

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PROVINCIAL MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE (PMFPC) MEETING HELD ON JUNE 14, 2022 AT, PENR OFFICE FUNCTION HALL, BOAC, MARINDUQUE

NAME**POSITION/AGENCY****PRESENT:**

1. Imelda M. Diaz	PENR Officer, DENR-PENRO
2. Mr. Magnon Jose L. Lagran	Rep., Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
3. Mr. Ruis R. Selva	Rep., Department of Agrarian Reform
4. Engr. Ma. Frances Pecaña	Pres. Department of Information and Communications Technology
5. Mr. Keith Paolo A. Buenaventura	Rep., Department of Science and Technology
6. Mr. Jerome M. Nambio	Rep., Regional Emergency Assistance Communications Team
7. PLTCOL Elmer Manalo	Rep., Marinduque Provincial Police Office
8. PLT Ernesto A. Ravanera, Jr	OIC PNP-Maritime Group
9. Mr. Jerson O. Montera	Rep., Department of Public Works and Highways
10. Mr. Reymark R. Pacia	Rep., Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)
11. Menchita D. Radovan	Pres., Moriones Riders Club
12. Engr. Arlyn S. Jarabe	Rep., Provincial Governor of Marinduque
13. Mr. John Eric J. Matining	Rep., Department of Interior and Local Government
14. Mr. John Elbert M. Garay	Rep., Armed Forces of the Phil. Reserved Command
15. Elizabeth Mangol	Rep., Marinduque Council for Environmental Concern
16. Melanie M. Mendoza	Rep., Department of Education
17. Elizabeth Heitzmann	Pres., ABPM

ABSENT:

1. Mr. Joel G. Malabanan	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
2. Gov. Presbitero J. Velasco, Jr.	Provincial Governor of Marinduque
3. Supt. Elsie T. Barrios Ph.D	Department of Education
4. LCOL Luna Eulogio R. Manrique	Armed Forces of the Philippines Command
5. Mr. Peter James D. Cortazar	Department of Labor and Employment
6. Helen B. Alcoba	Department of Social Welfare and Development
7. Mr. Eugene Oliver M. Jabson	Department of Justice

OTHER ATTENDEES:

1. Engr. Cynthia U. Lozano	Chief, Technical Services Division
2. Don Gibson D. Mercado	In-Charge, Monitoring and Enforcement Section
3. Emeterio M. Recto	Sr. Ecoms/PASu, MWS, PENRO Marinduque
4. Simeon R. Diaz	LMO III/Chief, RPS, PENRO-Marinduque
5. Jelomy C. Hita	Forester I, Chief, Wildlife Resource and Permitting Unit/ Chief, Water Resources Utilization Unit/Information Officer
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9. Randy Estrella	Forest Ranger, MES, PENRO-Marinduque
10. Michael Joseph A. Maranan	Forest Ranger, MES, PENRO-Marinduque
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RESOLUTION NO. 2022-001

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING AGREEMENTS MADE AS STIPULATED IN THE MINUTES OF
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WHEREAS, during the PMFPC meeting the existing Memorandum of Agreement was reviewed. It was suggested that validity of the MOA should be specified in Article V of the said MOA.

WHEREAS, the LGU is also implementing infrastructure projects thus it should be stipulated in the MOA their responsibility to implement the project with utmost respect to the environment and ensure that the design of the road projects should always consider the least number of trees to be affected.

WHEREAS, there are few members of the Committee who have not yet affixed their signature in the MOA, hence, it is agreed to recognize the use of the digital signature as per guidelines issued by the DICT.

WHEREAS, in order to cascade the newly issued laws, rules and regulation of the DENR, it is a must to inform the members of Committee and to furnish them the copy through email to ensure uniform and standard policy implementation with regards to natural resources utilization and forest protection.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby **RESOLVED** to adopt and implement the following agreements:

1. To include in Article V that the signed MOA will be valid up to 5 years and shall be reviewed/renewed after five (5) years from the date of signing;
2. To add additional paragraph on the MOA stipulating the responsibility of the LGUs to implement the infrastructure project with utmost respect to the environment and ensure that the design of the road projects should always consider the least number of trees to be affected;
3. To recognize the authenticity of digital signature and to affix the same to any documents and agreements in case the member is not available during the MOA signing;
4. That the DENR should always furnish the members of the Committee with the newly issued laws, rules and regulation with regards to forest protection and natural resources utilization;

ADOPTED: June 20, 2022 at Boac, Marinduque.

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**6th PROVINCIAL MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE (PMFPC)
MEETING**

June 14, 2022, Tuesday / 9:00 A.M. / PENRO Conference Hall

CALL TO ORDER : 9:00 A.M.
ADJOURNED : 02:37 P.M.
PRESIDING OFFICER : PENRO IMELDA M. DIAZ

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AGENDA:

- 1. Discussion of New issuance such as: ENR policies, laws, rules and regulations;
- 2. Discussion for possible revision of the Memorandum of Agreement signed in August 2021; and
- 3. Other Matters.

The 6th Provincial Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (PMFPC) meeting started with a prayer led by Forester I Don Gibson D, Mercado, then singing of the National Anthem and followed by the roll call of all participants.

The Presiding Officer PENRO Imelda M. Diaz welcomed the members and read the proposed agenda of the meeting. She asked the members if there are any additional agenda to be included but the attendees suggested none. Elizabeth Heitzmann, moved for the approval of agenda of the 6th Provincial Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (PMFPC) meeting which was seconded by Mr. Keith Paolo A. Buenaventura.

Highlights of the meeting discussed were as follows:

DISCUSSION	AGREEMENTS/COMMITMENTS/INSTRUCTIONS	OFFICE PERSON/s RESPONSIBLE	UPDATES
Reading of the previous minutes	Ms. Azalea De Castro read the minutes of the previous meeting. The following are matters arising from the previous minutes of PMFPC meeting held on June 17, 2021. • Deputation of DENROs/SDENROs • DENROS Training/Venue/Resource Persons/Speakers • Deputation of Barangay Officials	Monitoring and Enforcement Section (MES)	-PENRO Marinduque will set the schedule of re-orientation and will prepare letters to the Deputized Officers. -PENRO Imelda M. Diaz said that the re-orientation will be held in the PENRO Conference Hall and the Resource Speakers will be from the Regional Office. -The Committee agreed to invite and encourage barangay officials to be deputized as DENROs -assistance and coordination with them will be given by the DILG in encouraging Barangay officials to be deputized as DENROs per Mr. John Eric Matining. -Give special training on enforcement of ENR laws, rules and regulation for all the Barangay Captains and

Agenda 1: Discussion of New issued ENR policies, laws, rules and regulations	● Authenticated Digital Signature of Memorandum of Agreement - Engr. Pecaña suggested to honor digital signature of committee members that are absent during the MOA signing ● Presentation of Newly issued laws and policies for forestry sector EO 23 of 2011 - Declaring a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forests and creating anti-illegal logging task force DAO 2018-16 - Guidelines in the Processing and Issuances of Permits on the Removal and Relocation of Trees affected by DPWH projects DAO 2020-06 - Amending certain provisions of DAO 2018-16 DAO 2021-11 - Guidelines in the Processing and Issuance of Permit for the Cutting, Removal and Relocation of Naturally Growing Trees		Councilors' In-charge in the Committee on Environment -PENRO Diaz noted that suggestion will be put into context through a resolution/
	● Presentation of DAO 22-18 and DAO 22-10	For. Don Gibson D. Mercado Engr. Cynthia U. Lozano	Issued to regulate the cutting of trees in the Philippines to mitigate the effects of forest destruction to Global Warming through a logging ban nationwide Exemption from the logging ban are the issuance of tree cutting permits for trees that are affected by DPWH infrastructure projects and to streamline the processing to fast track the completion of DPWH projects The scope of the DAO 2018-16 is expanded to include the issuance of tree cutting permits to those trees affected by infrastructure project of other government agencies other than DPWH such as DOTr, DepEd, DA, DOH, CHED, DOE and NIA. Authorizing the RED to issue necessary cutting permits for naturally growing and premium trees that are not registered as private plantation.

	DAO 2020-18 - Promoting Tree Plantation Development and Liberalizing Harvesting and Transport of Planted Trees and Tree Derivatives for Inclusive Growth and Sustainable Development	Based on the provisions of this DAO, “Tree Cutting Permit and Self-monitoring Form are not required in harvesting and transporting harvested logs from registered plantation instead a Certification from a third-party certifier duly registered or accredited by the DENR shall be secured”. During the period that no Registered Third-Party Plantation Certifier is available in the area, licensed and permanent Foresters from the DENR shall certify plantation developers, free of charge.
	DAO 2022-10 - Revised DENR Manual of Authorities for Technical Matters	In support of the anti-red tape act “ARTA LAW”. The DENR and revised its existing manual of authorities to facilitate the immediate approval and issuance of permits, licences, certificates and others that need to be secured from the DENR. The issuance of the following permits are delegated to the CENROs and Implementing PENROs, to wit; 1. TCP for trees posing danger to property and human lives in public places 2. TCP for trees within public places 3. TCP for planted trees not covered by a registered plantation 4. Issuance of Bamboo Plantation Registration
	Mr. Ruiz Selva of the DAR asked about the trees that are damaged by typhoon, if there is a need to secure permit from the DENR	For. Mercado answered that based on the Memorandum from the Secretary dated March 02, 2022 entitled “Partial Lifting of the suspension from the issuance of Wood Recovery Permits to cover the retrieval and disposition of uprooted and typhoon/fire damaged trees” the DENR will issue

	MACEC asked for clarification if their planted Narra and Bamboo in Brgy. Capayang, Mogpog 2 years ago need to be registered. ● Trimming of Trees ● Trees affected by Road Projects of different Government Agencies - Earth-balling of Trees - Planning Stage for Infrastructure Projects (DPWH)	recovery permit to utilize the damaged trees for the period of three months after the onslaught of the typhoon or fire. -The authority for the issuance of Wood Recovery Permit for typhoon damaged trees was delegated to PENRO Level for volume of trees not greater than 15 cu.m. per Memorandum from the Secretary dated March 02, 2022. -The DENR staff also need to conduct an inspection to make sure that the tree is damaged or intentionally cut. -Only trees intended for harvesting are needed to be registered and secure a Private Tree Plantation Ownership. Planted trees intended for protection need not to be registered. -The Monitoring and Enforcement will conduct inspection and investigation to verify the reported trees. -Trimming of branches is allowed as long as it does not compromise the ability of the tree to live and have a valid reason for trimming. -Trees below 10cm in diameter are recommended for earth-balling as well as mangrove species since the cutting of it is prohibited under RA 7161. -Re-alignment of proposed road project in order to exclude big centennial trees in the affected trees, inventory of trees should take place before the planning stage.
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	Engr. Jarabe clarified if it is possible for a project to be re-aligned in order to save or limit the cutting of trees - DPWH Representative Engr. Jerson Montera proposed that in order to fast track the inventory of affected trees, they will be the one who will conduct geotagging of trees and the PENRO staff will just validate it ● Strengthening our campaign to combat illegal ENR activities through Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) - Engr. Jhon Elbert Garay suggested that IEC should be conducted and this newly issued laws, rules and regulations should be cascaded to the public		-Engr. Montera stated that since it is National Road it cannot be re-aligned but if it is by-pass road it can be re-aligned. -automatic the affected trees will be turned-over to the DENR -Because the PENRO should conduct proper inventory, identification, measurement and actual ground validation and not geotagging of trees only, the proposal was denied -DENR will provide IEC materials regarding cutting permit or other matters -PENRO Diaz reiterated that one of the reasons for the delay in the issuance of the cutting permit is the submission of incomplete requirements.
Agenda 2: Focus Group discussion for the possible revision of the Memorandum of Agreement signed in August 2021	● Comment on the Content of the MOA - Engr. Jarabe of the PG-ENRO suggested the inclusion of LGU in the clause regarding Executive Order No. 194 of 1994 (Ensure that construction of infrastructure projects will not adversely affect the natural resources and biodiversity in the area		-PENRO Diaz noted the suggestion and said that will be amended through a resolution.

	● Clarification on the Validity of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) - Ms. Mendoza representative of the DepEd clarify the validity or effectivity of the signed MOA since it is not indicated in Article V of the MOA “Effectivity” - Inclusion of the President of Liga ng Barangay to be ex-officio member		-Accordingly, there is no provision under DAO No. 17 series of 1995 with regards to the effectivity of the signed MOA, however it was agreed that the MOA will be revised to include the validity and review of MOA -The Committee agreed that the five years validity of the MOA will be put into context through a resolution. -The suggestion will be part of the resolution but needs approval of the Governor.
Agenda 3: Other Matters	- Correction of EO 194 series of 1994 - Suggestion from DILG representative Mr. Matining that the Municipal Mayors should be included as members of the committee. To wrap up the meeting, OIC-PENR Office Imelda M. Diaz summarized the agreements to be put into context through a resolution; 1. The validity of the MOA should be 5 years and will be reviewed and renewed after the 5th year from the date of signing. 2. In case that the head of the agency is not available at the time of the signing of MOA, digital signature will be recognized as the authentic signature of that particular official/officer		-Cited law indicated on page 5 first paragraph should be changed from Executive 194 of 1994 to Executive Order No. 196, series of 1994 (Mandating Government and National Service Agencies to extend full support to ENR-SECAL program). -Since it is Provincial Level the Municipal Mayors should not be included based on the provisions of DAO 17 of 1995

	3. Every time that the DENR issues new laws, rules and regulations with regards to forest protection and natural resource utilization the Committee members will be automatically furnished a copy of issuances 4. The next PMFPC meeting will be held on August 23, 2022		
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1. Having no more other important matters to be discussed, the Presiding Officer adjourned the meeting at 3:00 P.M

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