

For EMB MIMAROPA



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

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Director
Environmental Management Bureau
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : The OIC, Regional Executive Director

SUBJECT : **DOT LETTER DATED OCTOBER 14, 2023 REGARDING THE CONCERN OF MR. PATRICK SCHUCK IN NACPAN BEACH, EL NIDO, PALAWAN [DATS#E-2023-120499]**

Endorsed is the letter dated October 14, 2023 of Director Roberto P. Alabado III, Officer-In-Charge, Department of Tourism, MIMAROPA regarding receipt of an email complaint of Mr. Patrick Schuck citing his experience in Eco Sanctuaries in Nacpan Beach, El Nido, Palawan.

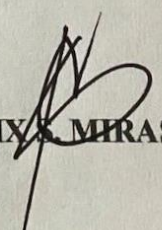
Accordingly, Mr. Schuck, a foreign tourist from California, USA raised his concern on the presence of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on the beach in Nacpan which he considered a sensitive environment. Mr. Schuck claimed that the ATV 4-wheel "continually zoom up and down the beach making terrible noise and leave behind a stench from the exhaust."

Citing from the letter, Director Alabado requested support from our Office to look into the matter as it pertains to "possible environmental impact in a tourism destination such as Nacpan Beach in El Nido, Palawan" where beaches are known to be marine turtle nesting sites. Hence, the issue is referred to your Office as you have the expertise to assess, comment and recommend immediate action/s regarding issues on air and noise pollution.

Nevertheless, Mr. Schuck appreciated the wonder and peace Eco Sanctuaries has offered during his one (1) week stay at the Eco Sanctuaries and "believed that the beach can be an international destination."

Attached are the emailed letter complaint of Mr. Schuck and letter of DOT MIMAROPA. For any updates or clarification on the issue, kindly keep in touch with the DOT at email address dot4b@tourism.gov.ph.

For information and further appropriate action, please.


FELIX S. MIRASOL, JR., CESO IV

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14 October 2023

DIR. FELIX S. MIRASOL, JR., CESO IV
OIC, Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region

Dear Director Mirasol:

We are in receipt of an email complaint of Mr. Patrick Schuck citing his experience in Nacpan, Beach in El Nido, Palawan.

Citing from his email, he has raised his concern on the presence of All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) on the beach in Nacpan that is making noise and its exhaust left a stench as they pass by the beach. This may bother the guests in the area and is likewise an air pollutant in such a pristine environment.

In this regard, may we request your good office for support to possibly look into this matter as this pertains to possible environmental impact in a tourism destination such as Nacpan Beach, El Nido, Palawan especially that their beaches are known to be Turtle nesting areas.

We have attached the email complaint of Mr. Schuck for your reference. We would appreciate your support and investigation on this matter. We can be reached at email address: dot4b@tourism.gov.ph for any updates or clarification on this matter.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


DIRECTOR ROBERTO P. ALABADO III
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JACAPAN BEACH VISIT AND CONCERNS

Patrick Schuck and I am from California. I recently stayed at the Eco Sanctuaries on Nacpan Beach for one week. I had a wonderful, peaceful time and I believe this beach certainly can be a international destination. I also believe Eco Sanctuaries is a perfect example of how future resorts should base there resorts on the eco friendly and sustainable ideal. This is an absolutely ace to stay.

I also, though, to relay one concern I do have and that is the presence of the ATV 4-wheel vehicles that continually zoom up and down the beach. I was dumbfounded these vehicles are allow in a sensitive environment. The vehicles tear up the beach, make a terrible noise, and leave behind a stench from the exhaust. It all makes me wonder, why? Is there really that much profit even if there is, is it worth it? These vehicles need to be transferred to nearby paths, or roads and not on this beach. It makes absolutely no sense to have these vehicles here and they really mean no disrespect to you or the owner of the vehicles, but I felt I needed to express my concern.