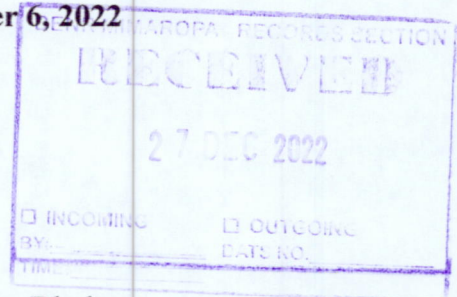




December 6, 2022



MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA-Region
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THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

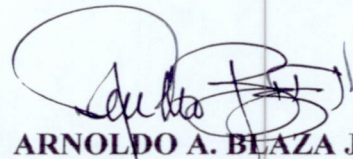
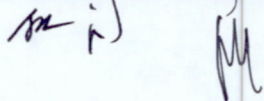
FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF THE INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE VERIFICATION ON THE ALLEGED ILLEGAL SMALL SCALE MINING ACTIVITIES IN SITIO HANGGAN, MABULO, SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON.**

Respectfully submitting the investigation report on the verification on the alleged illegal small scale mining activities in Sitio Hanggan, Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon.

Initial inspection and validation undertaken on November 25, 2022 revealed that the small scale mining are in continuous operation as evidenced by the mining tools present on site. The patrollers were unable to find the miners behind said activities. However, on a follow up operation on December 1-2, 2022, there were no more mining activities undertaken and was presumed to have halted due to previous operation conducted.

For your information, records and further instruction.


ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR.




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

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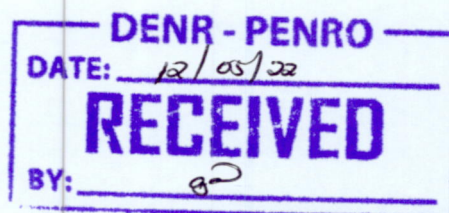
FOR : The PENR Officer
Odiongan, Romblon

THRU : The Protected Area Superintendent
And OIC Sibuyan Sub-Station

FROM : MARTIN R. RIÑON, et., al.
Park Ranger

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE VERIFICATION ON ALLEGE ILLEGAL
SMALL SCALE MINING ACTIVITIES IN SITIO HANGGAN,
MABULO, SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON, ON NOVEMBER 25-26,
2022**

DATE : **NOVEMBER 28, 2022**



Respectfully submitting the report on the verification on allege illegal small scale mining activities in Sitio Hanggan, Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon.

REFERENCE:

Pursuant to the directive order to the undersigned Forest Officers by the immediate supervisor PASu Manuel B. Romero. To conduct verification on the allege report of illegal Small Scale Mining activities in So. Hanggan, Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon.

Pursuant to the PAMB Meeting held on November 8, 2022, as reported by the Punong Barangay of Barangay Mabini, San Fernando, Romblon.

ACTIONS:

That on November 25, 2022, undersigned coordinated with the Punong Barangay of Barangay Mabulo Hon. Armando Rios, to informed our purposed in their area of jurisdiction and in response to his report regarding the allege illegal mining activities.

That after the coordination the team trekked going to the target area using the BMS trail in a good weather condition.

FINDINGS:

The team found out and observed while trekking on the BMS trail going to the target area that the trail was constantly occupied by so many footprints on the ground coming from So. Malapiña, Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon. The team past the foot prints and it was lastly end in the area wherein the illegal mining activities was made in Sitio Hanngan, Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon. The said area of Sitio Hanggan is covered by the Protected Area of Mt. Guiting-guiting Natural Park.

That around 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon of November 25, 2022, we have seen a group of people engaging by extracting the topsoil particularly in the area wherein the illegal small scale mining was presently made and occupied. That after the said observation the team make a plan to encircle the area wherein the group of people conducting extracting topsoil but unfortunately the said group of people noticed our presence they run away from us before we reached them and they abandoned their equipment such as one (1) pc. of spade; one (1) pc. Crowbar and two (2) pairs of slippers

The illegal small scale miners have made a manmade stream of water for their water supply utilization of their operation and as a result of their manmade stream of water it was created a muddy waters flowing down stream going to the main river of Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon. Whereas, the water supply for the whole resident of Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon was came from the main river of Barangay Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon, wherein also the muddy water made by the illegal small scale miners was thrown in the said river.

Whereas, sometime on March 23, 2022, DENR personnel conducting patrolling in the same area wherein the said illegal small scale miners was operating. During that time of patrolling we have found that area of their operation was only estimated of 20 meters in length and 15 meters in width or with a total area of 300 square meters. However, as of November 25, 2022 we have seen and observed that the said operation was expanded and they widen the area of their area operation from previous estimated area of 300 square meters to by now of an estimated of 50 meters in length by 30 meters in width or with a total of 1, 500 square meters.


Whereas, the team finds that the said illegal small scale mining operations in So. Hangan, was adversely continuous and continuously operating without necessary legal documents therefore it is illegal pursuant to **DENR Administrative Order No. 2019-05 "Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 7586, or the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, as amended by RA No. 11038, or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (E-NIPAS) Act of 2018"**.

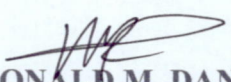
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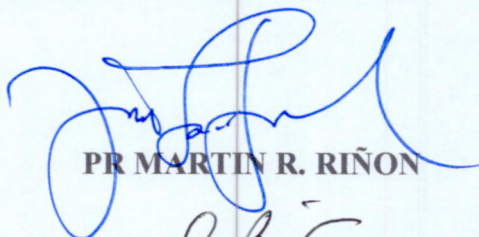
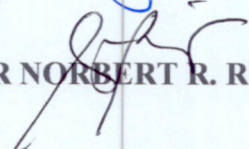
The undersigned recommend the following recommendations to wit:

1. **Conduct regular patrolling in the area to avoid all illegal forms of illegal forest activities in the area.**
2. **Invite the attention of all government officials concerned who has over jurisdiction on the said area regarding the activity of small scale mining activities;**
3. **Seek assistance to the uniformed personnel as additional manpower and provide security assistance while the DENR personnel conducting/performing duties in the area;**
4. **File appropriate criminal liability to a person/s to be caught engaging in the small scale mining or any illegal forest activities in the area.**

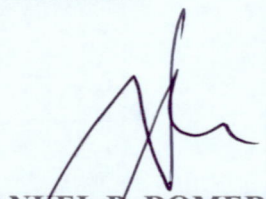
For your information and records.


FT-II ORLANDO M. RADA


PR RONALD M. DANGOY


PR MARTIN R. RIÑON

PR NORBERT R. RUBIO

Noted by:


MANUEL B. ROMERO
Protected Area Superintendent
And OIC Sibuyan Sub-Station



Picture of area of operation of illegal small mining activities and area of expansion



Picture of the equipment utilize in illegal small scale mining activities



Topsoil extracted and destructed made by the illegal miners



Picture of the muddy water flowing going down stream to the main river



Picture uprooted forest trees because of illegal mining activities.



Manmade river stream as their water supply