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August 1, 2024

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC-Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA
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THRU : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, PPC, Palawan

FROM : The Community Environment and
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Coron, Palawan

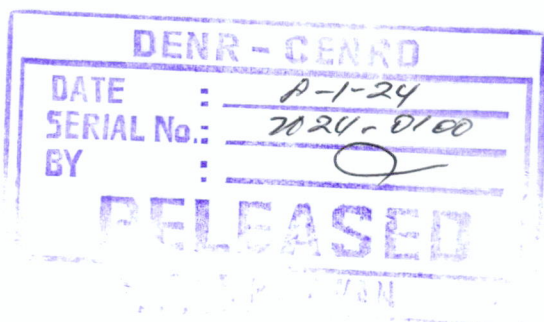
SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF REVISED ISSUES AND CONCERN WITHIN
CENRO CORON PALAWAN

Respectfully submitted herewith is the revised issues and concern within CENRO Coron, Palawan.

1. The Coron Bay Development Project (Reclamation Project)
2. Proposed New Public Market in So. Dipulao, Brgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan

For information and record.

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THE CORON BAY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN CORON, PALAWAN (RECLAMATION PROJECT)

Issue/concern	Chronology of events		Actions taken	Ways Forward	Remarks
The Coron Bay Development Project in Coron, Palawan, spanning approximately 22 hectares, has encountered a complex series of unlawful activities resulting in its forfeiture by the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA). This decision came after extensive investigations and legal actions against unauthorized reclamation activities and failure to comply with/submit reportorial requirements.	March 09, 2007 – Issuance of Certification endorsing the Coron Waterfront Development Project		Ceased the contractors from continuing their operations on the reclamation and quarry and inviting them for a Technical Conference set on May 28, 2020	Eventual Filing of Complaint/Case on Mangrove destruction upon advice from PENRO Legal Office that Google Earth's Imagery Time-lapse can be utilize as evidence	Expedite disposition process of the reclamation by the PRA
	April 02, 2007 – Approval of Municipal Resolution by Sangguniang Bayan of Coron approving the implementation of the proposed project				
	July 27, 2007 and June 25, 2010 – issuance of SEP Clearance by PCSD for Phase I, II, III and IV				
	September 23, 2019 – issuance of Notice of Award to BCT Trading and Construction by the Provincial Government of Palawan (PGP).				
	September 27, 2019 - Joint Venture Agreement between PGP and and BCT Trading and construction and 428 – Hi-Tech Group Inc. was forged				
January 2020 – Developer started Excavation works at the mountain situated at So. Dipulao, Bgy. Pob. 6, Coron to generate filling			Conducted series of Investigation/Inspection on November 3, 2021 by composite team and Technical Conferences by CENRO Coron, LGU and EMB MIMAROPA to identify potential environmental impacts and threats it may cause		
			Require Philippine Rehabilitation Authority (PRA) to urgently rehabilitate the area		

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materials for the project. Based on investigations, quarry is outside the permitted area	February 14, 2020 - 8888 complaint from anonymous caller was received by this Office in relation to the reported illegal reclamation and quarrying activities	On August 12, 2021, RED Ferrer sent response to the PGP on the findings over the submitted requirements re: application for Area Clearance	
	August 24, 2020 - Provincial Governor of Palawan Jose Ch. Alvarez sent a letter addressed to then DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu requesting the issuance of Area Clearance for the Coron Bay Reclamation and Development Project	On January 28, 2021, then CENRO Blaza issued a Cease-and-Desist letter to the contractors of Coron Bay Development Project for violating Section no. 5 of DAO 2018-14	
		CENRO Verian created an Inter-agency 'Task Force Coron' on June 15, 2022 as the primary body responsible for addressing current issues in the municipality	
	July 16, 2021 - the Provincial Government of Palawan (PGP) submitted the lacking requirements on the application for Area Clearance to DENR MIMAROPA Region, copy furnished the Philippine Reclamation Authority	On April 4, 2022, DENR EMB MIMAROPA Issued Notice of Violation against the Provincial Government of Palawan for failure to submit Compliance Monitoring Report from 2012-2018	
March 22, 2022 - the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) totally forfeited the incomplete Coron Phase 2 Reclamation Project		CENRO Verian sent 2 successive communications to PRA requesting to fast-track rehabilitation of the reclamation	




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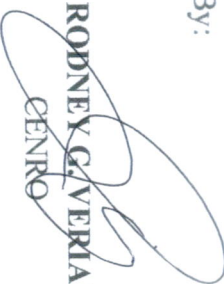


	covering an approx. total area of twenty-two (22) hectares	project as it poses environmental damages specifically on marine resources, as well as health risks that endangers the residents and tourists	
		A memo was sent addressed to PENRO Palawan attention to Legal Officer seeking guidance on Filing of Complaint/Case on Mangrove destruction using Google Earth's Imagery Time-lapse	

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BAGONG PILIPINAS

July 25, 2024

PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC MARKET IN SITIO DIPULAO, BGY. POBLACION 6, CORON, PALAWAN

Issue/concern	Chronology of events	Actions taken	Ways Forward	Remarks
The proposed New Public Market Project situated at Sitio Dipulao, Bgy. Poblacion 6, Coron, Palawan, is a CLOA (Certificate of Land Ownership Award) area owned by the Fernandez family, donated to LGU-Coron. The project has been facing allegations of illegal mangrove cutting, posing significant threats to local biodiversity and environmental stability.	November 18, 1995 – Deed of Donation from Mr. Guillermo P. Fernandez in favor of the Municipal Govt. of Coron containing an area of 1.5 ha. located at So. Dipulao, Bgy. Pob. 6, Coron	DENR-CENRO Coron conducted investigations and enforcement measures, which revealed significant gaps in environmental compliance, including the absence of necessary permits for the project.	Constant monitoring and patrolling of CENRO Coron personnel on the public market	To operationalize the constructed public market for the welfare of the residents and visitors of Coron, since there is no presentable Public Market at present given that this municipality is a tourist destination
	December 9, 2009 – Deed of Donation from Twinleaf Group, Inc. of a 7,566 sq. meter of property located at So. Dipulao, Bgy. Pob. 6, Coron in favor of the Municipal Govt. of Coron		Eventual Filing of Complaint/Case on Mangrove destruction upon advice from PENRO Legal Office that Google Earth's Imagery Time-lapse can be utilize as evidence	
	November 29, 2019 – Barangay Resolution favorably endorsing approval of the construction of New Public Market December 9, 2019 – Municipal Resolution favorably endorsing issuance of SEP Clearance by PCSD and other necessary permits for the construction of New Public Market	DENR-EMB (MIMAROPA) issued Notice of Violation to Hon. Mayor Mario Reyes Jr. over the alleged illegal reclamation project in Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan for violating Section 4 of PD 1586 on June 23, 2020	To put up a sub-station/ monitoring station within the public market for close monitoring	

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	February 14, 2020 - complaint from anonymous caller was received by this Office re: illegal reclamation and quarrying activities	Issuance of Notices of Violation (NOV) on June 24, 2022 to the to the Municipal Government of Coron and 428 HI-TECH Group Inc. followed by filing of case on April 14, 2023.	
	February 16, 2020 – Ocular inspection conducted revealed that there were portions of reclaimed areas that were previously mangrove forests	Technical Conference with concerned government agencies was initiated to identify potential environmental impacts and threats it may cause	
	May 28, 2020 - The Technical Committee headed by the DENR Centro recommended to LGU Coron to halt introducing further developments in the area until they secure pertinent permits and clearances	On June 26, 2024, joint survey verification was conducted by composite team on the proposed new public market project by the LGU Coron.	
	On June 15, 2022 – creation of a Task Force Team of CENRO Coron July 14, 2023 - the case filed by CENRO Rodney G. Verian against the LGU - Coron and Mr. Ernesto Mercado for violation of Section 78 of Presidential Decree No. 705, or the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines was dismissed due to lack of probable cause	On July 1, 2024, CENRO Coron sent a memo addressed to PENRO Palawan attention to Legal Officer seeking guidance on Filing of Complaint/Case on Mangrove destruction using Google Earth's Imagery Time-lapse	

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	January 22, 2024 – the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) issued an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for the said project			
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