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The Regional Executive Director

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The ARD for Technical Services

FROM

The In-charge, Office of the PENR Officer

Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON BY-CATCH GREEN SEA

TURTLE (Chelonia mydas) IN BARANGAY LAZARETO,

CALAPAN CITY, ORIENTAL MINDORO

Submitted is the report of CENRO Socorro on by-catch Green Sea Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) in Barangay Lazareto Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro. The validation and interview was conducted on August 12,2022.

Based on the interview, *Bantay Dagat* Renato B. Dolores of Fisheries Management Office of Calapan City, a fisherfolk of barangay Lazareto named Dennis Marasigan turned over one (1) mature Green sea turtle on August 8,2022. The species was accidentally caught while fishing. In addition, according to the inspection of FMO personnel, it was found that the Green Turtle was strong and healthy; thus, immediately released the marine turtle back to wild. No tags nor tag scar were observed in the species. Further, Mr. Dolores was requested to inform the DENR for future nesting and/ or stranding of marine turtles.

Attached is the report with photo-documentation

For information and record.

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A validation and interview were conducted on August 12, 2022 in response to the information provided to CENRO Socorro regarding the by-catch marine turtle. The incident happened in Barangay Lazareto, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

Based on the interview to *Bantay Dagat* Renato B. Dolores of Fisheries Management Office (FMO) of Calapan City, a fisherfolk of Barangay Lazareto named Dennis Marasigan turned-over one (1) mature Green sea turtle on August 08, 2022 around 02:00 PM. The species was accidentally caught while fishing.

In an inspection conducted by the FMO personnel, it was found that the Green sea turtle was strong and healthy; thus, immediately released the marine turtle back to wild. The species weighs approximately 20 kg, with a Curved Carapace Length (CCL) of 54 cm and a Curved Carapace Width (CCW) of 53 cm.

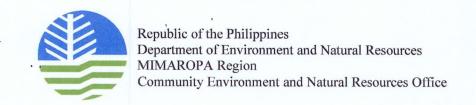
No tags nor tag scar were observed in the flippers of Green sea turtle. The undersigned shared the importance of tagging for identification and research purposes. Further, Mr. Dolores were requested to inform the DENR for future nesting and/ or stranding of marine turtles.

Attached are the geo-tagged photos of the activity.

For information and consideration.

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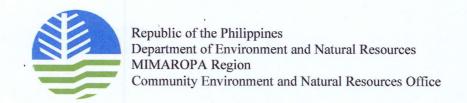
An information was provided by DENR-PENRO Oriental Mindoro on August 08, 2022 regarding the by-catch marine turtle in Barangay Lazareto. A fisherfolk accidentally caught a one (1) mature Green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*) while fishing. It was turned-over to Fisheries Management Office (FMO) of Calapan City.

The species was released in the afternoon. The event was later posted to the Facebook Page of FMO.

The undersigned, together with Forest Technician II Charity A. Linatoc and Forest Technician I Joey L. San Diego, went to Barangay Lazareto on August 12, 2022 to conduct validation and interview regarding the incident. The team first conducted courtesy call and coordinated with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Barangay Lazareto. Then, the team proceeded to FMO specifically to the Office of *Bantay Dagat*.

The team interviewed *Bantay Dagat* Renato B. Dolores. The said personnel received and released the Green sea turtle. According to Mr. Dolores, a fisherfolk of Barangay Lazareto named, Dennis Marasigan, turned-over the marine turtle on August 08, 2022 around 02:00 PM. The species was accidentally caught while fishing.

Several FMO personnel arrived in barangay to ascertain the status and condition of the Green sea turtle. In an inspection conducted by Mr. Clark Ross T. Bautista, it was found that the marine turtle was strong and healthy; thus, it was immediately released back to wild. The species weighs approximately 20 kg, with a Curved Carapace Length (CCL) of 54 cm and a Curved Carapace Width (CCW) of 53 cm.



Mr. Dolores also shared that Mr. Marasigan asked for possible cash or fuel as incentive to his deeds. The FMO granted the request. This is also in due consideration for not using prohibited fishing implements (fine net) nor practices (*Pukot*) at the time of incident.

No tags nor tag scar were observed in the flippers of the Green sea turtle. The undersigned shared the importance of tagging for identification and research purposes. Further, Mr. Dolores were requested to inform the DENR for future nesting and/ or stranding of marine turtles.

The news report and photos on the by-catch Green sea turtle can be accessed in the following link:

• Fisheries Management Office. (2022, August 08). Bycatch green sea turtle. Retrieved from https://www.facebook.com/fmocalapan2006/posts/pfbid02dsf9Vq kdkz7VtKpY9M594Exa8MdvLDjd93KBfg9Z2bfSXgXcpaF5W2ohf8JqfPSRI.

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Figure 1. By-catch marine turtle in Barangay Lazareto (Photo courtesy of FMO).



Figure 2. Courtesy call and coordination with the LGU of Barangay Lazareto.



Figure 3. Coordination and interview with Bantay Dagat.

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Figure 4. Location site where the Green sea turtle was released.