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MEMORANDUM

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THRU : The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
 Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON SEAGRASS MONITORING OF EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA)**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated November 21, 2022 of CENRO Taytay along with the report on seagrass monitoring of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) that serves as **Means of Verification (MOV)** to the target activity under Management of Coastal and Marine Resources/Areas – Monitoring of Seagrass in ENTMRPA.

Please be informed that four (4) monitoring sites were identified and established out of twenty (20) sampling sites in El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA). The monitoring of seagrass is 100% accomplished.

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November 21, 2022

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BY: _____
 DATE: _____ CN _____

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer- Palawan
 Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
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SUBJECT : **REPORT ON SEAGRASS MONITORING OF EL NIDO TAYTAY
 MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA)**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated November 16, 2022 of Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) Mildred A. Suza being an accomplishment and **Means of Verification (MoV)** on the target activity on the Monitoring of Corals, Mangroves and Seagrass under 001 Management of Coastal and Marine Resources/Areas of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENMTRPA), El Nido, Palawan.

Based on the report, the activity for the assessment resulted to the identification and establishment of four (4) monitoring sites out of twenty (20) sampling sites is accordingly accomplished 100%.

Please confirm the receipt hereof. Thank you.

For and in the absence of the CENRO:

MARIANO P. LILANG, JR.
 Development Management Officer IV
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November 16, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer**
Taytay, Palawan

FROM : **The Protected Area Superintendent**
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON SEAGRASS MONITORING OF EL NIDO – TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA)**



Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum report of CMEMP Extension Officer of El Nido- Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area - Protected Area Management Office (ENTMRPA-PAMO) regarding the above subject. This pertains to the target activity 001 Monitoring of Seagrass per Protected Area (PA) under Marine Protected Area Strengthening and Networking.

Please be informed that the ENTMRPA-PAMO together with Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) conducted seagrass assessment and monitoring from June to November 2022. Out of twenty (20) sampling sites, four (4) established monitoring sites was selected which were located at So. Seminaytay, Barangay Manlag, So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan, Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan, So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana, El Nido, Palawan. Below are the result and findings of the conducted activity;

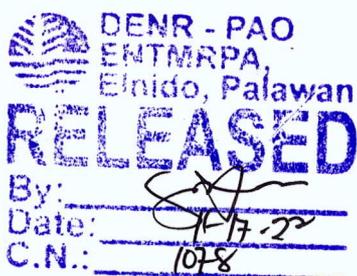
MONITORING SITES	AREA (ha)	SEAGRASS CONDITION	BIODIVERSITY INDEX CATEGORY
So. Seminaytay, Barangay Manlag	57.43	Fair	Low diversity
So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan	36.36	Good	Low diversity
Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan	14	Poor	Low diversity
So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana	6	Fair	Low diversity

Furthermore, this office concurs with the recommendation to intensify the conduct of Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) regarding on seagrass habitat especially in terms of their importance to the environment and community in order to conserve and protect from anthropological disturbances.

Moreover, the monitoring of seagrass in ENTMRPA has been completed in accordance to BMB Technical Bulletin No. 2019-04, hence 100% accomplished for CY 2022.

This serves as our Means of Verification (MOV) of the target.

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MILDRED A. SUZA



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November 16, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Protected Area Superintendent**
El Nido- Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

FROM : **CMEMP Extension Officer**
El Nido- Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON SEAGRASS MONITORING OF EL NIDO – TAYTAY
MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA)**



This pertains to the target activity 001 Monitoring of Seagrass per Protected Area (PA) under Marine Protected Area Strengthening and Networking of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) – Protected Area Management Office (PAMO).

Please be informed that the undersigned, together with ENTMRPA-PAMO staffs Steven John Andao, Faith D. Bangalisan, Reina Rose Abordo, John Vincenth Cuyo, Bret Hart Sanogal, and Ryan Cacacha with the participation of Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO) staffs conducted seagrass assessment and monitoring from June to November 2022 within ENTMRPA. The ENTMRPA covers 521.83 hectares of seagrass as per ground-truthing 2022 conducted by this office. Out of the twenty (20) sampling sites, four (4) established monitoring sites were selected based on the monitoring sites consideration of BMB – Technical Bulletin 2019-04 and the method used in the said activity. The four (4) established monitoring sites were located at So. Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag (57.34 hectares), Sitio Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan (36.36 hectares), Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan (14 hectares), and Sitio Caalan, Bgy. Masagana (6 hectares).

As reflected in Table 1 there were eight (8) species recorded at four (4) established monitoring sites composed of *Enhalus acoroides* (Ea), *Thalassia hemprichii* (Th), *Cymodocea serrulata* (Cs), *Halodule pinifolia* (Hp), *Syringodium isoetifolium* (Si), *Halodule uninervis* (Hu), *Halophila ovalis* (Ho) and *Cymodocea rotundata* (Cr). Six (6) species of seagrass was recorded in So. Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag and So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana, and seven (7) species were recorded in Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan, while five (5) species recorded in So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana.

Table 1. List of seagrass species recorded at four (4) established monitoring sites

SITES	Seagrass Species							
	<i>Enhalus acoroides</i>	<i>Thalassia hemprichii</i>	<i>Cymodocea serrulata</i>	<i>Halodule pinifolia</i>	<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	<i>Halodule uninervis</i>	<i>Halophila ovalis</i>	<i>Cymodocea rotundata</i>
So Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag	√	√		√	√		√	√
So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan	√			√	√		√	√
Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan	√	√		√	√	√	√	√
So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana	√	√		√	√		√	√

In table 2 shows the percent cover of seagrass across transect stations at four (4) established monitoring sites. The most dominant species in So. Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag is *Cymodocea rotundata* with an average of 22.91%, in So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan and Snake Island, Bgy. Aberawan is *Enhalus acoroides* with an average of 31.3 % and 10.33%, respectively. While, in So. Simpian, Bgy. Masagana the most dominant species is *Thalassia hemprichii* with an average of 11.76%.

Table 2. Percent Cover of seagrass across transect stations at four (4) established monitoring sites.

Sites	Species	T1	T2	T3	Average
So Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag	<i>Enhalus acoroides</i>	2.09	1.45	0.45	1.33
	<i>Thalassia hemprichii</i>	0	0.09	0	0.03
	<i>Halodule pinifolia</i>	26.73	23	5.55	18.43
	<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	5.45	0	0	1.82
	<i>Halophila ovalis</i>	2.91	0.91	0	1.27
	<i>Cymodocea rotundata</i>	22.82	39.09	6.82	22.91
	Subtotal	60	64.54	12.82	
So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan	<i>Enhalus acoroides</i>	42.91	27	24	31.3
	<i>Thalassia hemprichii</i>	0.18	2.55	7.82	3.5
	<i>Cymodocea serrulata</i>	0	1.73	0	0.6
	<i>Halodule pinifolia</i>	2.73	1.64	9.73	4.7
	<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	10	8	6.09	8
	<i>Halophila ovalis</i>	0.45	5.73	0.91	2.4
	<i>Cymodocea rotundata</i>	1.45	0.64	5.73	2.6
	Subtotal	57.72	47.29	54.28	
Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan	<i>Enhalus acoroides</i>	0.45	27.73	2.82	10.33
	<i>Thalassia hemprichii</i>	0	5.73	1.45	2.39
	<i>Halodule pinifolia</i>	0.73	0	0	0.24
	<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	0.18	13.18	0.27	4.54
	<i>Halodule uninervis</i>	0	0.91	0	0.30
	<i>Halophila ovalis</i>	0	0.64	4	1.55
	<i>Cymodocea rotundata</i>	0	0	0.27	0.09
	Subtotal	1.36	48.19	8.81	
So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana	<i>Thalassia hemprichii</i>	10.73	15.55	9	11.76
	<i>Halodule pinifolia</i>	4.27	4.09	4	4.12
	<i>Syringodium isoetifolium</i>	0	0.45	0	0.15
	<i>Halophila ovalis</i>	0	1.45	0	0.48
	<i>Cymodocea rotundata</i>	7.27	1.82	0.18	3.09
	Subtotal	22.27	23.36	13.18	

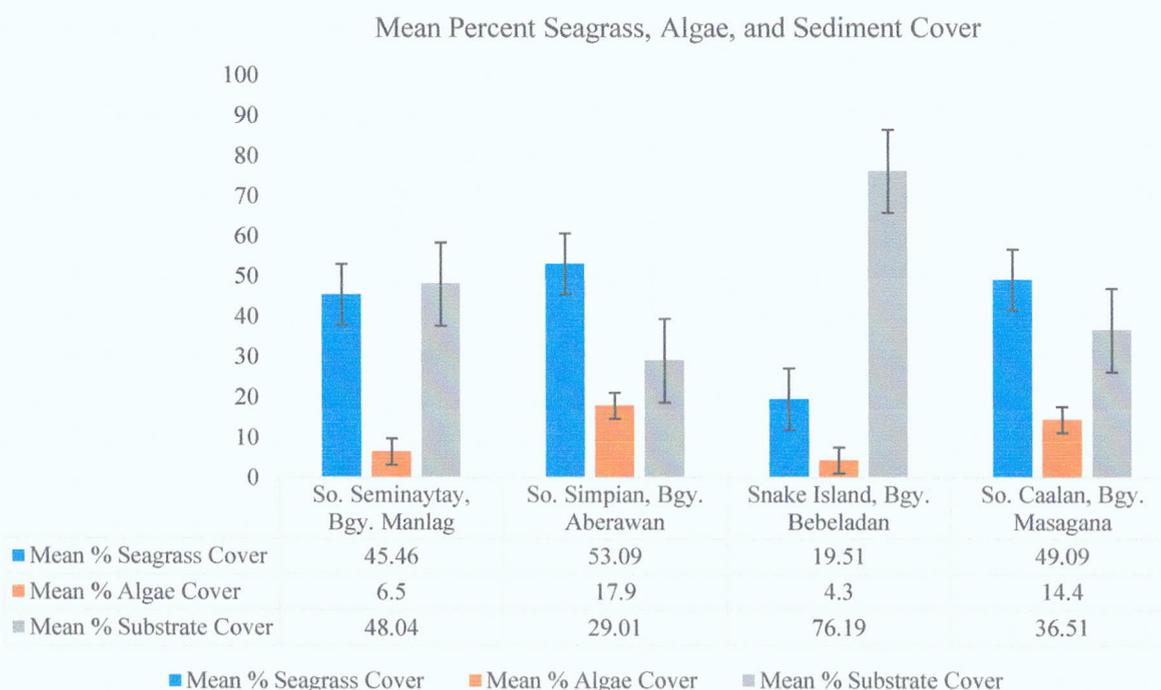


Figure 1. Mean percent seagrass, algae, and sediment cover at four (4) established monitoring sites

Figure 1 shows the computed mean percentage of seagrass, algae, and sediment cover at four (4) established monitoring sites. The highest percentage of seagrass cover is in So. Simpian Bgy. Aberawan, the seagrass condition is categorized as good based on Amran, 2010. On the other hand, in So. Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag and So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana the seagrass cover is 45.46% and 49.09%, respectively; which are categorized as fair condition. However, in Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan, the seagrass cover is 19.51% which is categorized as poor condition.

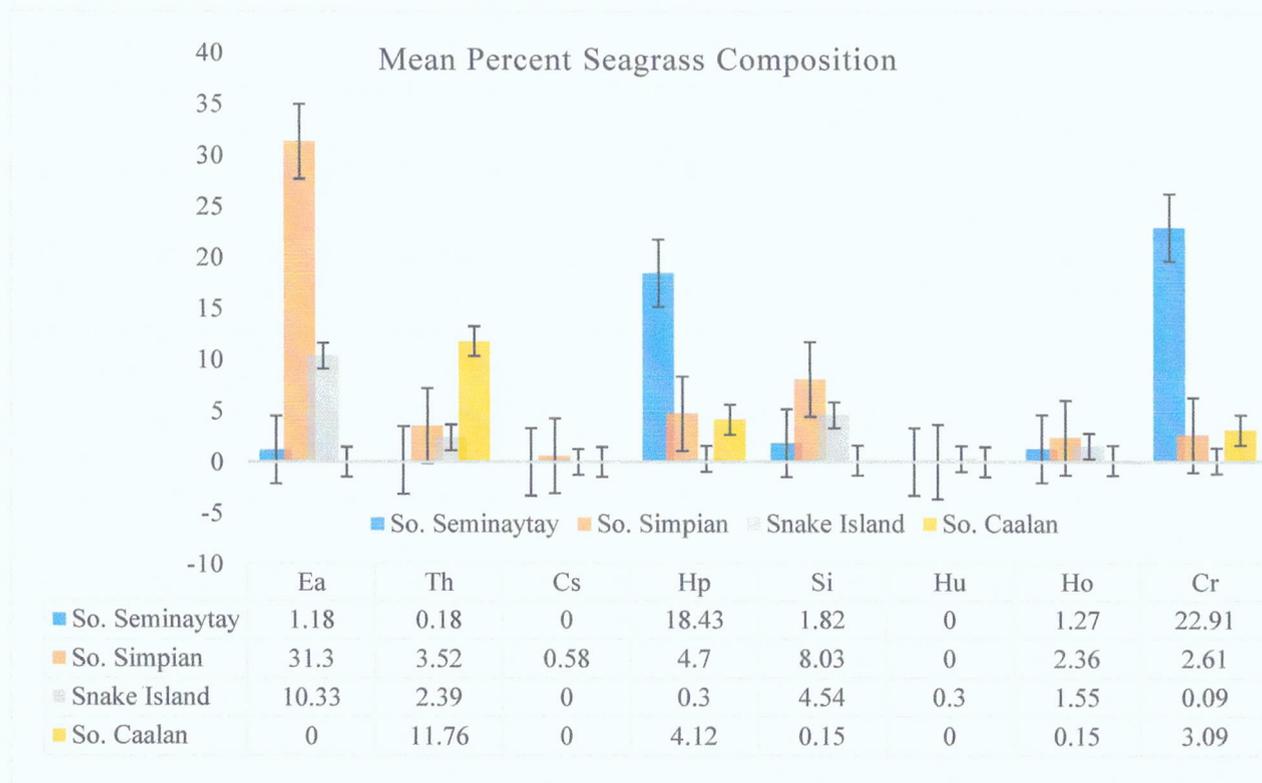


Figure 2. Mean percent seagrass composition at four (4) established monitoring sites

Figure 2 shows the computed mean percent seagrass composition at four (4) established monitoring sites. In eight (8) species of seagrass species recorded the *Enhalus acoroides* is the most dominant species which is recorded in So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan. While the *Halodule uninervis* is the least dominant species which is only recorded in Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan.

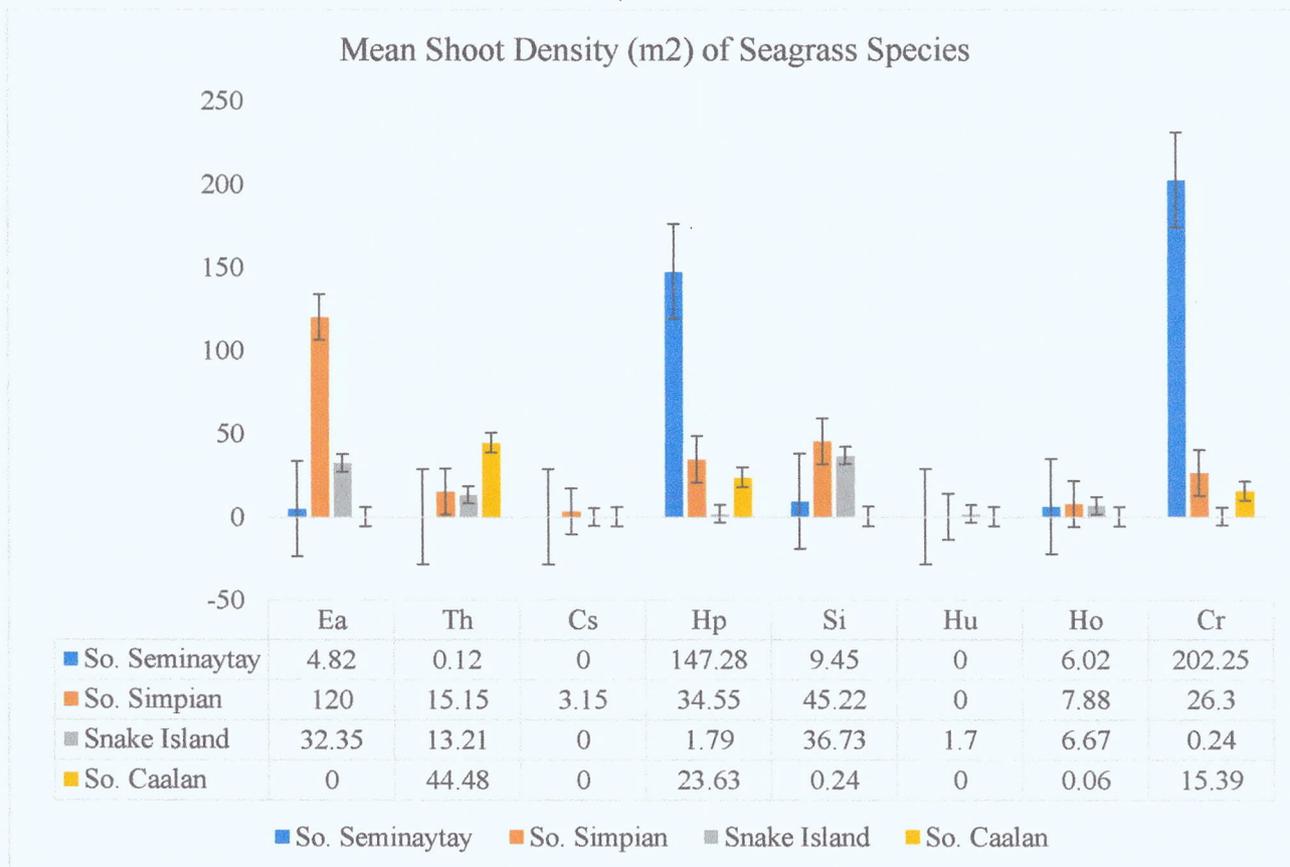


Figure 3. Mean shoot density (m²) of seagrass species at four (4) established monitoring sites

Figure 3 shows the computed mean shoot density (m²) of seagrass species at four (4) established monitoring sites. Among the eight (8) species recorded the *Cymodocea rotundata* has the highest shoot density with 202.25 m² which is recorded at So. Seminaytay, Bgy. Aberawan, followed by *Halophila pinifolia* with 147.28 m² which was recorded also in the said site.

In table 3 shows the result and findings of the site characteristics and biodiversity indices of four (4) established monitoring sites. All sites are composed of eleven (11) quadrats for every transect. Shannon-Weiner Diversity Index was used to determine the seagrass diversity and categorized based on Odum (1983). So. Seminaytay, So. Simpian, Snake Island, and So. Caalan was acquired with a value of 0.443, 0.293, 0.303, and 0.393, respectively; which all falls under low diversity category. However, in terms of evenness of species there is no significant difference in two (2) monitoring sites where they acquired 0.8 values in So. Aberawan and Snake Island. Meanwhile, in So. Caalan and So. Seminaytay they had 0.6 and 0.5 values, respectively.

Table 3. Site characteristics and Biodiversity Indices at four (4) monitoring sites

SITE CHARACTERISTICS	Bgy. Manlag	So. Aberawan	Bgy. Bebeladan	Bgy. Masagana
Sitio	So. Seminaytay	So. Simpian	Snake Island	So. Caalan
Latitude	11° 6'18.96"N	11° 4'46.06"N	11° 5'33.97"N	11°11'38.48"N
Longitude	119°24'50.47"E	119°24'56.35"E	119°20'22.48"E	119°23'49.21"E
Number of quadrats	11	11	11	11
Sediment type	Sandy-silt	Sandy	Sandy	Coarse Sand
Water condition	A bit turbid	High Tide	Low Tide	Turbid
Other observations/remarks			Tourist Spot	Near Resort
Estimated seagrass (ha)	56.7	36	14	6
Diversity Indices				
Shannon-Weiner diversity index (H')	0.967	1.5	1.377	1.038
Simpson's diversity index	0.443	0.293	0.303	0.393
Evenness of Species (E)	0.5	0.8	0.8	0.6
Number of seagrass species (in quadrats)	6	7	7	5

Furthermore, it is recommended to intensify the conduct of Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) regarding on seagrass habitat specially in terms of their importance to the environment and community in order to conserve and protect from anthropological disturbances.

Attached are the photo-documentation, maps and raw data of the said activity.

This serves as our Means of Verification (MOV) of the target.

For information and record.



MARIEL M. PALADAN

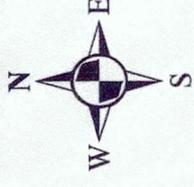
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above photos were true and correct and taken during the conduct of activities.


MARIEL M. PALADAN
CMEMP Extension Officer



MAP

**SHOWING THE SEAGRASS SITE
MONITORED WITHIN EL NIDO-TAYTAY
MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA
(ENTMRPA), EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

Area : 57.34 Hectares

**Specific site : So. Seminaytay, Bgy. Manlag,
El Nido, Palawan**

SCALE : 1:16,994



LEGEND

-  Transect Line
-  Seagrass
-  Political Boundary
-  PA Boundary

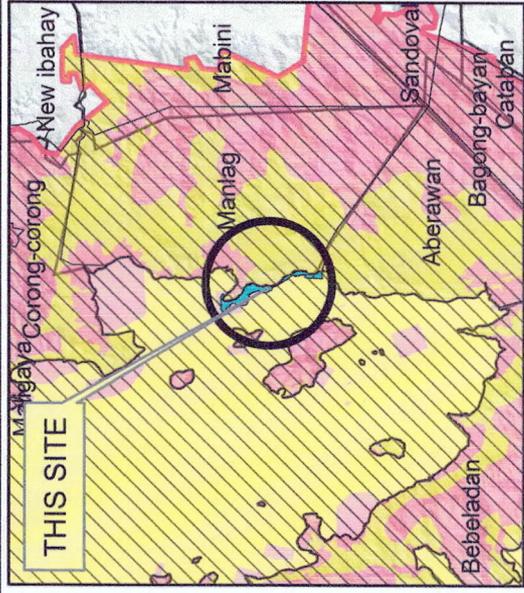
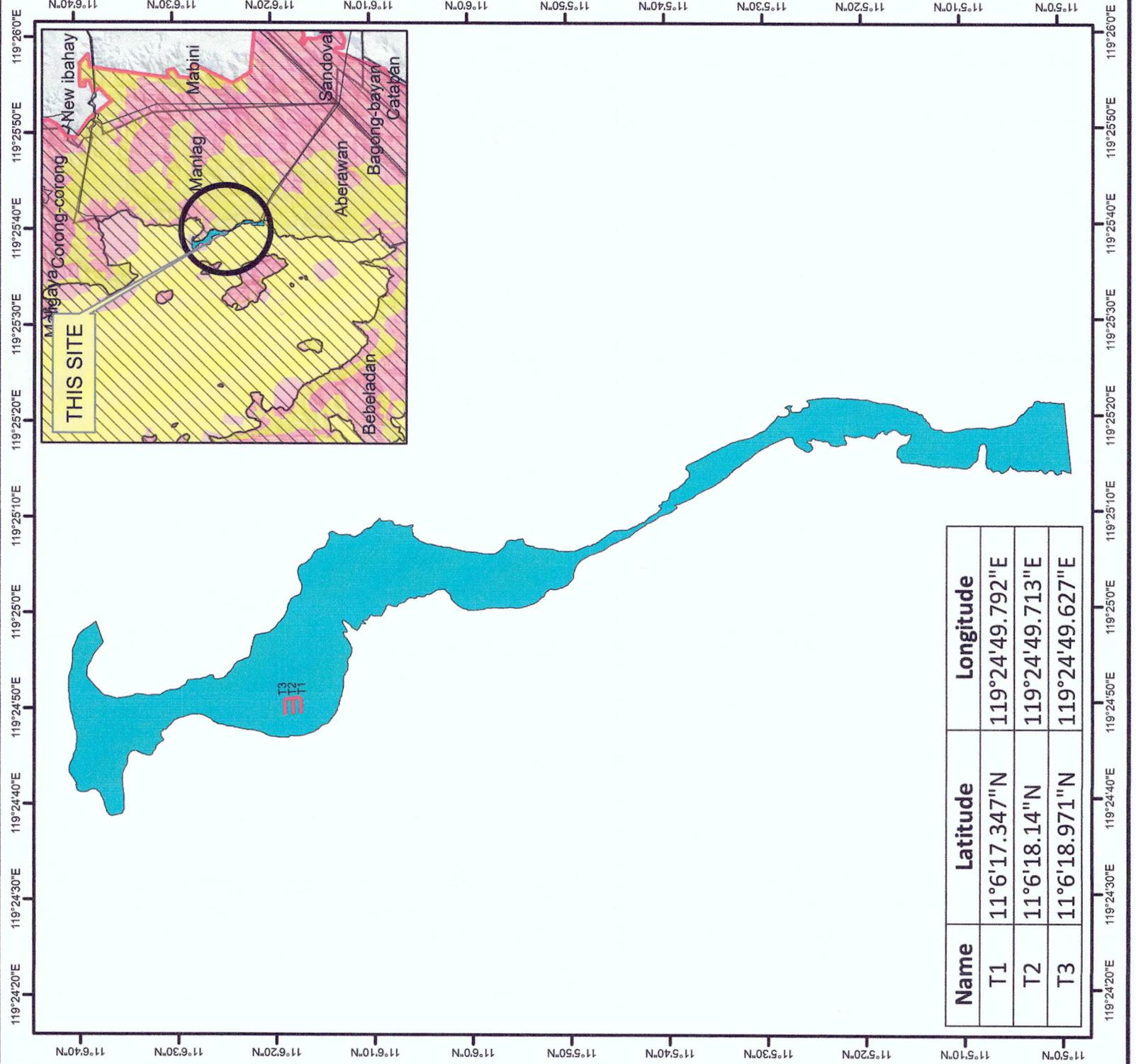
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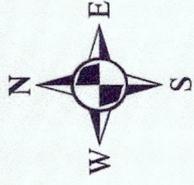
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Name	Latitude	Longitude
T1	11°6'17.347"N	119°24'49.792"E
T2	11°6'18.14"N	119°24'49.713"E
T3	11°6'18.971"N	119°24'49.627"E



MAP

**SHOWING THE SEAGRASS SITE
MONITORED WITHIN EL NIDO-TAYTAY
MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA
(ENTMRPA), EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

Area : 36.36 Hectares

Specific site : So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan,
El Nido, Palawan

SCALE : 1:7,185



LEGEND

-  Transect Line
-  Seagrass
-  Political Boundary
-  PA Boundary

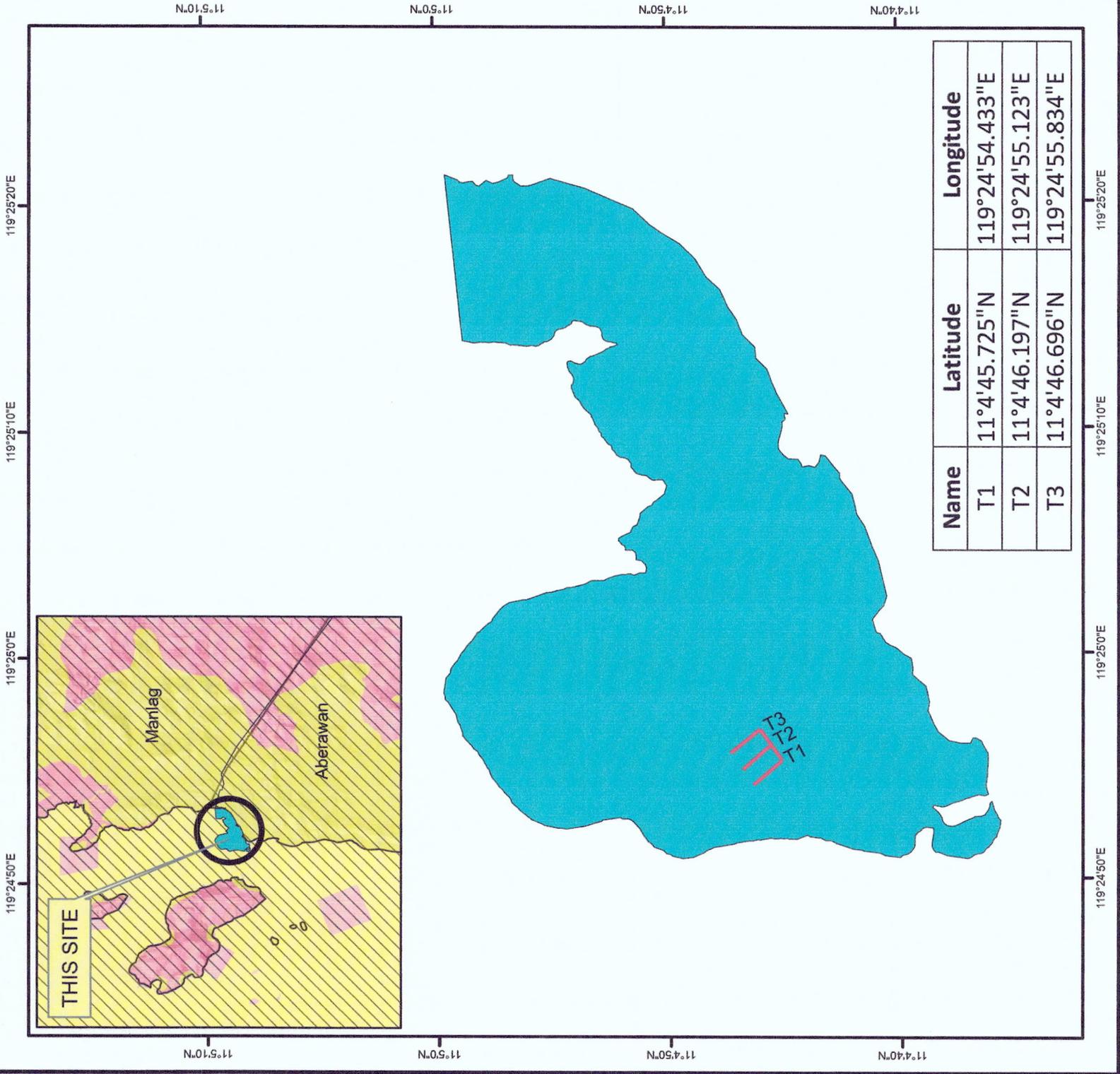
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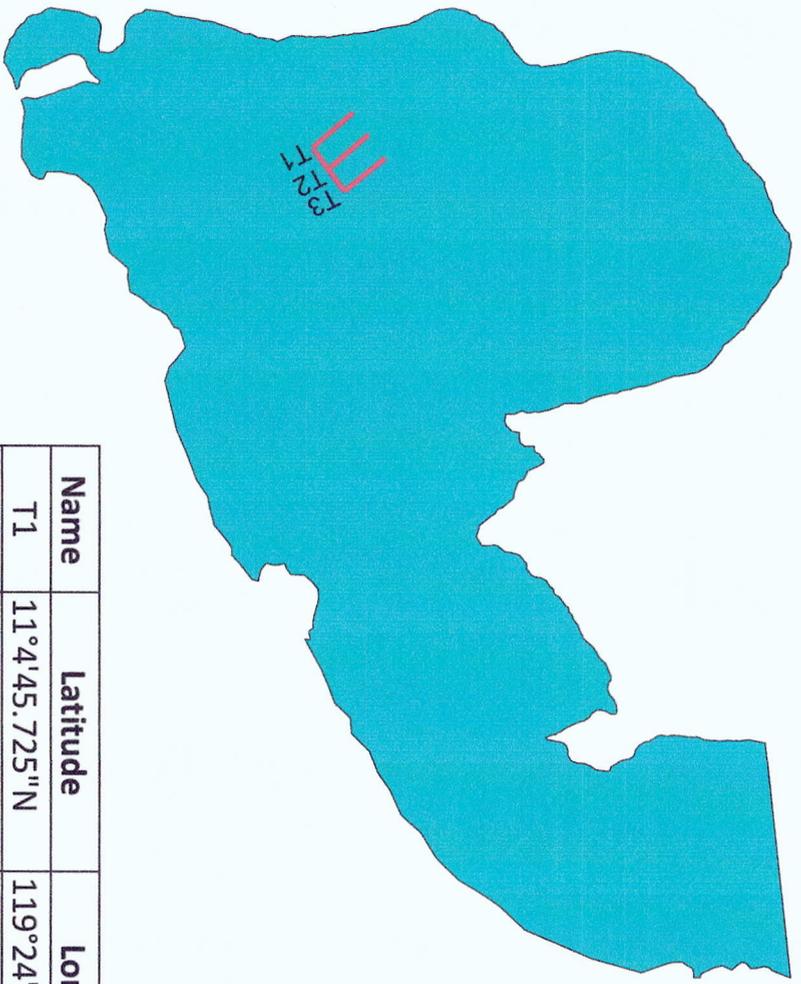
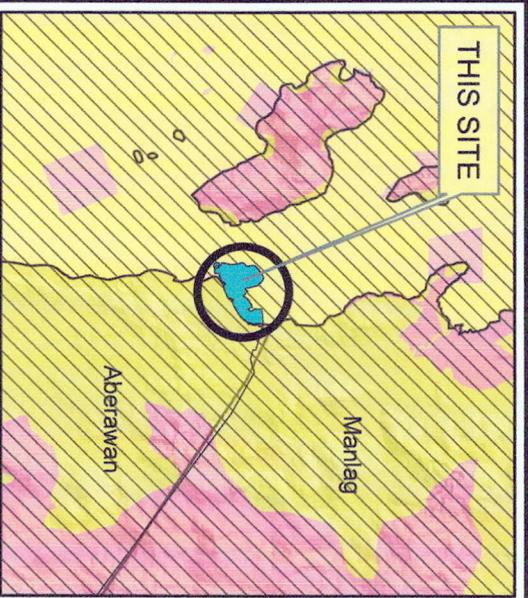


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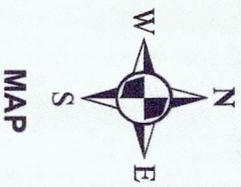
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Name	Latitude	Longitude
T1	11°4'45.725"N	119°24'54.433"E
T2	11°4'46.197"N	119°24'55.123"E
T3	11°4'46.696"N	119°24'55.834"E



MAP

**SHOWING THE SEAGRASS SITE
MONITORED WITHIN EL NIDO-TAYTAY
MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA
(ENTMRPA), EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

Area : 36.36 Hectares

Specific site : So. Simpian, Bgy. Aberawan,
El Nido, Palawan

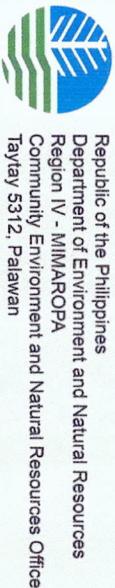


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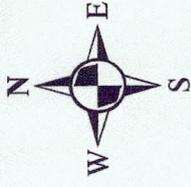
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MAP

**SHOWING THE SEAGRASS SITE
MONITORED WITHIN EL NIDO-TAYTAY
MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA
(ENTMRPA), EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

Area : 14.0 Hectares

Specific site : Snake Island, Bgy. Bebeladan,
El Nido, Palawan

SCALE : 1:4,762



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-  Seagrass
-  Political Boundary
-  PA Boundary

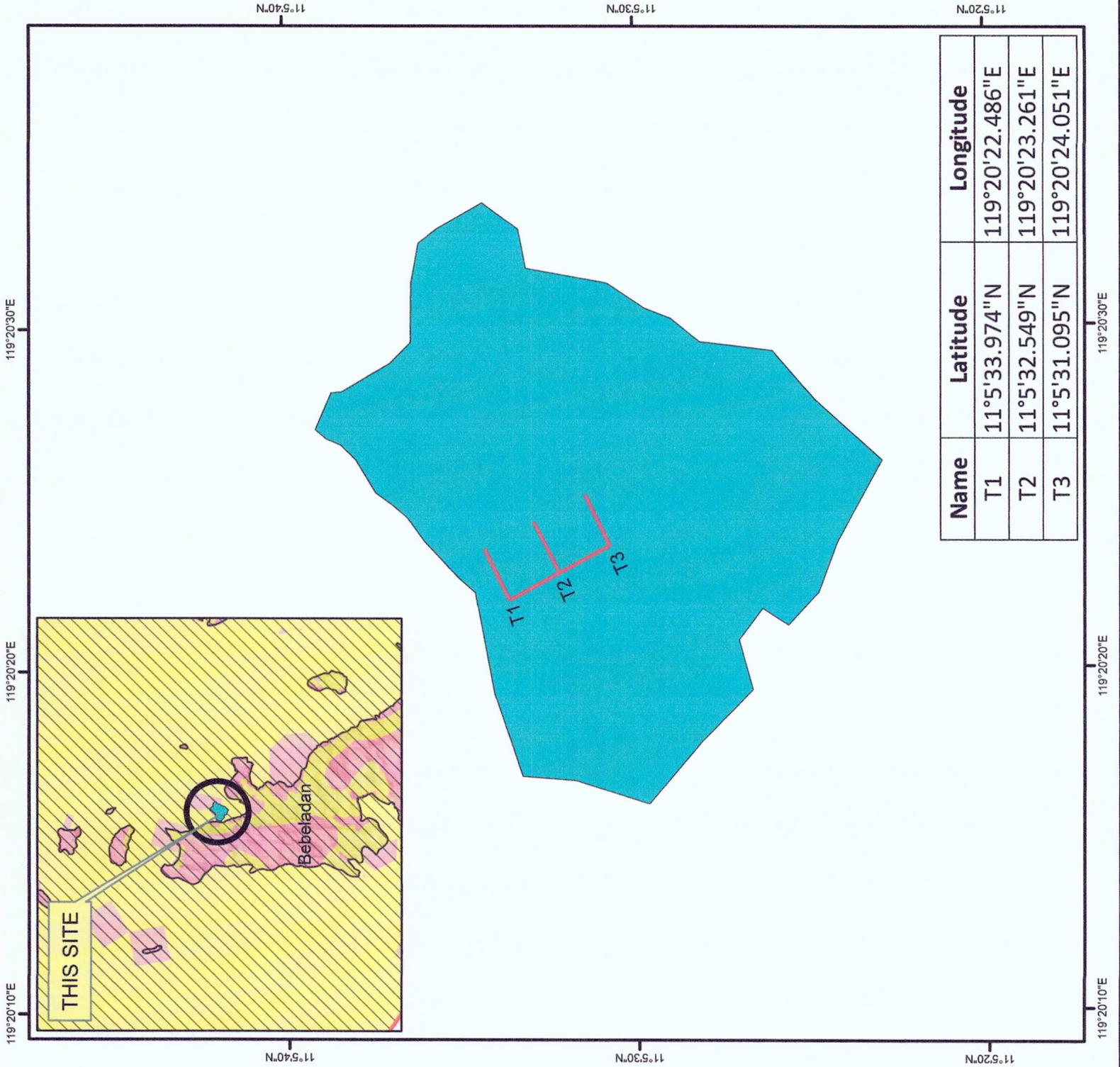
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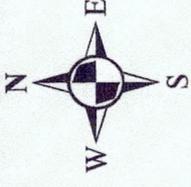
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T1	11°5'33.974"N	119°20'22.486"E
T2	11°5'32.549"N	119°20'23.261"E
T3	11°5'31.095"N	119°20'24.051"E



MAP

**SHOWING THE SEAGRASS SITE
MONITORED WITHIN EL NIDO-TAYTAY
MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA
(ENTMRPA), EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

Area : 6.0 Hectares

Specific site : So. Caalan, Bgy. Masagana,
El Nido, Palawan

SCALE : 1:3,992



LEGEND

-  Transect Line
-  Seagrass
-  Political Boundary
-  PA Boundary

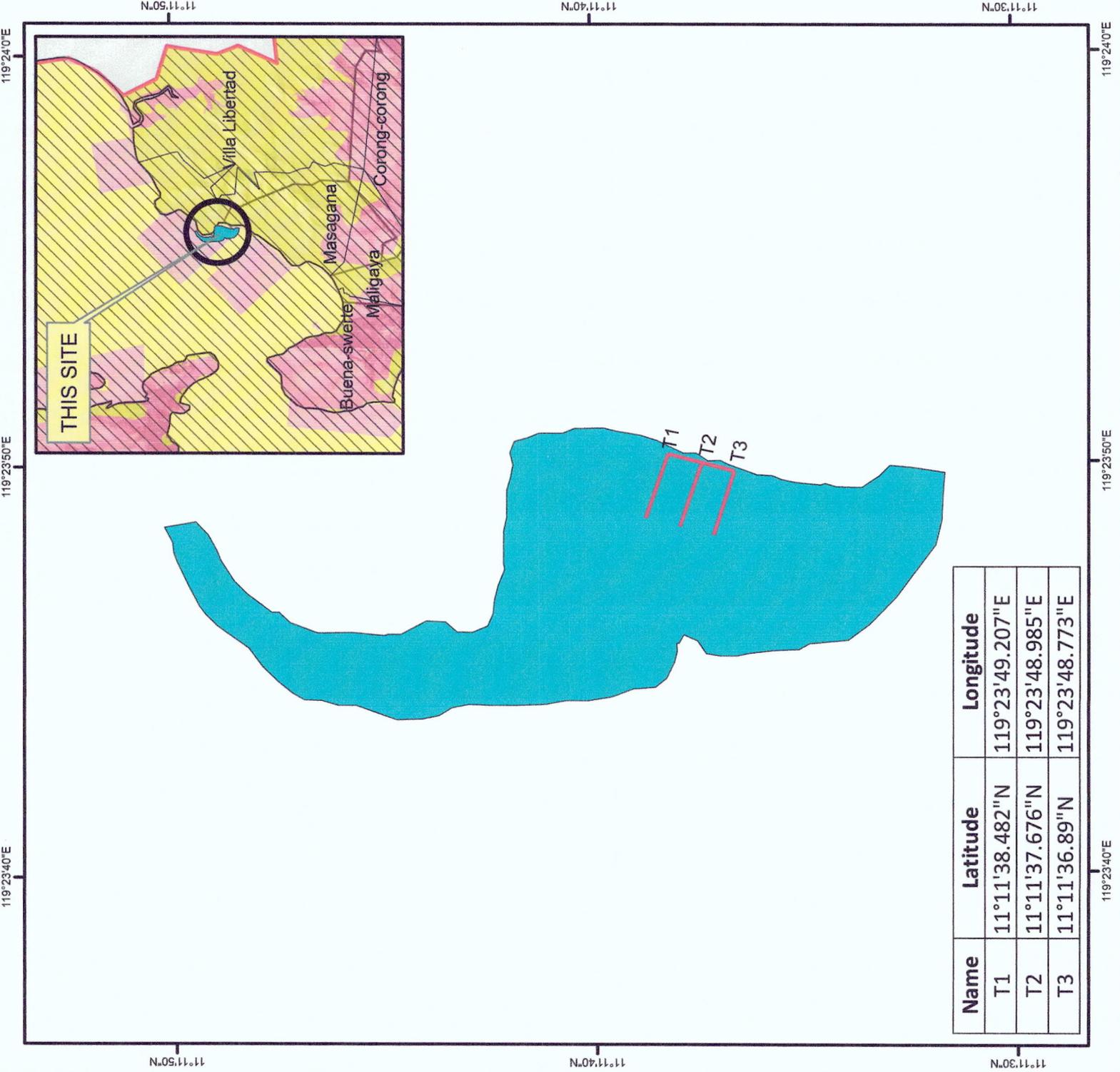
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