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The Punong Barangay
Barangay Decalachao
Coron, Palawan

Dear Madam/Sir:

This is in relation to this Office's monitoring of areas issued with Cease and Desist Orders conducted on 05-09 March 2023 in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga, Palawan.

It was found that several individuals has been conducting sand and gravel operations in Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan per the 30 March 2023 report. However, records from the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board of Palawan shows that no permit was issued in the said barangay, hence, the operations are deemed illegal.

Please be informed that the act of extracting and disposing sand and gravel materials without a valid permit constitutes theft of minerals as provided under Section 103 of Republic Act (RA) No. 7942¹, which states 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"

In view thereof, please monitor the illegal mining activities within 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, and inform this Office so we can act accordingly.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE
Regional Director

cc: **The Regional Executive Director**
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Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office
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The Mayor – Coron
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¹The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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