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#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

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THRU : The PENR Officer

**DENR-PENRO** Palawan

Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Palawan

FROM : The CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT: REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWIN FOREST

AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION SYSTEM OF BPRMO WITHIN THE FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF

**BPR FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2023** 

**DOCUMENTS** 

ATTACHED: BPRMO Report on Lawin Accomplishment of September 2023

DATE : SEP 2 5 2023

Respectfully forwarding herewith is the attached report of the BPR Management Office for the month of September 2023 on the implementation of Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System Accomplishments. Based on the report, the BPRMO patrolled a total distance of 32.13 km or 107.10% of their monthly target as per BRPMO's 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Lawin Patrol Plan of 2023.

Likewise, BPRMO will file case on those individuals who did not comply with Notice to Vacate this succeeding months for violation of Section 78 of P.D. 705 as amended.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.

RODNEY G. VERIAN

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The CENR Officer

**CENRO Calamianes Islands** 

Coron, Palawan

FROM

The BPR Management Office Technical Personnel

SUBJECT

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWIN FOREST AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION SYSTEM OF BPRMO WITHIN THE FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF

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**DOCUMENTS** 

ATTACHED :

1. BPRMO Report on Lawin Accomplishment of September 2023

2. Letters dated September 6, 12, 15, 18, and 19, 2023

3. Memorandum dated September 15, 2023

DATE

SEP 2 5 2023

With the implementation of the Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System, respectfully submitted is the detailed report of the Busuanga Pasture Reserve Management Office (BPRMO) on the results of the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR area for the month of September 2023.

#### I. Findings and Result

Two (2) Patrol Teams were dispatched during the conduct of this activity within the Forest Conservation Area (FCA) of BPR situated in the Municipalities of Coron and Busuanga, Palawan. The target distance for the month of September 2023 is 30 kilometers (km) based on the Lawin Patrol Plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2023. On the said month, the BPRMO Patrol Teams were able to traverse an aggregate distance of 32.13 km or 107.10 % (Table 1).

Table 1. BPRMO Lawin monitoring and patrolling accomplishment for September 2023

Month	Target (km)	Accomplishment (km)	Difference (km)	Accomplishment (%)
September	30	32.13	(2.13)	107.10%

<sup>\*</sup>The accomplishment rate is computed based on the 30 kilometer target per CENRO/CA per month compared to the sum of the distance patrolled per CENRO/CA.

Table 2 shows a total of 452 Forest Condition Counts (FCCs) recorded during the patrolling. Early Secondary Forest (ESF) appears to have the highest figure recorded for September 2023 with 236 counts or 52%, while Old Growth Forest (OGF) has the least recorded observation with 0 counts or 0%. The remaining forest conditions such as Open-Cultivated (OC), Advanced Secondary Forest (ASF), and Open-Uncultivated (OUC) with corresponding total figures of 94 (21%), 19 (4%), and 103 (23%), respectively. Based on the SMART analysis, the total FC with the good condition has a total count of 255 or 56% which includes OGF, ASF, and ESF.

Table 2. Patrol Observation: Forest Condition Counts

				Fo	rest (	Condition					
OG	F	ASI	F	ESI	F	OU	C	00		Tota	al
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
0	0	19	4	236	52	103	23	94	21	452	100

OGF-Old Growth Forest. ASF-Advance Secondary Forest. ESF-Early Secondary Forest. OUC-Open, Un-cultivated. OC-Open, Cultivated

For the presence of natural regenerants, 275 FCCs or 61% of the total FCC was recorded with the presence of natural regenerants while 177 FCCs or 39% were with the absence of natural regenerants. There is none or 0% recorded dense natural regenerants, while one hundred eleven (111) FCCs or 25% and one hundred sixty-four (164) or 36% recorded as moderate and sparse natural regenerants, respectively (Table 3).

Table 3. Patrol Observation: Natural Regenerant Count

					Re	generant	S				
		Presen	ce of	Regener	ant			No		Total Fo	rest
Dens	e	Moder	ate	Spars	se	Tota	1	Regenerants		Condition	
Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
0	0	111	25	164	36	275	61	177	39	452	100

Table 4 shows the observed and recorded threats within the FCA of BPR. A total of seven (7) threats were observed and recorded during the Lawin monitoring and patrolling for the month of September 2023 of the BPR Management Office. This was accounted for two (2) cutting of trees; four (4) for huts or houses and other infrastructures and one (1) for charcoal making.

Table 4. Patrol Observation: Threat Count

Threats	No. of observation
Cutting of trees	2
Huts or Houses and other Infrastructures	4
Charcoal	1
Total	7

As can be viewed from the map in Annex C, the threats observed/documented in the FCA during the month of September 2023 are found in Barangays of Decalachao, Bintuan, and San Jose, Coron; Barangays of New Busuanga and Cheey, Busuanga, Palawan. The

current threat index for this month of September 2023 was computed as 0.22 threats per kilometer (T/Km) was lower than the previous months of July and August which was computed as 0.40 and 0.70 threats per kilometer (T/Km) threat index respectively.

#### II. Actions Taken by the BPRMO for the observed threats

Pertaining to the seven (7) observed/recorded threats for the month of September 2023, the following were the actions taken by this office:

**Table 5**. Threats Response for the month of September 2023

Date of the conduct of Lawin activity	Threats	Actions taken
September 1, 2023	(2) for cutting of trees	Sent communication letters dated September 12, 2023, addressed to the Barangays of New Busuanga and Cheey, Busuanga, Palawan for information regarding the threats recorded during the Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.
September 5, 2023	(1) under huts or house and other infrastructure	Sent communication letter dated September 12, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Decalachao, Coron Palawan for information regarding the threats recorded during the Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.
September 14, 2023	(3) under huts or house and other infrastructure	<ul> <li>Sent communication letter dated September 18, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. San Jose, Coron Palawan for information regarding the threats recorded during the Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.</li> <li>Memorandum dated September 15, 2023 regarding the spot report on the investigated illegal activity during the Lawin activity on September 14, 2023</li> </ul>
September 15, 2023	(1) under charcoal	Sent communication letter dated September 19, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Bintuan, Coron Palawan for information regarding the threats recorded during the Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.

**Table 6.** Follow through action for observed threats for previews month.

Date of the conduct of Lawin activity	Threats	Actions taken
August 22, 2023	• (12) for cutting of trees	Sent communication letter dated September 6, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan for information regarding the conducted threats recorded during the Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.
August 31, 2023	(1) for cutting of trees	• Sent communication letter dated September 12, 2023, addressed to the Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan for information regarding the conducted threats recorded during the Lawin patrolling and monitoring within their area of jurisdiction.

#### III. Remarks and Recommendations

- 1) Frequency of the visibility of patrolling and Lawin monitoring within the Forest Conservation Area of BPR is being intensified to include weekends, if necessary, in order to prevent and immediately address any possible threats within the forested areas of BPR;
- 2) As stipulated in the future actions, will send letter addressed to the concerned Barangays with a record of threats observed in every conduct of Lawin patrolling and monitoring to inform and assists them if it requires urgent action;
- 3) Observed unlawful activities on the ground are being thoroughly investigated and documented and filing of appropriate criminal complaints against the offenders pursuant to Presidential Decree No. 705 as amended and other environmental laws, if so warrant;
- 4) Conduct or participate in rehabilitation activities such as tree planting, enrichment planting and assisted natural regeneration to maintain and accelerate the recovery of forest cover for approval.

For the CENR Officer's information, record and further instruction/s, if any.

Prepared by:

Project Operations Control Officer

RICHARD JOHN P. GALAGATE DESIREE YVETTE A. SANDOVAL

Project Development Officer

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Project Development Officer



#### **Summary Patrol Report**

#### Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

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This report presents the patrol performance and quality of the implementing unit during the above stated period of time (number of days). The report contains information on accomplishment rate, coverage and intensity of patrolling in different forest types on patrol distance covered per patroller. The information is meant to provide a basis for patrol planning for the next planning period and implementation of adaptive measures to enhance patrolling as necessary.

Overall accomplishment rate\*

#### Level of Accomplishment

Accomplishment
Target

#### Accomplishment\* Target\* distance for the period for the period

32.13

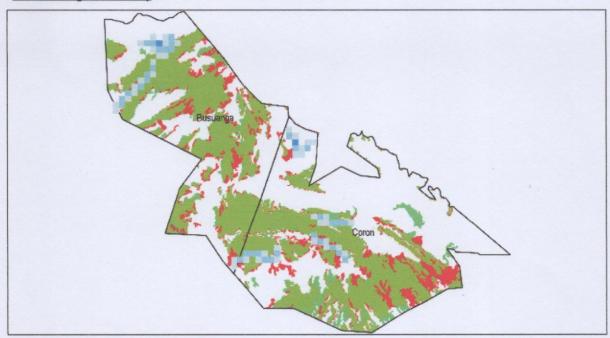
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Accomplishment Rate:

37.10

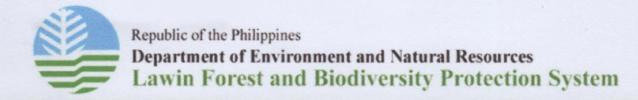
\*Target is computed based on 10km target per team of 4 DENR patrollers per month

#### Patrol coverage and intensity



#### Patrol distance covered by each forest ranger

Forest Ranger	Patrol Distance Accomplished
Rommel Gacayan	24.46
Emerson Montanez, Jr.	23.98
Dindo Sarmiento	21.89
Desiree Yvette Sandoval	20.42
Michael Acbang	20.42
Archie Agnes	19.38
Gricilito Lagao	19.38
Leonardo Puno	19.38
Bernie Mantal	18.81
Joy Kristel Degorio	18.40
Richard Galagate	18.40



## Forest Protection Effectiveness Report

#### Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

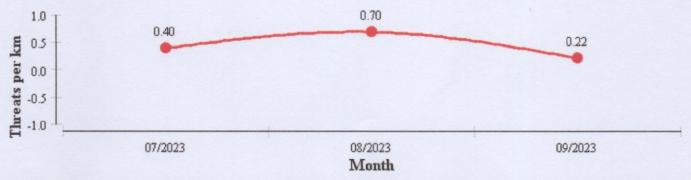
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This reports presents trends in observations of forest condition, regeneration, threats and indicator species. The combined presentation allows for an evaluation if protection efforts are effective, conservation targets are met and the forest achieves the desired future forest condition. Protection efforts are effective, when records of forest condition, regeneration and indicator species show an upward trend towards more observations more and denser regeneration, particularly in degraded forest areas. Increasing trends in indicator species suggest that the improved forest condition is providing a better habitat for forest dependent species. All trends presented are put in relation to the patrol effort to provide comparability. Forest cover data were derived from 2003 and 2010 NAMRIA land cover maps.

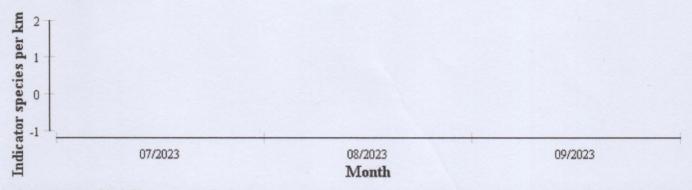
#### Trends of Observations per Patrol Kilometer in the Forest Conservation Area

#### **Trend in Threats**



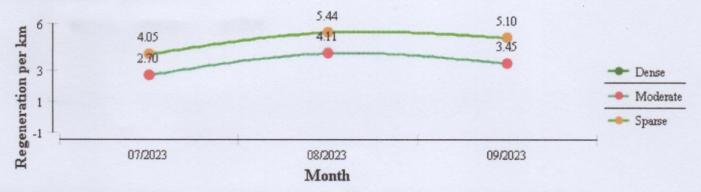
A decreasing trend in threats in the forest conservation area mean effective forest protection; an increasing trend means the opposite.

#### **Trend in Indicator Species**



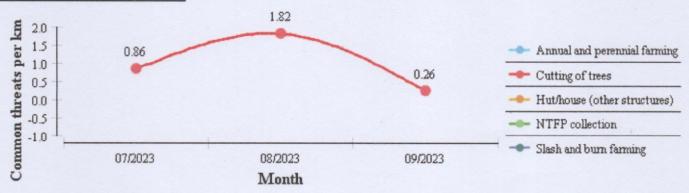
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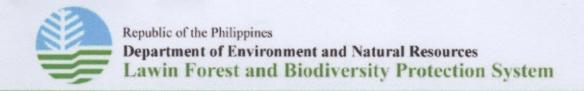
#### **Trends in Regeneration Density**



An increasing trend in regeneration means effective forest protection; a decreasing trend means the opposite.

#### **Trends of most common Threats**





### **Summary Threat Report**

#### Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed: 30

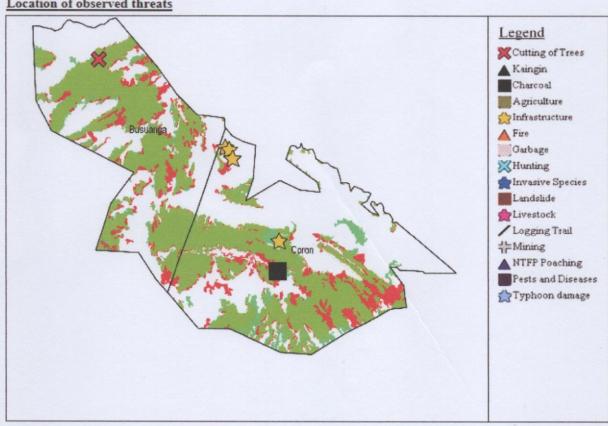
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This report presents information for the implementing units of DENR to effectively plan and carry out actions for adressing observed threats to the forest.

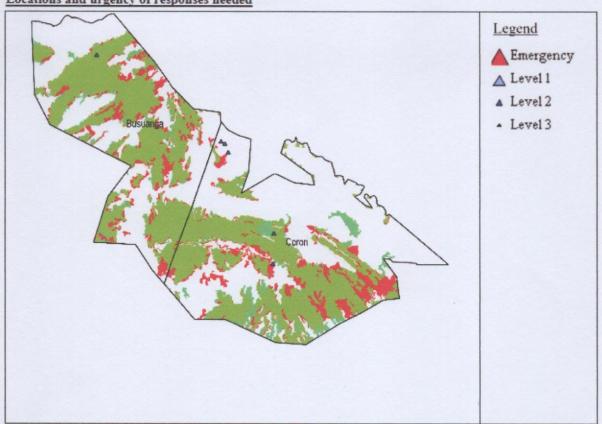
Threats observed and level of response required

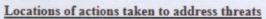
Threat	No. of Observations	Emergency - Immediate action required!	Level 1 - Action required within a week	Level 2 - Action required within a month
Hut or House and Other Infrastructure	4	0	0	4
Cutting of Trees	2	0	0	2
Charcoal	1	0	0	1

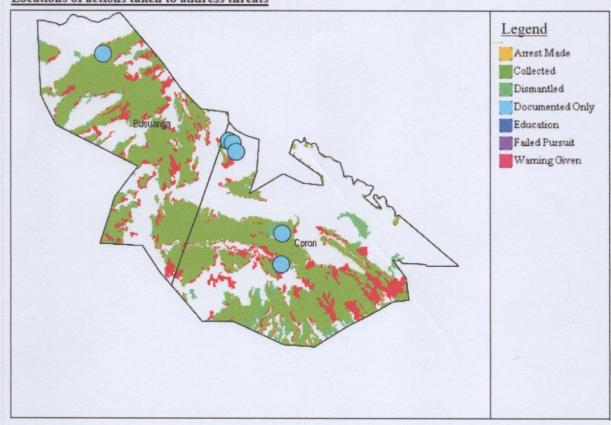
#### Location of observed threats

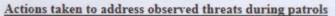


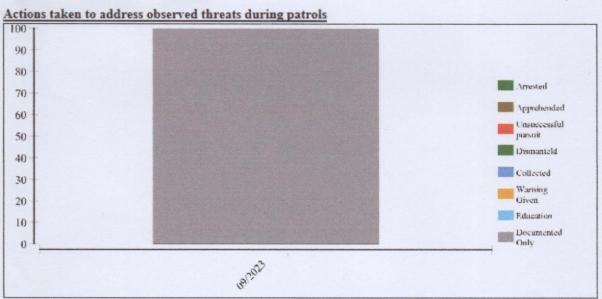
#### Locations and urgency of responses needed

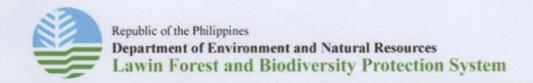












#### **Summary Response Report**

#### Region 04B - BPR

Number of days analyzed:

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This report presents the response performance and quality of the implementing unit during the above stated period of time (number of days). The report contains information on threats requiring responses, status of threats and types of responses per threat. The information is meant to provide a basis for response tracking and planning for the next planning period and implementation of adaptive measures to enhance responses to threats as necessary.

#### Number of threats observed:

7

Distribution of level of response required to address observed threats:

Immediate action required	Rrequires action within a week	Requires action within a month	No further action required
		7	

#### Number of threats requiring post-patrol responses:

#### Status of threats

No action yet	Requires further action	Addressed	Invalid observation
	1	6	

#### Responses per threat

Threat	Coordination with LGU	Devt. project	Education	Inv. sp. removal	Policy formulation	Wildlife rescue

September 6, 2023

HON. ELEUTERIO LAJALLAB BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan

#### Dear Hon. Lajallab;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on August 22, 2023 in Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered twelve (12) threats within your area of jurisdiction under cutting of trees within timberland/forest lands. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 77 - "Cutting, Gathering and/ or collecting Timber or other Forest without License" of P.D.705 as amended.

Much to our concern to help conserve and protect the remaining forest within your barangay and for the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, we are however have limited manpower, mobility and fund resource to undertake the activity.

To deter illegal activity happening in your area of jurisdiction may we seek support from your barangay in safeguarding, conserving and protecting the remaining forest stand in your area from unlawful activities by reporting illegal activities to this office.

For future action, the BPR Management Office will coordinate with your barangay for the conduct of follow-up investigation to identify the personalities involved on the threats recorded; and will continue to implement Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System in your barangay within the Forest Conservation Area (FCA) of the BPR to deter illegal activities.

We are looking forward to your consideration on this matter. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

RODNEY G. VERIAN

September 12, 2023

HON. FRANKLIN F. USORFACION BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay Decalachao, Coron, Palawan

#### Dear Hon. Usorfacion;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on September 5, 2023 in Brgy. Decalachao, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered one (1) threat within your area of jurisdiction such as construction of huts and house and other infrastructure within timberland/forest lands. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 78 "Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands – Any person who enters and occupies or possesses, or makes kaingin for his own private use or for others, any forest land or grazing land without authority under a license agreement, lease, license or permit, or in any manner" of P.D.705 as amended

Much to our concern to help conserve and protect the remaining forest within your barangay and for the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, we are however have limited manpower, mobility and fund resource to undertake the activity.

To deter illegal activity happening in your area of jurisdiction may we seek support from your barangay as we endeavor in safeguarding, conserving and protecting the remaining forest stand in your area from unlawful activities by reporting illegal activities to this office.

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JEFFREY C. CASTRO
For. II Planning Officer
In-charge, Office of the CENRO



September 12, 2023

HON. GEMMUEL N. FABIA BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay Cheey, Busuanga, Palawan

#### Dear Hon. Fabia;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan.

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on September 1, 2023 from Brgy. New Busuanga to Brgy. Cheey, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered threats within your area of jurisdiction such as cutting of trees within timberland/forest lands. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 77 - "Cutting, Gathering and/ or collecting Timber or other Forest without License" of P.D.705 as amended.

Much to our concern to help conserve and protect the remaining forest within your barangay and for the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, we are however have limited manpower, mobility and fund resource to undertake the activity.

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JEFFREY C. CASTRO

For. II/Planning Officer

In-charge, Office of the CENRO



September 12, 2023

HON. ELEUTERIO LAJALLAB BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan

#### Dear Hon. Lajallab;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on August 31, 2023 in Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, cutting of trees within the timberland/forest land is the threat encountered by the patrollers. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 77 - "Cutting, Gathering and/ or collecting Timber or other Forest without License" of P.D.705 as amended.

Much to our concern to help conserve and protect the remaining forest within your barangay and for the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, we are however have limited manpower, mobility and fund resource to undertake the activity.

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For. II/Planning Officer
In-charge, Office of the CENRO



September 12, 2023

HON. ARDON A. LIBARRA BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay New Busuanga, Busuanga, Palawan

#### Dear Hon. Libarra;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan.

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For. II Planning Officer
In-charge, Office of the CENRO

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September 18, 2023

EDGAR VILLAREAL SR. BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay San Jose, Coron, Palawan

#### Dear Hon. Villareal;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on September 14, 2023 in Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered three (3) threats within your area of jurisdiction such as construction of huts and house and other infrastructure within timberland/forest lands. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 78 "Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands - Any person who enters and occupies or possesses, or makes kaingin for his own private use or for others, any forest land or grazing land without authority under a license agreement, lease, license or permit, or in any manner" of P.D.705 as amended

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We are looking forward to your consideration on this matter. Thank you.

For and in the absence of the CENRO,

In-charge, Office of the CENRO



September 19, 2023

HON. LARRY B. PE BARANGAY CHAIRMAN Barangay Bintuan, Coron, Palawan

Dear Hon. Pe;

Warm greetings from the Community and Environment and Natural Resources Office Calamianes Islands, Coron, Palawan!

Furnishing you herewith is the report pertains to the Lawin monitoring and patrolling activity conducted by the Technical Staff and Office Support Staff/ Bantay Gubat of BPR Management Office on September 15, 2023 in Brgy. Bintuan, B, Palawan within the BPR.

Disclosed on the report that during the Lawin activity, the patrollers encountered one (1) threat within your area of jurisdiction such as charcoal making within timberland/forest lands. The said illegal activity is in violation of Section 77 - "Cutting, Gathering and/ or collecting Timber or other Forest without License" of P.D.705 as amended.

Much to our concern to help conserve and protect the remaining forest within your barangay and for the enforcement of forestry and environmental laws, we are however have limited manpower, mobility and fund resource to undertake the activity.

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RELEASE **MEMORANDUM** 

Date: 09-15-2023

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FOR

The CENR Officer

**CENRO Calamianes Islands** 

Coron, Palawan

**FROM** 

The Undersigned, BPR Management Office

**SUBJECT** 

SPOT REPORT REGARDING THE INVESTIGATED ILLEGAL ACTIVITY DURING THE CONDUCT OF LAWIN ACTIVITY WITHIN THE FCA OF BUSUANGA PASTURE RESERVE

(BPR) ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

**DOCUMENTS** 

ATTACHED:

1. Memorandum dated September 15, 2023

2. Photo Documentation

DATE

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Respectfully submitted is the report of the BPRMO personnel regarding the investigated illegal activity during the conduct of Lawin activity on September 14, 2023, within the FCA of BPR in Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan, as per Travel Order No. 2023-214.

In reference to the Memorandum report dated September 15, 2023, there are three (3) threats recorded under huts or houses and other infrastructures. In addition, please be informed that during the said activity, the patrollers investigated personalities conducting construction of house structure and make-shift house as one of the illegal activity inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve (BPR).

#### **Investigation during Lawin Activity**

During the conduct of Lawin monitoring and patrolling on September 14, 2023, the BPRMO Personnel observed on the subject area some house structures such as one (1) house structure made of bamboos and light materials (figure 1); one (1) nipa house (figure 2) purposely for the goat shelter and the ongoing construction of another house structure made of round timber (figure 3).

The interviewed personality present onsite was Mr. Anthony Curba, accordingly, he stated that he is the owner of the subject area. He is a new occupant of the subject area for about six (6) months, and acquired the area thru CLOA which was granted by the DAR on 2022 since the area is allegedly part of the so called "Lot 699". In addition, Mr. Curba said that the area granted to him is approximately one (1) hectare just like other neighboring areas that were already subdivided by the DAR last 2022. With regards to the pertinent document when the patrollers inquired, he mentioned that the DAR issued them a simulated copy of CLOA. Moreover, the purposed of the ongoing construction of house structure is for their generator, while his house is mostly made-up of bamboo and light materials; and he already planted different crops in his claimed area. Furthermore, Mr. Curba mentioned that his claimed area is part of Sitio Enlalayaw, Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan and he is originally a resident of the said barangay.

On that note, one of the BPRMO personnel briefly explained to Mr. Curba that his claimed area is inside the YKR/BPR, pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation 1387 s. 1975 that this Proclamation is an established fact that the Busuanga Pasture Reserve is a government property. The BPR do hereby withdrawn from sale, lease, settlement or any other form of disposition, exploration or exploitation, and reserve as a pasture reserve, subject to private rights.

Thus, Mr. Curba said that he is not aware on the said existing laws bounded to the reservation; furthermore, he was advised by the undersigned that the office of DENR will send communication letters to inform him regarding the matter.

#### Recommendation

- Based from the above gathered information during the Lawin activity of the BPRMO
  personnel regarding the occupation of Mr. Curba, it is recommended for the conduct of
  follow-up investigation on the subject area not only for Mr. Curda also the other
  documented structure observed and recorded during Lawin patrolling to map out and
  to determine the exact area claimed by occupants;
- 2) Further include in the communication letter information regarding the existing laws and regulations pertaining to the subject area, citing the Presidential Proclamation 1387 issued in 1975 and the possible violation for unlawfully occupying the area inside the forestland which violates Section 78 of P.D. 705 as amended, and to inquire about the above personality's legal documents on their activities in the said area;
- 3) Regular monitoring of the subject areas to document the changes and to deter illegal activity observed inside the reservation.

For the CENR Officer's information, reference, and further instruction/s if any.

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#### PHOTO DOCUMENTATION





Figure 1. Interview of the BPRMO personnel with Mr. Anthony Curba on his claimed area located at Sitio Enlalayaw, Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan within the area of BPR on September 14, 2023; at the back of Mr. Curba is his house made of light materials and mostly made-up of bamboo.

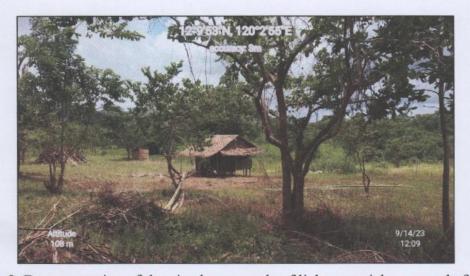
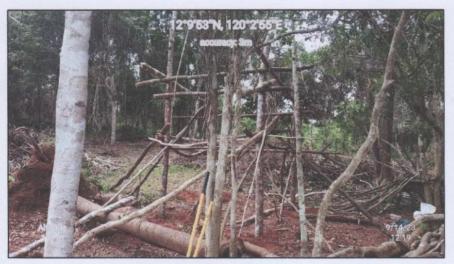


Figure 2. Documentation of the nipa house made of light materials purposely for the goat



**Figure 3.** Documentation of ongoing construction of house structure made of round timber purposely for their generator



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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

**FROM** 

The Undersigned, BPR Management Office

**SUBJECT** 

SINGLE PATROL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LAWIN FOREST AND BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION SYSTEM WITHIN THE FOREST CONSERVATION AREA (FCA) OF BPR CONDUCTED ON SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 -T1 (W/THREATS)

**DOCUMENTS** 

ATTACHED :

1. SMART Auto-Generated Report

2. Photo Documentation

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This pertains to the implementation of Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System conducted by the undersigned BPRMO personnel on September 14, 2023, within the FCA of BPR in Brgy. San Jose, Coron, Palawan, as per Travel Order No. 2023-214. In this regard, may we respectfully submit our report on the said activity.

During the said patrol the undersigned traversed a total distance of 4.76 kilometers; patrollers recorded three (3) threats under huts or houses and other infrastructures and given a level 2 (requires action within a month) for the responses needed.

The undersigned personnel recommend the conduct of a follow-up investigation to identify personalities involved in the said illegal activity. Furthermore, send a communication letter to the concern barangay to inform them regarding the observed illegal activity. Lastly, schedule a regular monitoring of these areas should be pursued to prevent other illegal activities.

For the CENR Officer's information and record.

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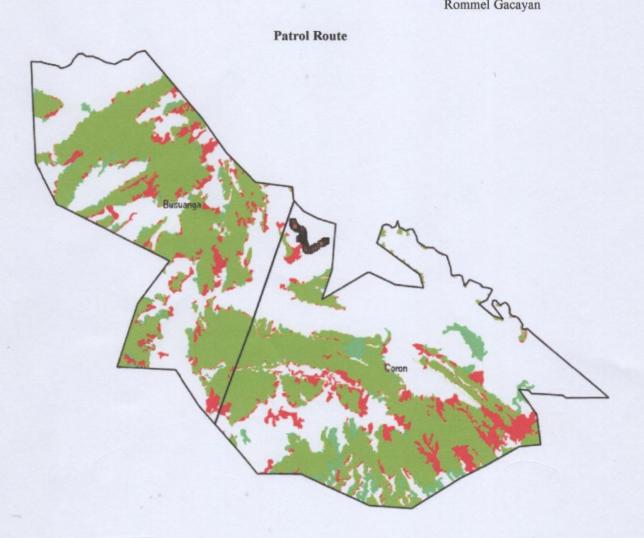
# **Patrol Report**

Region 04B - BPR

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This report provides a summary of the patrol with the ID 175307\_000624

		Patrol Summary		
Number of Patrollers			Distance (km)	
	7		4.76	
Date of Patrol	Mandate	Patrol Leader	Patrollers	
Sep 14, 2023	Threats-focused Monitoring	Desiree Yvette Sandoval	Bernie Mantal	
			Desiree Yvette Sandoval	
			Dindo Sarmiento	
			Joy Kristel Degorio	
			Michael Acbang	
			Richard Galagate	
			Rommel Gacayan	



#### **Summary of Patrol Observations**

#### **Observed Forest Condition**

Forest Condition					Regeneration			
Old Growth	Advanced Secondary	Early Secondary	Open Uncultivated	Open Cultivated	Dense	Moderate	Sparse	None
		5	21	18		15	3	26

#### **Summary of Observed Threats**

Tree Cutting	Charcoal	Kaingin	Farming	Infrastructure	Fire	Others
				3		0

List of Observed Threats							
Waypoint ID	X	Y	Threat	Action Taken	Level of response required		
37	178228.24	1347374.59	Hut or House and Other Infrastructure	Documented Only	Level 2 (requires action within a month)		
33	178527.79	1347205.79	Hut or House and Other Infrastructure	Documented Only	Level 2 (requires action within a month)		
16	178787.44	1346523.29	Hut or House and Other Infrastructure	Documented Only	Level 2 (requires action within a month)		

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