



Tourism Complaint in El Nido Cliff

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Good day!

I am writing to file a complaint on what I saw in instagram and as a concerned citizen of my country, the Philippines.

Tourism plays a vital role in the economy but I strongly believe that tourists, local or international should abide by the local government's mandate in protecting people and the natural resources. Today, I saw the below instagram story of a cliff, I believed in Palawan to which these group of young, adventurous and so-called influencers hiked and climbed. They already knew it's banned and illegal but they still did. As seen on the clip, it was posted by a person named Jaden Versluis, a foreign national and who's currently in the country based on his instagram page.

I did my due diligence and there was a memorandum back in 2019 signed by a local official that it is prohibited to climb the said cliff. I am not certain on how these individuals were able to manage to do the hike and I hope this concern gets to your office and do further investigations.

I am afraid that this irresponsible action may be viewed as accepted by those who are in and are planning to visit the Philippines. It's more fun if people love and respect the Philippines.

Thank you.

Best,

Ben Peralta



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

August 2, 2019

Hon. Edna Gacot-Lim
Municipal Mayor
El Nido, Palawan

Dear Mayor Lim,

Warm environmental greetings!

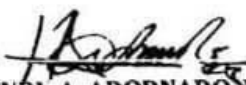
This pertains to the reports reaching this Office that there are still local and foreign tourists hiking/climbing the *taraw* cliff in Barangay Buena Suerte, of that municipality. On October 31, 2018, this Office sent a letter to Hon. Ricky C. Ballena requesting assistance to monitor the said area and to ensure that there will be no tourist to be allowed climbing the karst mountain without clearance/authorization from the PAMB. It can be recalled that on October 20, 2018, there was an incident wherein one foreign tourist was critically injured after falling off the cliff. Climbing *taraw* is relatively risky without proper safety gears and trained guides for such tour considering the steep slopes and sharp rock formations along the route and that there are still no facilities installed yet for the safe conduct of the activity thereat.

Please be informed that the land classification status of *taraw* cliff is timberland and pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2007-17, the utilization of same needs to have valid tenurial instrument, that in this case, is the Special Use Agreement within Protected Area (SAPA). To date, there's no approved SAPA application for the utilization of same. Therefore, nobody is authorized tour operator nor guide to offer the *taraw* climbing tour.

In view of the above and to preclude any untoward incident, we respectfully request your assistance to ensure that there will be no tourist that will climb the said karst mountain unless they have secured appropriate permission and/or clearance from DENR.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


HENRY A. ADORNADO, PhD.
Regional Executive Director /
Chairperson, PAMB-ENTMRPA

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Asst. Ricardo L. Calderon
Concurrent Director of Biodiversity Management Bureau
Dikman, Quezon City



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Woke up at 4am to start a
banned hike/climb for
sunrise





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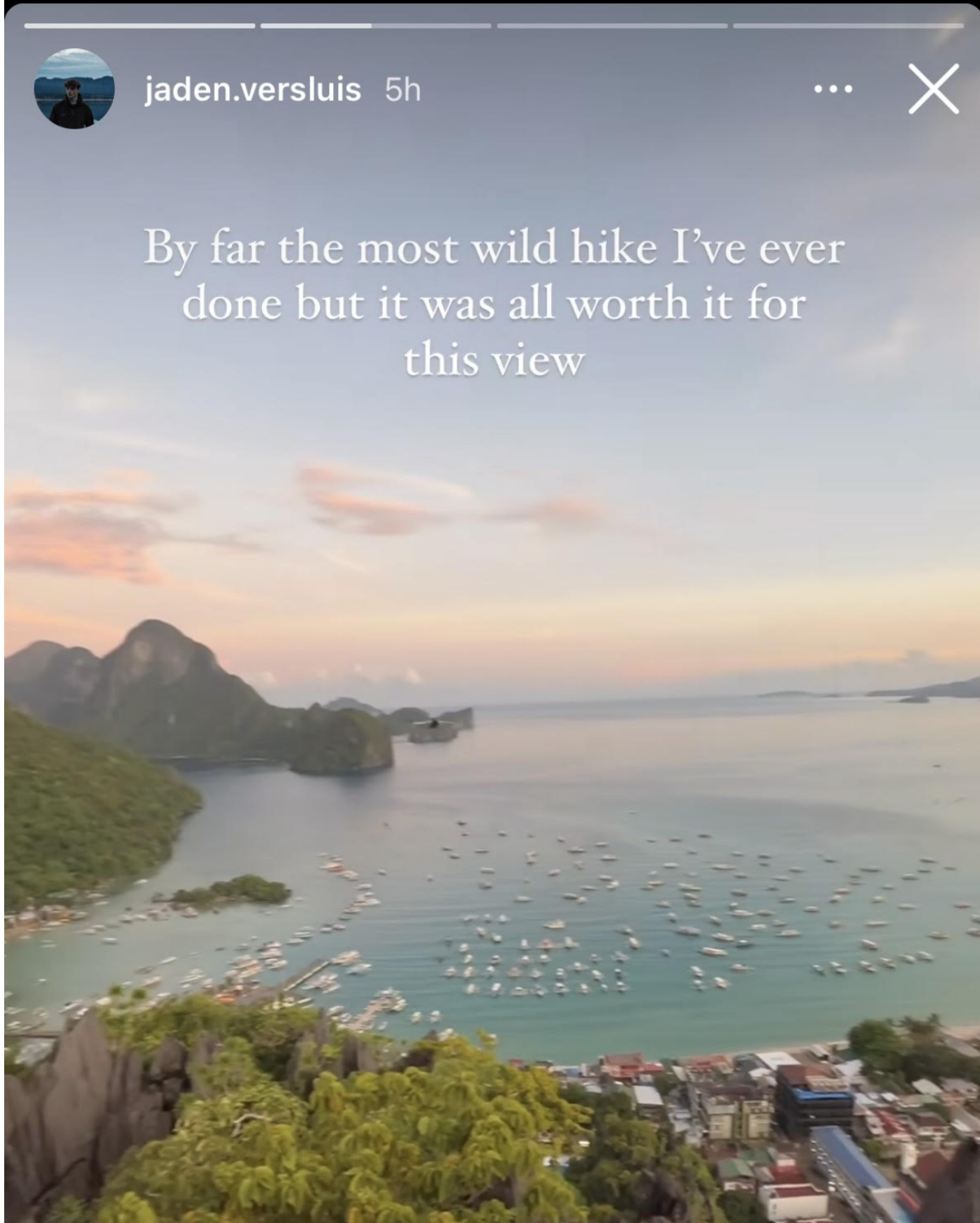
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By far the most wild hike I've ever
done but it was all worth it for
this view





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The Cliff we climbed





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