



May 25, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **INITIAL REPORT ON THE ASSESSMENT/INVESTIGATION
ON THE ALLEGED DAMAGE/DESTRUCTION OF SEA GRASS
AND OTHER MARINE RESOURCES**

This refers to the Joint Order issued on February 6, 2023, in which this office is ordered to conduct investigation on the potentially damaged sea grass and other marine resources.

On February 7, 2023, a team from PENRO Romblon conducted the rapid assessment of possible damage to sea grass and other marine resources. The report was submitted and forwarded to the Regional Office on February 22, 2023. Likewise, this office requested technical assistance from expert divers, preferably Marine Biologist to further assess the said areas.

In connection to the request of this office, a team from ERDB-Coastal Resources and Ecotourism Research, Development and Extension Center (CRERDEC) led by its Chief, SRS/Center Head CRERDEC Jose Isidro Michael T. Padin, his staffs, SRS II Irish T. Azucena, and SRS I Charvie Richel Anne H. Bartonico, and a team from PENRO Romblon headed by TSD Chief Malvin R. Rocero, For. II James M. Mendoza, For. II Sheilla Jane M. Forlales, For. I Crisamel P. Miranda, For. I Marielle V. Magallanes, FT I Ernie L. Forcadas, and embedded personnel from the MGB, SRS II Felix Carl Falquerabao conducted the following assessments on March 17-19, 2023, at Sitio Bato, Brgy. España, San Fernando, Romblon:

1. Coral and Benthic Life Forms
2. Microalgae
3. Sea Grass
4. Fish Visual Census
5. Geologic Formation
6. Beach Vegetation

The results and findings of the assessments are still being processed and prepared by the ERDB-CRERDEC and the final report will be submitted this week.

For your information.

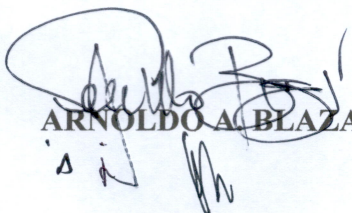

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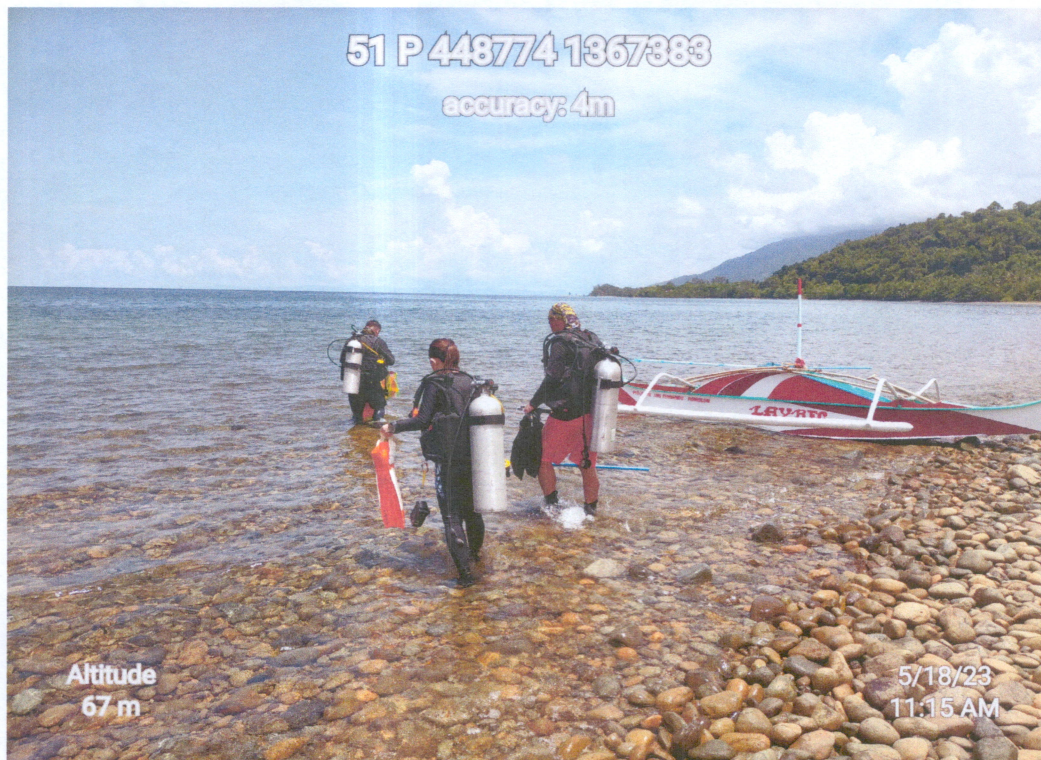
Beach Vegetation within the Salvage Zone



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Sea Grass Assessment



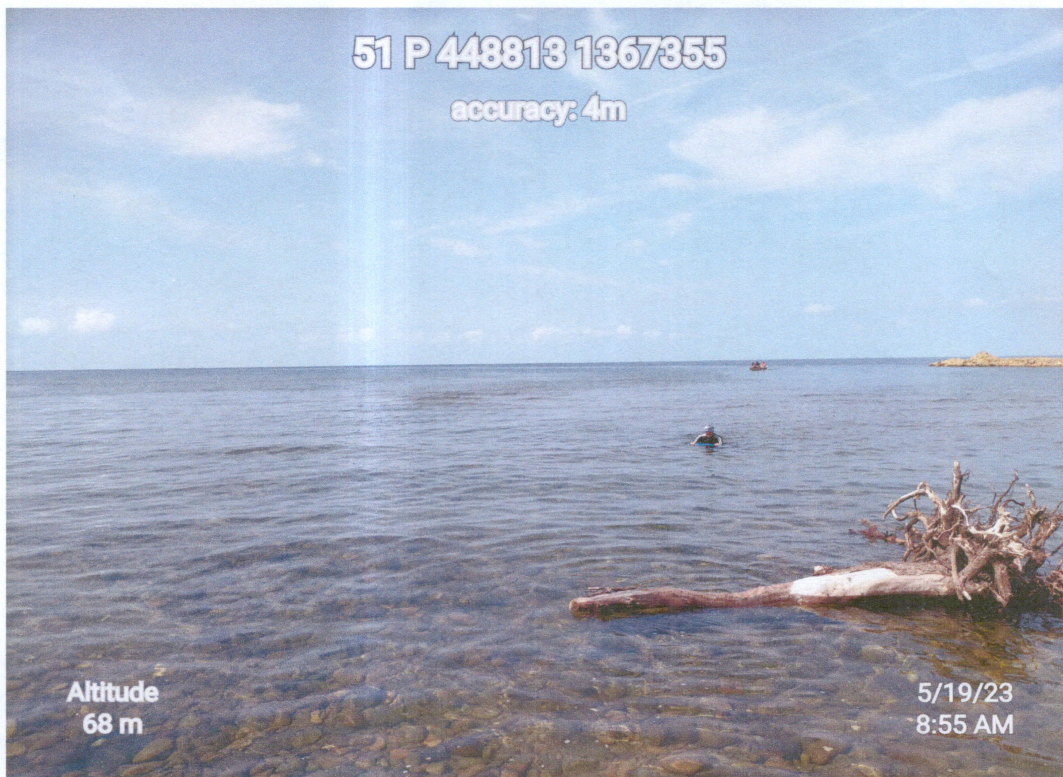
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