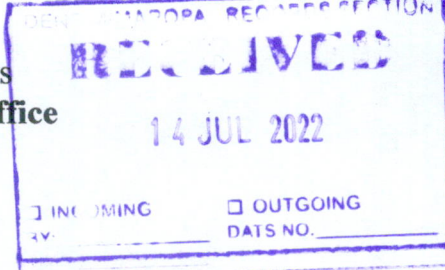




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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
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SUBJECT : **ACTIVITY REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED
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COASTAL AND MARINE CENTER FOR RESEARCH
(SI-NCMCR) AT APLAYA TAGBUROS, PUERTO
PRINCESA CITY ON JULY 4, 2022**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated July 5, 2022 of SIMO/CDS Chief Rhodora B. Ubani along with the activity report of Research Assistant Edilita B. Demonguitan on the above-mentioned subject.

Per report, twenty-one (21) men and four (4) women with a total of twenty-five (25) residents from Aplaya Tagburo participated the activity on July 4, 2022.

This serves as our Means of Verification (MoV) for the target on the meetings/conferences and other related activities under CEPA Campaign.

For information and record.



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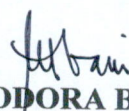
Respectfully forwarded is the activity report of Research Assistant Edilita B. Demonguitan of Snake Island- NCMCR on the above-mentioned subject.

Please be informed that there were twenty-one (21) men and four (4) women with a total of twenty-five (25) residents from Aplaya Tagburos who attended the Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) campaign of Snake Island NCMCR conducted by the Snake Island Management Office.

The said CEPA activity is one of the target activities of SI-NCMCR as reflected in the WFP 2022. This was being done specifically to coastal communities within or fronting the Honda Bay wherein Snake Island is located. To enhance the level of awareness of coastal communities on Snake Island activities undertaken by the DENR regarding policies being implemented in the island, initiatives taken at Snake Island NCMCR, Blue Carbon and Marine Debris were discussed.

Some of the fishermen at Snake Island are residents of Aplaya Tagburos. There have been questions that were raised particularly about the allowable fishing activities at Snake Island. Most of them asked if hook and line, "timbog" and spear fishing are allowed at Snake Island but the undersigned reiterated that "timbog" is an active fishing gear which is legally prohibited not only at Snake Island but in all municipal waters under Fishery Code RA 8550 as amended as RA 10654. The undersigned also reaffirmed that all of their concerns and suggestions will be discussed since the next 5-Year Operational Plan of Snake Island is under review.

For his information and record.


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PUERTO PRINCESA CITY ON JULY 4, 2022**

In line with the implementation of the Snake Island 5-Year Operational Plan as the DENR National Coastal and Marine Center for Research, Communication, Education and Public Awareness was conducted on July 4, 2022 at Aplaya Tagburos with twenty-one (21) men and four (4) women with a total of twenty-five (25) residents who participated the activity.

The program was started with an opening prayer led by the undersigned. Followed by a welcome remarks given by Punong Barangay Roberto V. Tero. He echoed that the closure of Snake Island to the public was based on thorough research and that the fisherfolks and the community will be the first ones to benefit once the restored resources specifically the number of fish increases.

Research Assistant Edilita B. Demonguitan gave a presentation regarding the Initiatives Taken at Snake Island NCMCR. Followed by the presentation of CMEMP Extension Officer Demi Patricia A. Decena regarding the Blue Carbon. She made mention of the importance of protecting our mangroves and seagrass ecosystem as they absorb and sequester more carbon compared to terrestrial plants. SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani also added that mangroves and seagrasses produce more oxygen to us compared to terrestrial plants. CMEMP Extension Officer Prince BJ L. Medina then presented the Marine Debris and how it will affect our health negatively when fish and other organisms ingest the microplastics.

When the table was opened for question and answer portion, the following issues and concerns were raised by the residents of Barangay Tagburos:

1. One of the fisherfolks, Mr. Mario Mulato asked that if crab gill net was allowed at Snake Island, why is it not allowed to use hook and line and "timbog"?
 - SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani explained that "timbog" is not just prohibited at Snake Island but is a type of active fishing gear which is prohibited in all municipal waters under Fishery Code RA 8550 as amended as RA 10654. Hook and line is currently not allowed but will be considered in the review of the 5-Year Operational Plan of Snake Island NCMCR.
2. Another fisherfolk, Mr. Ronald Reyes asked if it is okay to use "paglalambat" or gill netters at Snake Island?
 - SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani said that only crab gill net and gleaning were allowed at multiple use zone of Snake Island but their concerns were all acknowledged and will be noted and considered because the 5-Year Operational Plan of Snake Island is under review and they can raise their other concerns to their barangay officials because they will be invited in its actual review.



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3. Mr. Michael Cuya, fisherfolk, asked if they could use hook and line at Snake Island if the weather is bad?
 - SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani reiterated that any kind of fishing activity is not allowed at Snake Island NCMCR
4. Another fisherman, Mr. Leopoldo Peres asked if it is okay to use spear fishing in the north-east part of Snake Island?
 - The undersigned asked if they are selecting their target in spear fishing and he said yes and the undersigned added that it is not allowed as it only targets the broodstock sizes which are helpful in coral restoration at Snake Island.
5. Another question was raised by Kagawad Rodolfo Corroz, Jr., Committee on Environment of Barangay Tagburos asked if the Dos Palmas have legal papers granted by DENR in prohibiting the fishermen to fish and he also added that they are using and pointing guns at them whenever they try to fish near Dos Palmas and if they can also conduct CEPA at Barangay Tagburos.
 - SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani shared that there are terms and conditions whenever the Office grant Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism or FLAGT, that they need to protect the resources but this concern will be confirmed at CENRO Puerto Princesa. And with concern to CEPA, she said that this will be asked to MES to require Dos Palmas to conduct such and we will join to their CEPA activities.

The activity was closed with a closing remarks by Kagawad Rodolfo Corroz, Jr., Chairman of Committee on Environment of Barangay Tagburos.

Attached is the attendance sheet and photo documentation for your reference.

Prepared by:

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



CMEMP EO Prince BJ L. Medina serving as the Emcee of the activity (left) and the participants during the opening prayer led by RA Edilita B. Demonguitan (right)



Punong Barangay Roberto V. Tero of Barnagay Tagburos giving his welcome remarks



Research Assistant Edilita B. Demonguitan presenting the Initiatives taken at Snake Island NCMCR



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CMEMP Extension Officer Demi Patricia A. Decena presenting the Blue Carbon



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CDS Chief/SIMO Rhodora B. Ubani answering the queries of the fisherfolks at Aplaya Tagburos





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Kagawad Rodolfo Corroz, Jr. giving his closing remarks



Group photo with fisherfolks of Aplaya Tagburos