



November 21, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR, MIMAROPA Region

**THRU** : The OIC-ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** : The OIC-PENR Officer


**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION OF CY 2022 FOURTH QUARTER  
REPORT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LGUs  
ON COSTAL AND MARINE RELATED CONCERNS.**

Respectfully submitted is the report on Technical Assistance to LGUs on Coastal and Marine related Concerns for CY 2022

Pleased be informed that Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) regarding the Provision of Technical Assistance to Local Government Units (LGUs) on coastal and marine related concerns was conducted on November 11, 2022 in Barangay Bonliw, Torrijos, Marinduque. The target participants are the LGU Officials and constituents especially the local fisher folks. A total of 18 males and 22 females participated on the event.

For information and record.

“For and in the absence of the PENRO”

  
**SIMEON R. DIAZ**  
LMO III

In Charge, Office of the PENRO



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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The OIC-PENR Officer

**THRU** : The Chief, Technical Services Division

**ATTENTION** : The Chief, Conservation and Development Section

**FROM** : The CRFM Unit

**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION CY 2022 FOURTH QUARTER REPORT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LGUs ON COASTAL AND MARINE RELATED CONCERNS.**

In compliance with our target activity on Coastal Resource and Foreshore Management Unit (CRFMU) under the Technical Services Division, submitted is the CY 2022 Fourth Quarter Accomplishment Report.

Pleased be informed that Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) regarding the Provision of Technical Assistance to Local Government Units (LGUs) on coastal and marine related concerns was conducted on November 11, 2022 at around 9:30 in the morning in Barangay Bonliw, Torrijos, Marinduque. The target participants are the LGU Officials and constituents especially the local fisher folks. A total of 18 males and 22 females participated on the event.

The activity started with an Opening Prayer followed by singing of the National Anthem. FT 1 Corazon R. Pelaez introduced the participants especially the Resource Speakers from the Academe and the representatives from MENRO, MAO and MPDC of Torrijos for the said activity and gave an overview about the coastal and marine ecosystem. She informed the participants that Barangay Cagpo, Torrijos, Marinduque is part of the Locally-Managed Marine Protected Areas (LMMPAs) specifically Torrijos Marine Protected Area.

Mr. Regie F. Mampusti from MSC Gasan-School of Fisheries discussed the Management of Marine Protected Area (MPA) and other fishery-related activities. His presentation is about 1) What is Marine Protected Area; 2) Example of MPA in the Philippines; 3) How to manage the Marine Protected Area; 4) Other fishery-related activities and 5) What are the role of academe as state/college in the province. He elaborated that the MPAs in the province are not under NIPAS but rather it is managed by the local government. He also said that RA 8550 was amended by RA 10654 known as the Philippine Fisheries Code. He presented some sample maps of MPA, their boundaries even if it is covered by core zone and buffer zone. He also mentioned the different laws in accordance with their municipal ordinance. He mentioned some possible issues that will be encountered in the establishment of MPA namely, a) lack of supplemental and alternative learning; b) finance mechanism; and c) management capacity development. According to him, some of the coral reefs in the province are poor due to illegal fishing and coral bleaching. He mentioned that the criteria to become an MPA is to have sustainable development goals to conserve and sustain uses of the oceans, seas and marine resources. He said that in 2020, 10% of the marine water should be a part of the protected



area. It was also mentioned that the Philippines is a part of the Coral Triangle having the highest marine diversity in the world and has a record of 1,600 MPAs. He emphasized that the Verde Island Passage (VIP) is the world's "center of the center of marine shorefish biodiversity".

In the absence of the Resource Speaker PFO Joel G. Malabanan of the Provincial Fishery Office, FT1 Corazon R. Pelaez gave an overview about fisheries in relation to coastal and marine ecosystem, importance of Marine Protected Area and Fisheries Code and the Legal Basis, Ordinance and National Law on how to protect and conserve coastal and aquatic resources. He also explained the RA 10654 also known as an Act to Prevent and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and elaborated the punishment on illegal fishing and other illegal activities. The participants were able to identify the current issues and fishing practices that should not be tolerated.

Agriculture Technician (AT) Edward D. Gadoy representative from Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) Torrijos presented their Locally-Managed Marine Protected Area (LMMPA) namely Torrijos Community Marine Reserve located in Brgys. Kay duke, Bonliw, Cagpo and Poctoy, Torrijos. That Marine Protected Area has Municipal Ordinance # 93-88, an Ordinance Establishing the Community Marine Reserve within the Municipal Waters of Torrijos, Province of Marinduque. He presented the part of the marine reserve for fish breeding area and where high level of marine biodiversity is present and portion of. "no fishing activity" is located. According to him, they installed bouys/maker within the boundary of MPA and unfortunately it was removed by some of the fisherman with no definite reason from them.. No other activity is allowed inside the MPA without a special permit from the Municipal Office. He also explained the activities allowed and not allowed inside. Penalty and fines were also discussed.

Issues and concerns such as violation based on the Municipal Ordinances and Section 101 of RA 8550 as amended by RA 10654 were identified during the discussion. Accordingly, the use of number 7 fishnet are being applied improperly tripling the layer, thus resulted to smaller fishes to be caught. Since this activity is not covered under the Philippine Fisheries Code, no sanction can be applied. Hence the participants were advised to be wary of the fishing method they use so as to conserve and protect the marine resources that is available in the area.

Attached are photos taken during the activity and attendance sheet for further reference.

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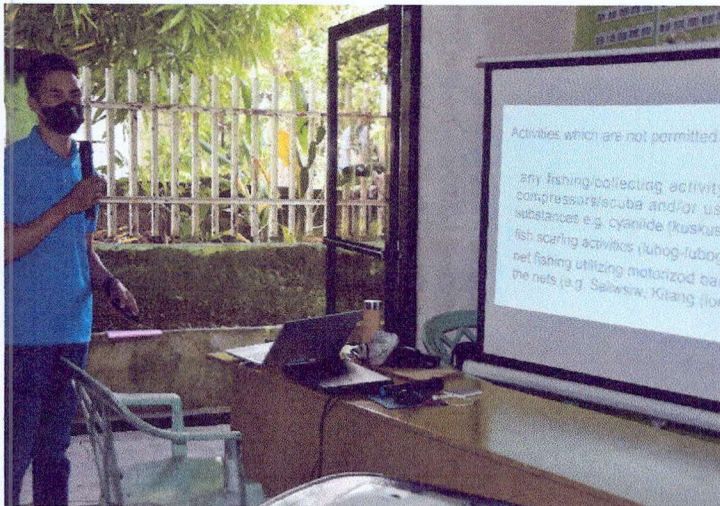




Registration of participants.



Mr. Regie F. Mampusti from MSC Gasan-School of Fisheries during his discussion on Management of Marine Protected Area (MPA) and other fishery-related activities



AT Edward D. Gadoy representative from Municipal Agriculture Office (MAO) Torrijos during his presentation on Locally-Managed Marine Protected Area (LMMPA).



Photos of Open Forum.



Photo opportunity of the participants in the conduct of Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA).



PB Joel P. Rey of Barangay Bonliw, Torrijos on his closing message on activity.

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