

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region

THRU : The ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE DOCUMENTATION OF GREAT CORMORANT (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) IN NAUJAN LAKE NATIONAL PARK**


Submitted is the report of CENRO Socorro on the documentation of two (2) species of Great Carmorant in Naujan Lake National Park. The species was observed on November 10, 2022 during the conduct of water sampling in Naujan Lake National Park.

The identification of this bird was confirmed by Mr. Virtito Natural Jr., and Mr Don Geogg Tabaranza both wildlife Biologists. They reported that this might be the first record in Mindoro Island with concrete evidence.

According to the IUCN Red List Threatened Species of 2018, the Great Carmorants was categorized as Least Concern as its global population is trend increasing. In addition, the habitat of this species is commonly in the forest, inland wetlands, and marine coastal / supertidal and marine neritic areas. This species has a generation length of 11.3 years.

For information and record.

For the PENRO Officer:


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

November 21, 2022

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FROM : The CENR Officer
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Respectfully submitting the report on the documentation of two (2) individuals of Great Cormorant in Naujan Lake National Park which was observed on November 10, 2022, during the conduct of water sampling in Naujan Lake National Park. The waterbirds were documented by NLNP – Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) personnel roosting on bamboo poles along the lakeside of Barangay Duongan, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro.

The identification of the Great Cormorants were confirmed by Mr. Virtito Natural, Jr., Wildlife Biologist and Mr. Don Geoff Tabaranza, Wildlife Biologist and member of Ako Haring Ibon – Birds in Focus, Inc. and Wild Bird Photographers of the Philippines (WBPP). Mr. Tabaranza added that this might be the first record in Mindoro Island with a concrete evidence.

According to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species in 2018, Great Cormorant has most recently been assessed as Least Concern as its global population trend is increasing. This species inhabits in forests, inland wetlands, marine coastal/supertidal and marine neritic areas. As full migrant and congregatory species, has a generation length of 11.3 years.

Due to the species' foraging behaviour (shallow diving) and habit of hunting within purse-seine and gill-nets, the species is particularly susceptible to bycatch. Although, these unintentional effects of fishing activities are not currently found to be driving colony declines, they could present problems on both local and global scales if populations were to decline (Bregnballe and Frederiksen 2006).

Attached are photos of the great cormorants.

For and in the absence of the CENRO:


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THRU : The DMO IV

: The Senior EcoMS / PASu, NLNP

FROM : CENRO Socorro Personnel

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Please be informed that on November 10, 2022, during the conduct of water sampling as part of quarterly water quality monitoring of Environment Management Bureau (EMB) in Naujan Lake National Park anent to NLNP - Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) Resolution No. 3, series of 2019, the western-side team composed of EcoMS I Jose Maria M. Fontanilla and Forest Ranger Rhona Carle-Liwag observed two (2) unknown waterbirds roosting on bamboo poles along the lakeside of Barangay Duongan, Victoria, Oriental Mindoro.

Luckily, the DSLR camera was brought during the activity where few photos were taken. Immediately, images were shared to Mr. Virtito Natural, Jr., Wildlife Biologist who suspected the waterbird as a cormorant species. He further noted that photos will be communicated to other bird experts for proper species identification. The photos were also shared to Mr. Don Geoff Tabaranza, Wildlife Biologist and member of Ako Haring Ibon – Birds in Focus, Inc. and Wild Bird Photographers of the Philippines (WBPP) who confirmed that the birds are actually juvenile Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*). He added that this might be the first record in Mindoro Island with a concrete evidence.

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Photos of the 2 juvenile Great Cormorants in Naujan Lake National Park





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