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Ms. Maria V. Cinco
Punong Barangay
Barangay VI
Coron, Palawan

Dear PB M. V. Cinco:

Please be informed that on 14 February 2023, the technical personnel of CENRO – Coron confirmed that several local residents of Barangay VI, Coron, Palawan has been conducting seabed quarrying operations along Coron Bay, Brgy. VI, Coron, Palawan.

The above-cited area is considered close to mining pursuant to Section 15 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2010-21¹ and can be penalized under Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942², which provides that:

***"Theft of Minerals** – Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement lease, permit, license, or steals mineral or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants..xxx"*

Hence, please monitor the illegal mining activities in your jurisdiction in accordance with the powers, duties and functions of a Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389, Item No. 9 of RA No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
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The Mayor – Coron
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Coron, Palawan

The CENRO - Coron
Community Environment and Natural Resource Office
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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¹ Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 7942

² The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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