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25 April 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The PENRO and  
Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City  
Province of Palawan

**Attn :** The CENRO – Calamianes Island  
Coron, Palawan

**FROM :** The Regional Director  
This Office

**SUBJECT :** Monitoring of Areas with Issued Cease-and-Desist Orders  
in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga, Busuanga  
Island, Province of Palawan

This refers to the attached 30 March 2023 report of this Office, on the above subject.

During the conduct of the above undertaking, the monitoring team spotted numerous sacks filled with sand and gravel materials within the jurisdiction of Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan. The said materials appears to be extracted from the nearby river and are ready for transport as the team likewise spotted a truck inconspicuously parked not far from the sacks. Based on the records from the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board of Palawan, no permit was issued in the barangay, hence, the operation is deemed illegal.

In this regard, this Office is requesting for the conduct of investigation, to render appropriate action, and to furnish this Office a copy of the investigation report. The embedded personnel assigned in the Community Environment and Natural Resources Office – Calamianes Island may provide technical assistance for this undertaking.

For the CENRO's action, please.

**GLENN MARCELO C. NOBLE**

Encl:

As stated

cc:

The Regional Executive Director  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region

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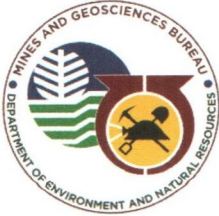


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**The Punong Barangay**  
Barangay Decalachao  
Coron, Palawan

**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. 7942<sup>1</sup>, 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**  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region

**The PENRO and Concurrent Acting PMRB Chairperson**  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office  
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**The Mayor – Coron**  
Office of the Mayor  
Coron, Palawan

**The CENRO – Calamianes Island**  
Community Environment and Natural Resource Office  
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<sup>1</sup>The Philippine Mining Act of 1995

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