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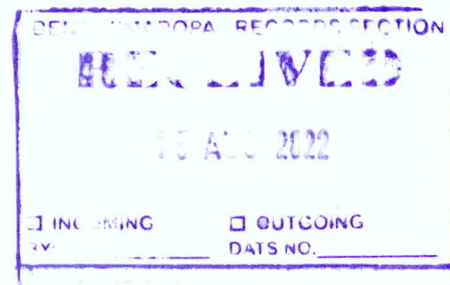
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region

THRU : The Assistant Regional Director
for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
Odiongan, Romblon

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF THIRD
QUARTER MONITORING AND VALIDATION OF CMEMP
ACTIVITIES

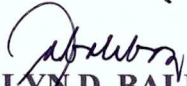


Respectfully submitting is the activity report on the conduct of third quarter monitoring of all Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP) activities at the island municipality of Banton, Romblon.

This Office have monitored and validated CMEMP activities within the municipality of Banton, Romblon which include mangrove and beach tree planting as well as upland reforestation; distribution of hook and lines for marginal fishermen; hiring of fish wardens; and conduct of coastal clean-up activities.

For information and record.

"For and in the absence of the OIC-PENR Officer"


ARLYN D. BALIBAG
Chief, Conservation and Development Section

for



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FROM : Coastal Unit Head

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Background/Rationale

Monitoring and validation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP) activities within the Verde Island Passage is one of the target activities of Conservation and Development Section (CDS) under the Work and Financial Plan (WFP) 2022.

As a national program, it aims to comprehensively manage, address and effectively reduce the drivers and threats of degradation of the coastal and marine ecosystems in order to achieve and promote sustainability of ecosystem services, food security and climate change resiliency for the benefit of the present and future generations.

The general objective of the CMEMP is to achieve the effective management of the country's coastal and marine ecosystems thereby increasing their ability to provide ecological goods and services to improve the quality of life of the coastal population particularly ensuring food security, climate change resiliency and disaster risk reduction.

In the province of Romblon, included in the Verde Island Passage Marine Corridor (VIPMC) are the municipalities of Banton, Corcuera, and Concepcion. The three island municipalities established MAGHALI Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network to ensure the effective and sustainable management of their coastal resources. As part of the conservation, protection and management of the VIP, quarterly conduct of monitoring must be conducted.



Activity Report

For the third quarter CY-2022, this Office have conducted monitoring and validation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP) activities in the island municipality of Banton, Romblon.

Banton is a fifth class municipality in the province of Romblon, and is part of the Maghali Group of Islands together with Corcuera and Concepcion. The total land area of the island municipality including the four islets within its territorial jurisdiction is approximately 3,244.6549 hectares. This represents 2.12 percent of the province's total land area. Banton ranks as the fourth smallest municipality in the province of Romblon in terms of land area, next to San Jose. Municipal water covers an area of 117,373.21 hectares with a coastline length of 37.831 kilometers.

It has seventeen (17) established barangays. All of these barangays are located along the coast and classified as "coastal" barangays, except from barangay Tan-ag which is a forest-fringe area. The latter is also the largest in terms of land area while the town proper (Poblacion) is the smallest. There are four islets that is covered by the municipality. The three islets (Dos Hermanas and Bantoncillo) belongs to Barangay Libtong while Puyo Island is covered by Barangay Yabawon. According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (2020), the municipality has a total population of about 5, 737 in which coastal population is about 3,654.

For the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP) activities, MAO Garry F. Fano stated that their municipality are continuously conducting mangrove and beach tree planting as well as upland reforestation. They are also distributing hook and lines to marginal fishermen and fisherfolk organizations. Furthermore, four (4) fish wardens were hired with an honorarium amounting to P3,000.00/month in order to guard and protect the Yabawon and Mainit Fish Sanctuaries. They also organized clean-up drives within the municipality.

The team also took the opportunity to coordinate with MAO Garry F. Fano and SB on Environment Carmelita F. Faderanga regarding the upcoming 3rd Quarter Technical Assistance on MPA Networking to be held on August 24, 2022 at Romblon, Romblon.

During the conduct of monitoring and validation of CMEMP activities, this Office visited the two (2) fish sanctuaries in the municipality namely: Mainit Fish Sanctuary and Yabawon Fish Sanctuary. They also have a proposed large marine sanctuary at Dos Hermanas islet in Brgy. Libtong.

The Mainit Fish Sanctuary, located at Brgy. Mainit, Banton Romblon, covers an area of 80,000 sq. meters which is legislated/established under Resolution No.3, Ordinance No. 2, series of 2010. On the other hand, the Yabawon Fish Sanctuary covers an area of 50,000 sq. meters located at Brgy. Yabawon, Banton, Romblon. It is legislated/established under Resolution No. 29,



series of 2006. Both of the fish sanctuaries harbor wide coral reef covers and diverse marine species.

In terms of law enforcement, the team coordinated with Banton Coast Guard namely CG SN1 Ryan Boy M Manzano and CG SN2 Anthony R Amado about the monitoring and patrolling activities within the municipal waters particularly in the Verde Island Passage. Queries were made on unlawful activities such as illegal fishing, encroachment, apprehensions, or violations in their area of jurisdiction. Accordingly, there are no reports recorded by their Office. Then, the Coast Guard staff accompanied the team in the conduct of patrolling around the municipal waters of Banton, Romblon.

During the patrolling, they pointed out some of the rich ecological features in their municipality including the fish sanctuaries such as the Mainit Fish Sanctuary and Yabawon Fish Sanctuary which harbors wide coral reef cover and diverse fish species. Fortunately, there were no illegal activities encountered during the conduct of patrolling around the Banton Island. (*See attached map on the patrolled areas*).

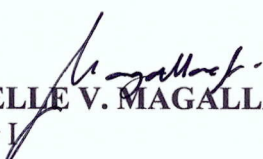
Conclusion/Recommendation

This Office have monitored and validated CMEMP activities within the municipality of Banton, Romblon. Their CMEMP activities include mangrove and beach tree planting as well as upland reforestation; distribution of hook and lines for marginal fishermen; hiring of fish wardens; and conduct of coastal clean-up activities.

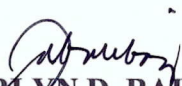
During patrolling, there are no encountered illegal activities within the municipality of Banton, Romblon. There are also no incident on violations on coastal and marine concerns reported at law enforcement partners such as the Philippine Coast Guard.

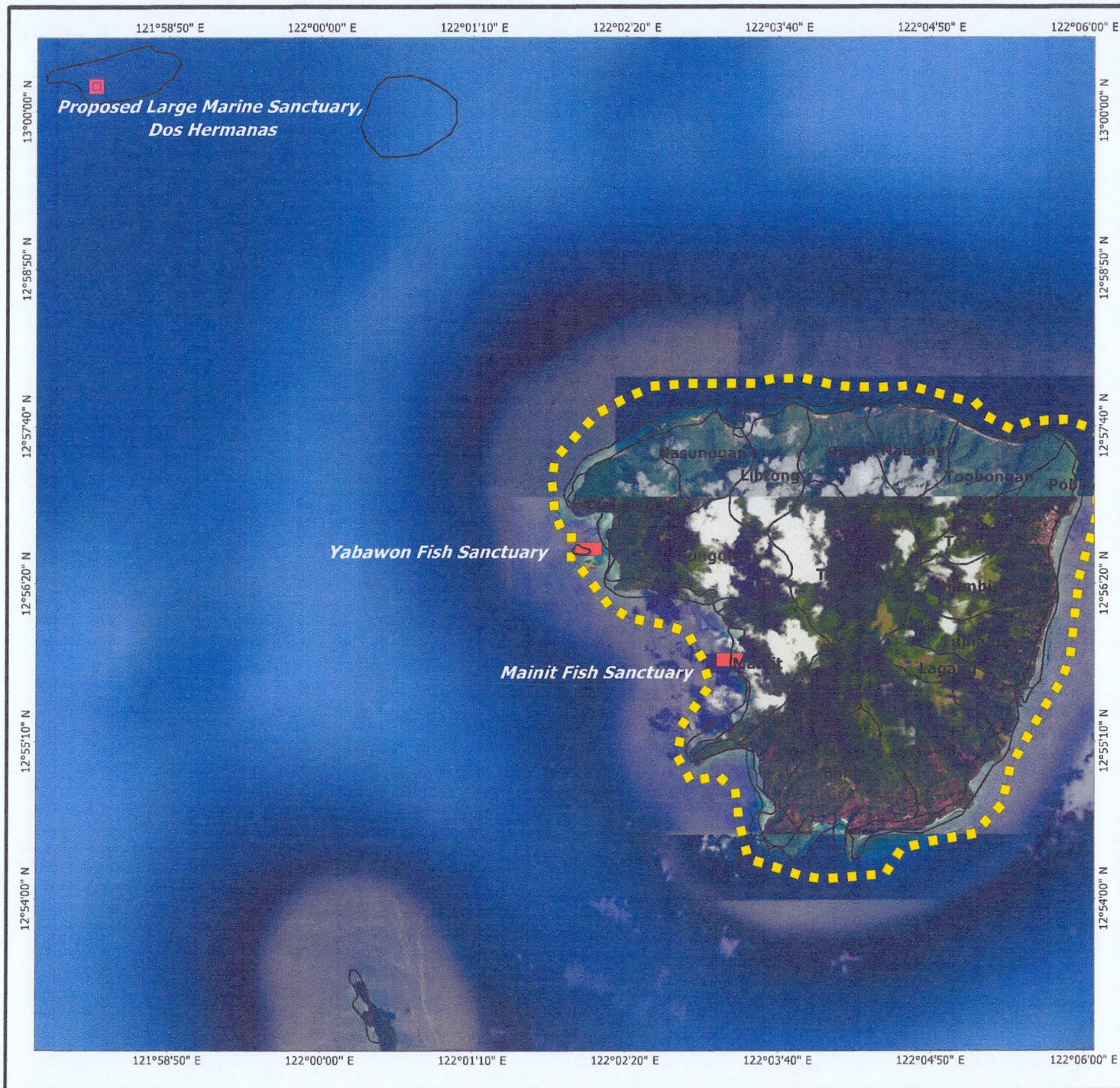
In recommendation, this Office must provide/facilitate more technical and financial interventions pertaining to coastal and marine resources conservation and management. Also, there must be continuous collaboration and partnership with the LGU and law enforcement agencies in order to monitor the status of the VIP and contribute to its protection, conservation and management.

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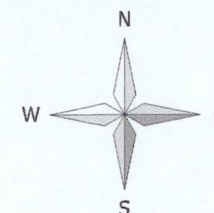

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AREA PATROLLED

Banton, Romblon



SCALE : 1:15000

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Projection: Mercator

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CONCEPCION

BANTON

SITE

CORCUERA



Location Map

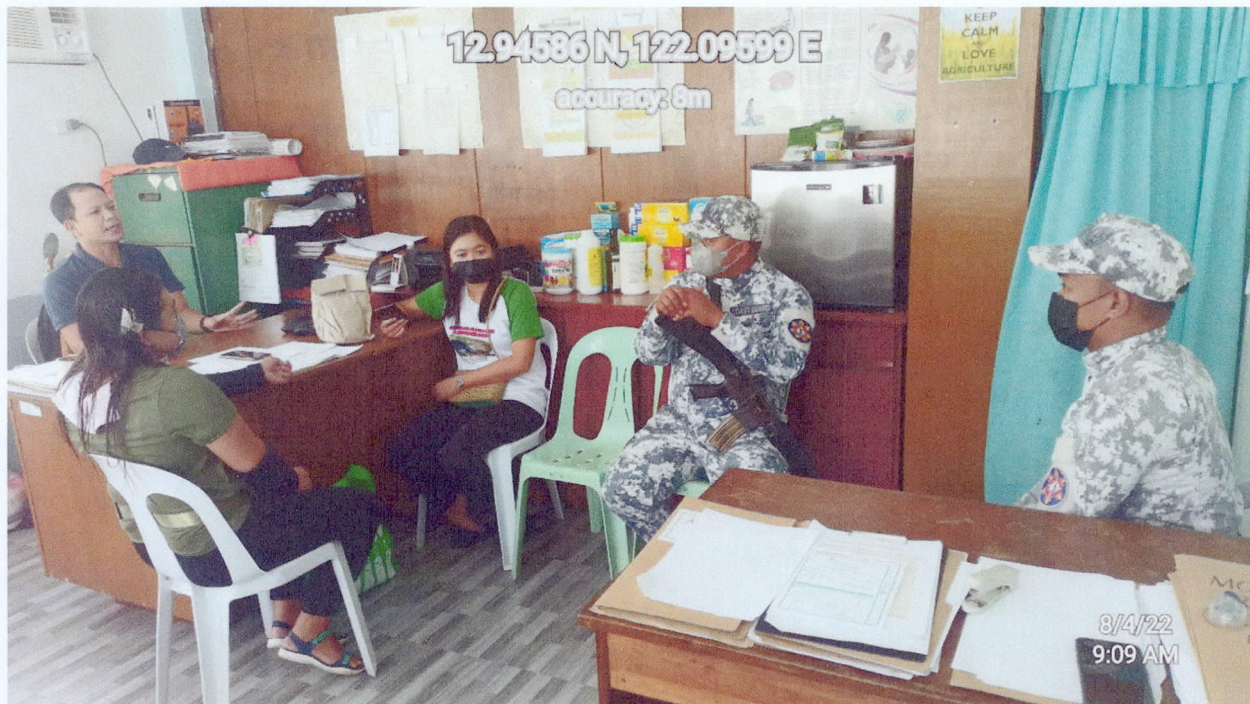
LEGEND

- Proposed Fish Sanctuary
- Area Patrolled
- MPA/Fish Sanctuary
- Barangay Boundaries

NAME	Coordinates	
	Latitude	Longitude
Mainit Fish Sanctuary	12.929516	122.053666
Yabawon Fish Sanctuary	12.943567	122.035141
Proposed Large Marine Sanctuary, Dos Hermanas	13.003243	121.97459



PHOTODOCUMENTATION
3rd Quarter Monitoring of CMEMP activities
Banton, Romblon



Coordination with the MAO Garry F. Fano, SB on Environment Carmelita F. Faderanga, and Banton Coast Guard



Mainit Fish Sanctuary



Buoy marker of Mainit Fish Sanctuary



Signage at Mainit Fish Sanctuary



Yabawon Fish Sanctuary



Puyo Islet at Yabawon Fish Sanctuary



Signage at Yabawon Fish Sanctuary



Patrolling around Banton Island