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FROM: The OIC, CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

SUBJECT: REPORT ON LAWIN MONITORING AND PATROLLING

ACTIVITIES OF BPRMO WITHIN THE FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF BPR FOR THE MONTH

OF MARCH 2023

**DOCUMENTS** 

ATTACHED: 1. BPRMO Report on Lawin Accomplishment for March 2023

DATE : MAR 2 4 2023

Respectfully forwarded is the report of the BPR Management Office for the month of March 2023 Lawin Monitoring and Patrolling Accomplishments. Please be informed that there is no Lawin activity on January 2023 by the BPRMO personnel since all of the personnel/patrollers were not yet renewed until February 2023. In order to compensate the target distance of 30 km for the month of January 2023, the BPRMO personnel adjusted the target for the month of March from 30 km to 60 km. Based on the report, the patrol of BPRMO personnel for the month of March 2023, patrollers were able to traverse an aggregate distance of 67.40 km or 224.67 % and the overall target accomplishment included the month for January is 112.33% target as per BRPMO's 1st Quarter Lawin Patrol Plan of 2023.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.

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**MEMORANDUM** 

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FROM :

The BPR Management Office Technical Personnel

SUBJECT

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OF MARCH 2023

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BPRMO SMART-generated report

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MAR 2 4 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 Coron and Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR area for the month of March 2023.

#### I. Findings and Result

Two (2) Patrol Teams are 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 March 2023 is 30 kilometers (km) based on the Lawin Patrol Plan for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2023. For clarifications, there is no Lawin activity on January 2023 by the BPRMO personnel since all of the personnel/patrollers were not yet renewed until February 2023. In order to compensate the target distance of 30 km for the month of January 2023, the BPRMO personnel adjusted the target for the month of March from 30 km to 60 km. As a result, the patrol of BPRMO personnel for the month of March 2023, patrollers were able to traverse an aggregate distance of 67.40 km or 224.67 % and the overall target accomplishment included the month for January is 112.33% (Table 1).

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

Month	Target (km)	Accomplishment (km)	Difference (km)	Accomplishment (%)
January	30	-	-	-
March	30	67.40	7.40	224.67
Overall target	60	67.40	7.40	112.33

\*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 825 Forest Condition Counts (FCCs) recorded during the patrolling. Open-Uncultivated (OUC) appears to have the highest figure recorded for March 2023 with 329 counts or 40%, while Old Growth Forest (OGF) has the least recorded observation with 27 counts or 3%. The remaining forest conditions such as Advanced Secondary Forest (ASF), Early Secondary Forest (ESF) and Open-Cultivated (OC) with corresponding total figures of 115 (14%), 215 (26%), and 139 (17%), respectively. Based on the SMART analysis, the total FC with the good condition has a total count of 357 or 43% 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	%
27	3	115	14	215	26	329	40	139	17	825	100

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

For the presence of natural regenerants, 449 FCCs or 54% of the total FCC was recorded with the presence of natural regenerants while 376 FCCs or 46% were with the absence of natural regenerants. There were eleven (11) or 1% recorded dense natural regenerant, while two hundred twenty-one (221) FCCs or 27% and two hundred seventeen (217) or 26% recorded as moderate and sparse natural regenerants, respectively (Table 3).

Table 3. Patrol Observation: Natural Regenerant Count

					Re	generant	S				
		Presen	ce of	Regener	ant			No		Total Fo	rest
Dens	e	Moder	ate	Spars	se	Tota	1	Regenerants		Condition	
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
11	1	221	27	217	26	449	54	376	46	825	100

Table 4 shows the observed and recorded threats within the FCA of BPR. A total of fifteen (15) threats were observed and recorded during the Lawin Patrolling for the month of March and this were accounted to nine (9) slash and burn farming (kaingin), four (4) cutting of trees, one (1) charcoal making and one (1) non-timber forest product.

Table 4. Patrol Observation: Threat Count

Threats	No. of observation
Slash and Burn Farming (Kaingin)	9
Cutting of Trees	4
Charcoal	1
Non-timber forest product (NTFP)	1
Total	15

As can be viewed from the map in Annex C, the threats observed/documented in the FCA during the month of March 2023 are found in Barangays of San Nicolas, Guadalupe, Decalachao, Coron and Barangays of Bogtong, Sagrada, San Rafael, Old Busuanga, and New Busuanga, Busuanga, Palawan. The current threat index for this month was computed as 0.22 threats per kilometer (T/Km). However, 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 indicated in Part I.

#### II. Future Actions

As initial action of the BPRMO on the threats observed/ recorded during the conduct of Lawin activity, will send a communication letters to the concerned barangays for their information regarding the illegal activities in their area within BPR.

#### 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. 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;
- 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.

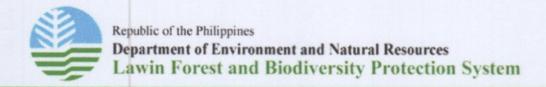
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# **Summary Patrol Report**

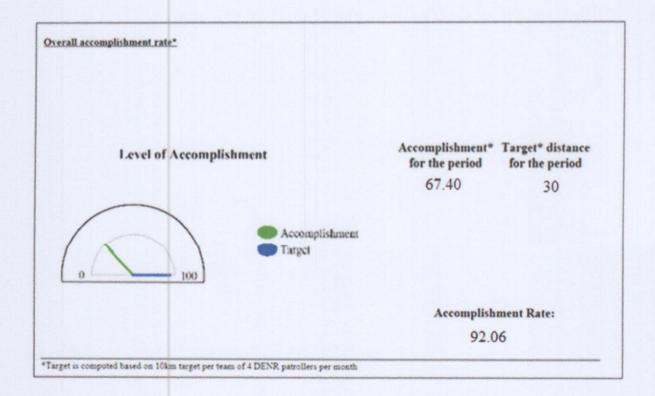
## Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

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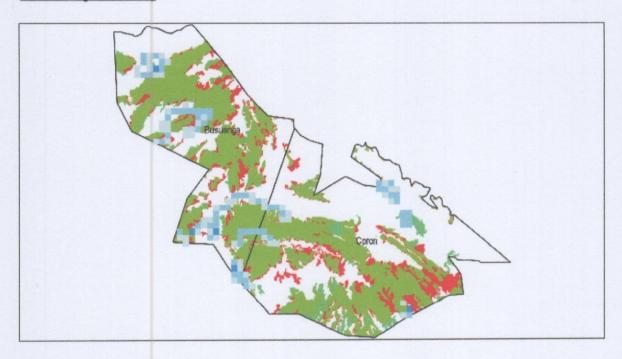
This report presents the patrol performance and quality of the implementing unit during the above stated period of time (number of days). The report contains information on accomplishment rate, coverage and intensity of patrolling in different forest types on patrol distance covered per patroller. The 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.



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# Patrol coverage and intensity



# Patrol distance covered by each forest ranger

Forest Ranger	Patrol Distance Accomplished
Archie Agnes	42.02
Emerson Montanez, Jr.	42.02
Gricilito Lagao	38.72
Leonardo Puno	38.72
Dindo Sarmiento	32.87
Michael Acbang	32.87
Rommel Gacayan	32.87
Joy Kristel Degorio	28.68
Desiree Yvette Sandoval	24.89
Bernie Mantal	11.49
Richard Galagate	7.99

# Forest Protection Effectiveness Report

#### Region 04B - BPR

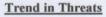
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This reports presents trends in observations of forest condition, regeneration, threats and indicator species. The combined presentation allows for an evaluation if protection efforts are effective, conservation targets are met and the forest achieves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

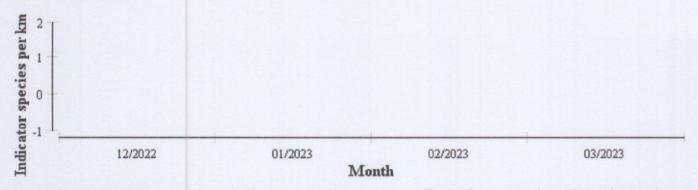
#### Trends of Observations per Patrol Kilometer in the Forest Conservation Area





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

#### **Trend in Indicator Species**



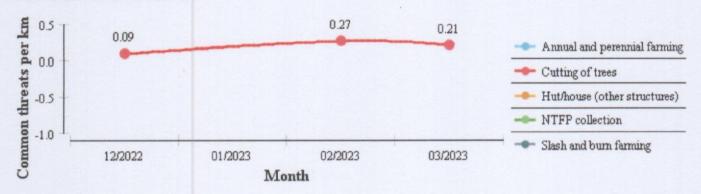
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# **Trends in Regeneration Density**



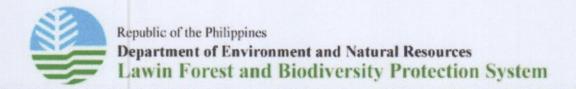
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#### **Trends of most common Threats**



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# **Summary Threat Report**

#### Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

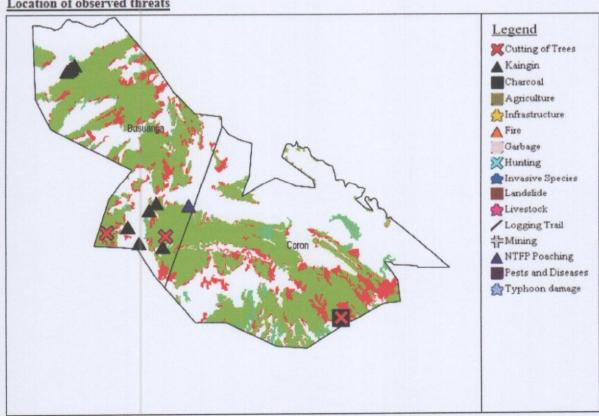
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This report presents information for the implementing units of DENR to effectively plan and carry out actions for adressing observed threats to the forest.

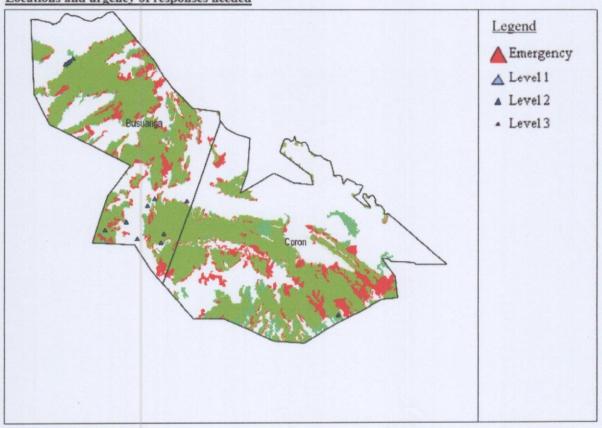
# Threats observed and level of response required

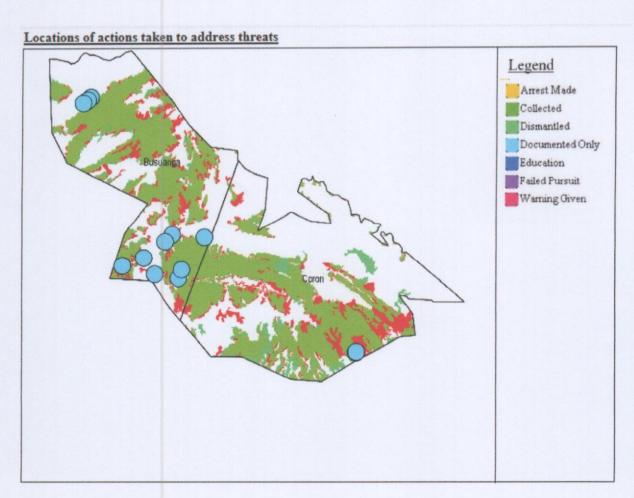
Threat	No. of Observations	Emergency - Immediate action required!	Level 1 - Action required within a week	Level 2 - Action required within a month
Slash and Burn Farming (Kaingin)	9	0	0	9
Cutting of Trees	4	0	0	4
Charcoal	1	0	0	1
Non-timber Forest Product (NTFP) Poaching	1	0	0	1

## Location of observed threats

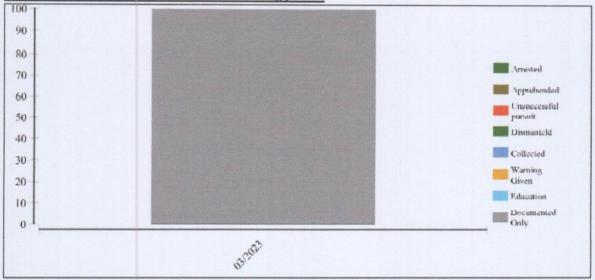


Locations and urgency of responses needed



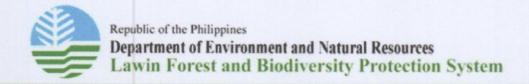


Actions taken to address observed threats during patrols



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# **Summary Response Report**

#### Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

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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:

15

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
		15	

#### 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