholders on the on-going and new Programs, Projects and Activities of DENR-PENRO Marinduque.

III. ACTIVITY PROPER

The DENR-PENRO Marinduque headed by OIC-PENR Officer Imelda M. Diaz through the Planning Section led by the In-Charge, Planning Section, Planning Officer II Jhonna Liza S. Medenilla conducted a Stakeholders' Consultation Meeting for FY 2024 Budget Proposal of DENR-PENRO Marinduque on February 27, 2023 at the DENR-PENRO Conference Hall, Capitol Compound, Barangay Bangbangan, Boac, Marinduque.

The activity was participated by concerned Heads of the Divisions, Sections and Units and selected staff and personnel from the DENR-PENRO Marinduque; key personnel from different National Government Agencies (NGAs), Local Government Units (LGUs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Academe. It was facilitated by the PENRO Planning Section.

Planning Officer I Heidy L. Oyong acted as the EMCEE. The opening program started with an Invocation followed by the singing of Philippine National Anthem. Participants were acknowledged by OIC-PENR Officer Imelda M. Diaz during her Welcome Remarks. In her Message she hoped for a fruitful discussion and sharing of ideas. Likewise, she emphasized that every program and project of the NGAs like DENR is a collaborative efforts and will not be successful without the full support and cooperation of other government agencies, LGUs, CSOs, Academe and other stakeholders.

Further, she thanked the program managers and facilitators for their time, knowledge and efforts in order to cascade, capacitate and update all the participants on the various programs, projects and activities of the DENR for FY 2024. Furthermore, she emphasized that the conduct of this activity is timely and significant, and encouraged all the participants to actively participate in the whole duration of the activity because it will help in the effective planning and implementation of all DENR programs, projects and activities which will focus on the deliverables.

IV. CONSULTATION MEETING PROPER

- **Objectives of the Activity**

In-Charge, MSD Gemma P. Delos Reyes briefly discussed in details the objectives of the activity in order to achieve the success of all the programs and activities of DENR in partnership with the different stakeholders in the entire province of Marinduque.

- **DENR Direction Setting - Leading the ENR Sector towards Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development**

PO II Medenilla presented the DENR Direction Setting - Leading the ENR Sector towards Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development and shared an Audio-Video Presentation (AVP) outline into Part I: Introducing the DENR Secretary; Part II: Igniting transformation in the ENR Sector which consists of Context and DENR's Theory of Change (Vision, President's Directives and the 8-point Agenda, Strategies, Nature-based Solutions: Major Activities, Improving Governance, and Outcomes).

Meanwhile. DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga was introduced through AVP showing her various previous positions, educational attainments and her present post.. She is an environmental advocates, and published and co-authored scholarly publications and reference materials when it comes to climate change and disaster risk reduction.

The DENR's Context involves Climate Change as a Systematic Risk; Interactions among systems – climate, ecosystems and human (as coupled system); and Intersectionality and Differentiated Vulnerabilities of Sectors. Moreover, the DENR's Theory of Change is interconnected into Improving Environmental Governance; Nature-based Solutions: Major Activities; Outcomes; Strategies; and Vision. (Figure 1).

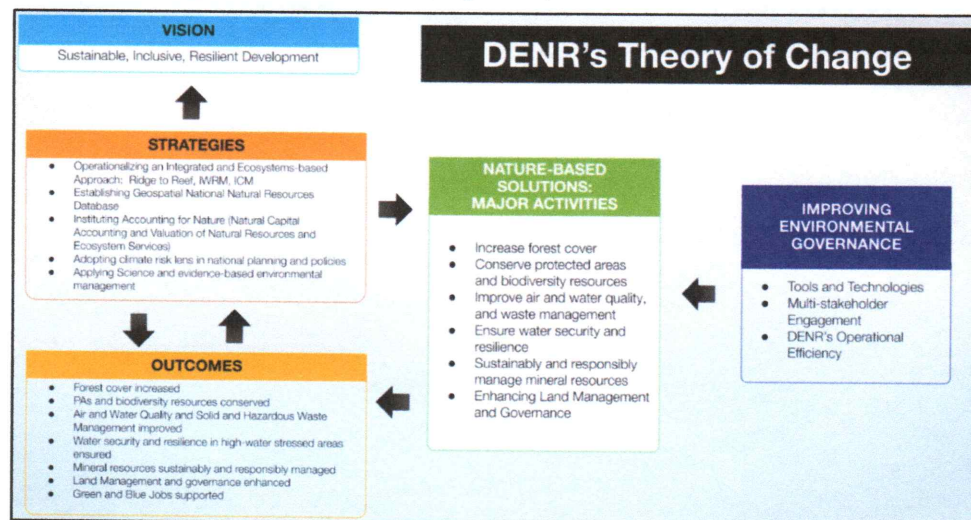


Figure 1. DENR's Context

- **Presentation and discussion of PDP 2023-2028: Update on Environment Sector**

PO II Medenilla presented the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028: Update on Environment Sector. She briefly discussed the plan for Economic and Social Transformation Agenda of PDP 2023-2028 under the leadership of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Romualdez Marcos Jr. which includes:

- Digitalization;
- Servicing;
- Dynamic Innovation Ecosystem;
- Enhanced Connectivity;
- Greater collaboration between local and national government; and
- Partnership with the private sector.

In relation with the Environment Sector, she presented the Strategic Framework, the Chapters of PDP 2023-2028 which includes, but not limited to Chapter 2: Promote Human and Social Development; Chapter 12: Expand and Upgrade Infrastructure; and Chapter 15: Accelerate Climate Action and Strengthen Disaster Resilience.

Likewise, PO II Medenilla presented the assessment and challenges which focuses on representative elements of livability – social development, community participation, resilience, environmental quality and housing, such as:

- COVID 19 impeded delivery of social development services and adversely affected livelihoods of poor communities;
- Civil society representation in local special bodies needed to be improved;
- Mixed progress in building resilience;
- Capacity constraints at the local level to continue to impede effective solid and hazardous waste management;
- Quality of monitored water bodies remains low;
- Improvement in ambient air quality remains hampered by poor monitoring and rising emissions from the transport sector; and
- Unmet housing needs.

Moreover, she also showed the Proposed Priority Legislative Agenda of the DENR which consists of Unnecessary Plastic Products Regulation Bill – Phase out of single-use plastic, and Maritime Safety, Security and Prevention of Ship-Sourced Pollution Bill – Prevention and control of marine pollution from any vessel.

Lastly, PO II Medenilla discussed the DENR Priority Thrusts and Directions under the leadership of Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga, as follows:

- (1.) Adopt climate risk lens in national planning and policies;
- (2.) Increase forest cover;
- (3.) Conserve protected areas and biodiversity resources;
- (4.) Improve air and water quality, and waste management;
- (5.) Ensure water security and resilience in high-water stressed areas;
- (6.) Sustainably and responsibly manage mineral resources; and
- (7.) Promote effective land management and governance.

Whereas, the Nature-based Solutions on the DENR Major Activities comprises Forest Management and Protection, Protected Area Management, Biodiversity Resources Conservation, Coastal and Marine Environment Management, Water Resources Management, Air and Water Quality Improvement, Waste Management, Mineral Resources Development, and Lands Management.

- **Presentation and discussion of FY 2024 Proposed Programs, Projects and Activities of DENR-PENRO Marinduque**

PO II Medenilla presented in details the FY 2024 Budget Proposal (BP) of DENR-PENRO Marinduque. She focused on the corresponding target and budget of the major programs, activities and projects under Operations (Enforcement and Regulatory, Protected Areas, Wildlife Conservation, Coastal and Marine Ecosystem, Land Management, National Greening Program, and Soil Conservation), and Support to Operations (CEPA).

After her presentation, an Open Forum was conducted, wherein brainstorming on all issues and concerns, comments, suggestions and agreements were conveyed dynamically and clearly by the stakeholders from different agencies. These were properly answered and duly noted for consideration to be incorporated to the Budget Proposal for FY 2024 of DENR MIMAROPA Region and PENRO Marinduque. *Please see Annex A for the summary of issues and concerns, agreements and commitments.*

- **Presentation and discussion of BP Form D: CSOs' Inputs on On-going and New Spending Projects and Activities**

PO II Medenilla presented to the stakeholders the Budget Proposal (BP) Form D: CSOs' Inputs on On-going and New Spending Projects and Activities. All on-going and proposed projects and activities inputted in the form by CSOs were consolidated for submission to the Regional Office with corresponding budget and brief description of the project and activity as basis on the preparation of Budget Proposal FY 2024.

V. CLOSING PROGRAM

In her Closing Remarks, OIC-PENRO Diaz thanked and commended all the stakeholders from different NGAs, CSOs, LGUs and Academe who have attended the activity, for a healthy and meaningful exchange of ideas and thoughts, and she hoped for their continuous support and active participation for the future endeavors of DENR.

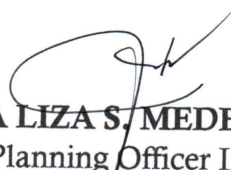
VI. ATTACHMENTS

- Annex A: Summary of Issues/Concerns, Agreement, Commitments and Instructions During the Open Forum
- Annex B: Photo Documentation
- BP Form D: FY 2024 Report of CSOs Inputs on Ongoing and New Spending Projects and Activities
- PENRO Special Order No. 2023-020
- Program of Activity
- Attendance Sheets

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ANNEX A

SUMMARY OF ISSUES/CONCERNS, AGREEMENT, COMMITMENTS AND INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE OPEN FORUM		
Topics/Issues & Concerns	Agreements/ Commitments/ Instructions	Responsible Office/ Persons
<p>Protected Area, Caves and Wetlands Development and Management Sub Program</p> <p>Biodiversity Assessment and Survey of Santa Cruz and Mogpog Korst Area (Punong, San Isidro, Ipil, Dating Bayan and other barangays)</p> <p>- Inventory of flora and fauna in Santa Cruz and Mogpog Korst Area (Punong, San Isidro, Ipil, Dating Bayan and other barangays)</p> <p>- Survey of the area for development like "Masungi Geo-Reserve" of Rizal</p>	<p>Mr. Gerardo M. Jamilla of the Marinduque Provincial Tourism Office mentioned that the Biodiversity Assessment and Survey will help in the conservation, preservation and development into a Wildlife Sanctuary and a Geologic Reserve. Likewise, a project/activity cost amounting to Php2,000,000.00 is a proposed budget of the Provincial Government of Marinduque (PGM) for F.Y. 2024.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provincial Tourism Office - Provincial Government of Marinduque ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque
<p>Protected Area, Caves and Wetlands Development and Management Sub Program</p> <p>Hiring and additional Forest Rangers</p>	<p>Mr. Romeo M. Davalos, Jr. from LGU Boac suggested to proposed additional budget for additional Forest Rangers to be deployed in all the municipalities in the province of Marinduque to conduct patrolling in the whole province especially those areas within and near the Protected Area.</p> <p>PENRO Imelda M. Diaz mentioned that the Office has existing Contract of Service Forest Protect Officers (FPOs) and Park Rangers conducting patrolling in the whole province especially those areas within and near the Protected Area. Likewise, she mentioned that the Office is waiting for the approval of the plantilla positions for all the Protected Area which is currently being reviewed by the DBM</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque ▪ LGUs

	<p>PASu Emeterio M. Recto of Marinduque Wildlife Sanctuary informed that there is a PAMB Resolution requesting the barangays within the Protected Area to provide two (2) Barangay Tanods from each barangay to assist in the patrolling activities. However, he requested that all Barangay Tanods be capacitated before being deputized.</p> <p>Forester I Don Gibson Mercado of the DENR-PENRO Marinduque shared about the "Volunteer Patrollers" accredited by the DENR which can help in the monitoring of activities within the conservation areas. Likewise, he informed that interested groups and individuals who wanted to be Volunteer Patrollers, may request to be accredited by the Office. In response with the information from Forester I Mercado, Ms. Elizabeth Heitzmann President of Alliance of Marinduque Butterfly Breeders suggested that their group will help and be volunteer patrollers in Marinduque and they will recommend those who will form part from their group to form a group of all accredited volunteer patrollers in Marinduque.</p>	
<p>Solid Waste Management</p> <p>- Establishment of a Provincial Health Care Waste Management Facility in the Province of Marinduque</p>	<p>Dr. Rachel Rowena R. Garcia of DOH Marinduque mentioned that a proposal on health care waste management was made last year, however, there is still no update on the proposed establishment of Health Care Waste Management Facility in the province of Marinduque.</p> <p>PENRO Imelda M. Diaz mentioned that there is an embedded personnel from EMB at the DENR-PENRO Marinduque. Moreover, she mentioned that the proposed temporary disposal facility for LGUs was discussed during the Quarterly Meeting of the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Board.</p> <p>EMS Rolando Z. Capistrano mentioned that EMB MIMAROPA will provide container-type septic tank for each</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque through EMS Rolando Z. Capistrano ▪ DOH ▪ PG-ENRO through Engr. Arlene S. Jarabe

	<p>hospital in the province of Marinduque to be utilized as disposal facility for hospital/hazardous waste.</p> <p>Mr. Dante de Luna from the Marinduque Provincial Government Environment and Natural Resources Office (PGENRO) mentioned that the Provincial Government of Marinduque has a project on the procurement and establishment of non-burn technology to be established at Barangay Tanza, Boac, Marinduque to be used in the disposal of hospital/hazardous waste.</p>	
<p>Strengthen the monitoring of Health Care Waste Management in addition to RA 9003</p>	<p>Dr. Rachel Rowena R. Garcia of DOH Marinduque requested for a consultation meeting with the EMB on the establishment of hazard waste disposal facility. She also reiterated the importance of having a long-term plan on the proper disposal and management of hospital and hazardous waste for the province of Marinduque.</p> <p>EMS Capistrano suggested that the disposal plan and management of hospital/hazardous waste must be included in the Comprehensive 10-year Solid Waste Management Plan of the LGUs and Provincial Government. Likewise, he assured that he will coordinate with EMB MIMAROPA Regional Office for the possible consultation regarding the matter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque through EMS Rolando Z. Capistrano ▪ DOH ▪ PG-ENRO through Engr. Arlene S. Jarabe
<p>Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Rehabilitation Sub Program</p> <p>- Monitoring of corals, seagrass and mangroves covering Verde Island Passage area in Marinduque</p>	<p>PDDRMO Rino Labay of the Provincial Government of Marinduque questioned the funds provided for the monitoring of corals, seagrass and mangroves. He clarified what activities will be undertaken covering the said allotment which he thinks somewhat scant and will not be enough to support the said activity.</p> <p>Forest Technician I Corazon Pelaez from the DENR-PENRO Marinduque answered that the activities to be undertaken will be monitoring and assessment on the development from the previous to present status of the corals, seagrass and mangroves in the province of Marinduque.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PGM ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque ▪ BFAR

	<p>In addition, Planning Officer II Jhonna Liza S. Medenilla clarified that priority for funding are those Protected Area within coastal area, however, the budget proposed is for the monitoring of corals, seagrass and mangroves covered by Verde Island Passage and that there is a standard unit cost for each activities.</p> <p>PENRO Imelda M. Diaz pointed out that the Office cannot directly answer when it comes to the funding allotment since Unit of Work Measurement (UWM) is provided by BMB.</p> <p>PENRO Diaz also mentioned that she will request in the upcoming VIP-MPAN Meeting about the matter. Moreover, she said that BFAR can be a partner on this activity.</p>	
Marcopper rehabilitation in Santa Cruz, and other affected areas	<p>PMAJ Erdin Lopez of PNP Marinduque queried on the efforts done for the Marcopper rehabilitation, as well as the affected mined-out areas which was not included in the activities in the Proposed Budget.</p> <p>PENRO Imelda M. Diaz answered that there is no rehabilitation efforts being done by the Marcopper, who is liable for the damage made, yet various efforts were made by the DENR, LGUs, Provincial Government of Marinduque (PGM) such as construction of gabion walls by the MGB, series of tree planting activities along river banks, also the recent take over of the Balogo Port, which is now being applied for a permit by the PGM in order to develop the area. She also mentioned that rehabilitation for the Marcopper and the affected area should be a long-term proposal and there is currently a proposed dredging activity for Boac and Mogpog Rivers. Likewise, the Top Officials were considering the matter and taking into consideration the actions/ strategies to be undertaken because it will include different approaches.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PGM ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque ▪ LGUs

<p>Operation against illegal environment and natural resources activities</p> <p>Mobilization of Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Units (WTMUs)</p> <p>- Capacitation of Wildlife Traffic and Monitoring Unit (WTMU), Forest Rangers and Forest Protection Officers</p>	<p>PMAJ Lopez requested that the Wildlife Trafficking and Monitoring Unit (WTMU), Forest Rangers and Forest Protection Officers should be capacitated and should be provided with logistics support for their protection</p> <p>PENRO Imelda M. Diaz stressed that series of capacity trainings were provided by the Office to Wildlife Trafficking and Monitoring Unit (WTMU), Forest Rangers and Forest Protection Officers, and they were capacitated with the laws and policies, as well as handling of firearms. However, when it comes to the provision of logistics support like firearms, the Office cannot provide firearms since the WTMU, FRs and FPOs are civilians and not allowed to carry firearms. Moreover, PENRO Diaz mentioned that the Office has deputized and capacitated WEOs and DENROs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque ▪ PNP ▪ LGUs ▪ WTMUs ▪ WEOs ▪ DENROs
<p>Sustainable Energy</p> <p>- Identification of area for alternative energy</p>	<p>Mr. Neptune L. Gutierrez from DTI Marinduque shared that the DENR should identify suitable area for the establishment of alternative energy in the province.</p> <p>PENRO Imelda M. Diaz clarified out that it is not the mandate of the DENR to handle energy issues, rather, the Agency is mandated to issue and monitor permit for the identified area for the establishment of alternative energy.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PGM ▪ DENR-PENRO Marinduque

ANNEX B

PHOTOS



Figure 2. Arrival and Registration of Participants

PRELIMINARIES

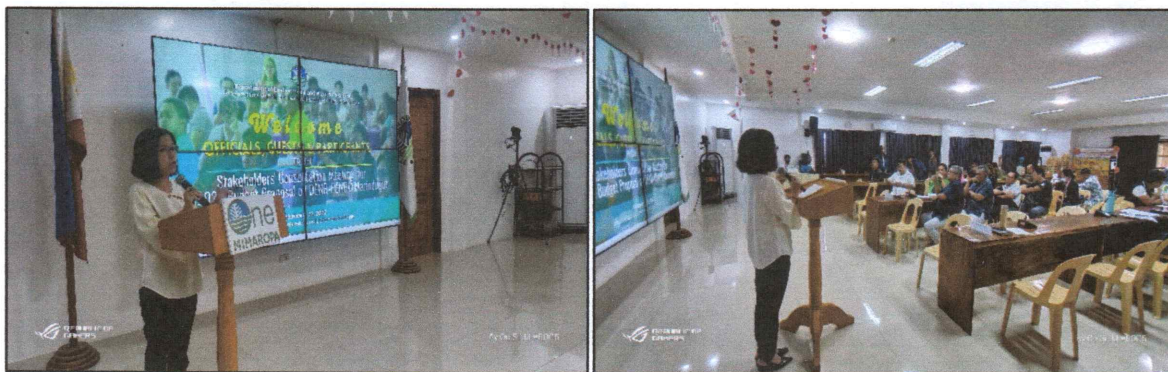


Figure 3. OIC-PENR Officer Imelda M. Diaz delivers her Welcome Message.

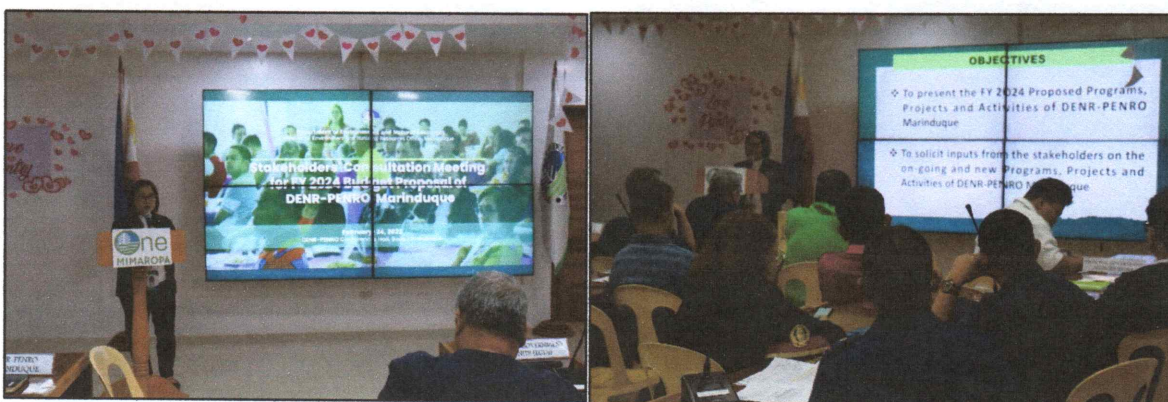


Figure 4. In-Charge, MSD Gemma P. Delos Reyes presents the Objectives of the Activity.

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Figure 5. Planning Officer II and In-Charge Planning Section Jhonna Liza S. Medenilla shares an Audio-Video Presentation (AVP) on DENR Direction Setting - Leading the ENR Sector towards Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Development while participants attentively listens and gages on the TV screen.

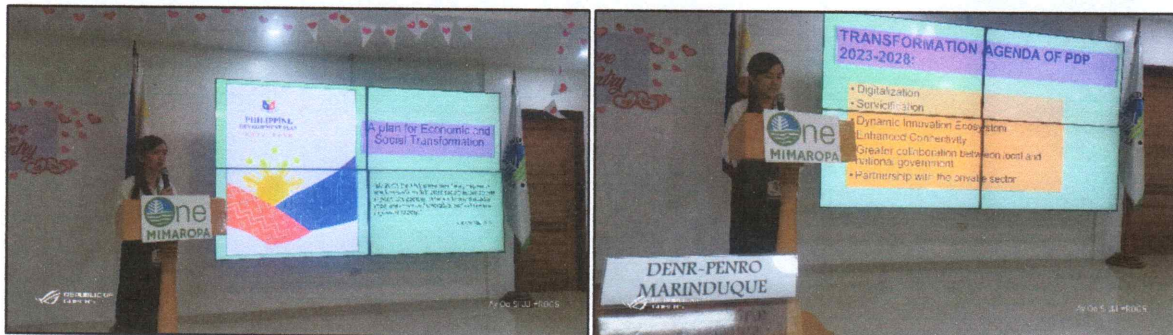


Figure 6. PO II Medenilla discusses about the PDP 2023-2028: Update on Environment Sector

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Figure 7. Another topic tackled by PO II Medenilla on the FY 2024 Proposed Programs, Projects and Activities of DENR-PENRO Marinduque

OPEN FORUM



Figure 8. Stakeholders lay their clarificatory questions to the DENR and give their insights and observations with regards to the ENR implementation and participation within their areas of jurisdiction.

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Figure 9. DENR officials and personnel giving their answers and recommendations for the stakeholders on the clarificatory questions, insights and observations with regards to the ENR implementation and participation within their areas of jurisdiction.

CLOSING PROGRAM

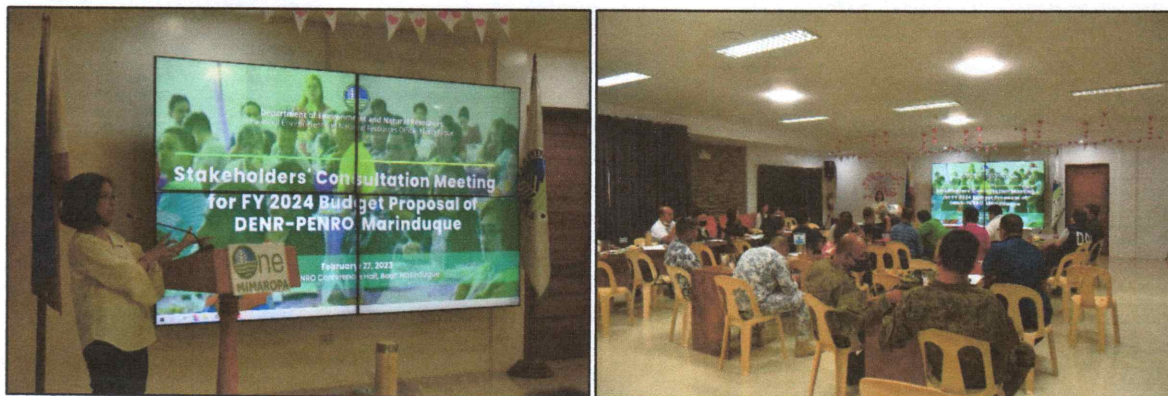


Figure 10. OIC-PENRO Diaz thanks the participants and facilitators during her Closing Message



Figure 11. Group Photo-opportunity of the Stakeholders, participants and guests from various NGAs, CSOs, LGUs and Academe.