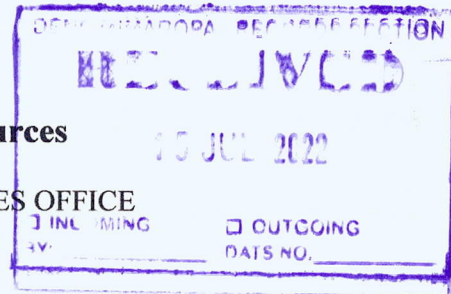




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July 4, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM :** The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **DOCUMENTATION REPORT IN THE CONDUCTED INTER-  
AGENCY CONSULTATION MEETING ON MAY 26, 2022**

Respectfully forwarded the memorandum of CENRO Coron, Palawan dated June 17, 2022 relative the above subject.

Per memorandum, CENRO Coron submitted the documentation report of the Inter-Agency Consultation Meeting held last May 26, 2022 at Coron Westown Hotel, Coron, Palawan.

The meeting was spearheaded by DENR Top Officials and attended by representatives from the Offices of the following:


1. Local Government Unit of Coron
2. BCT Construction and Trading
3. 428 Hi-Tech Group, Inc.
4. Sagip Coron
5. Barangay LGUs of Barangay Poblacion 2, 3, 5, 6 and San Nicolas
6. PMRB Coron
7. Provincial Government of Palawan
8. Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)
9. Mine and Geoscience Bureau (MGB)
10. Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) and
11. DPWH-1<sup>st</sup> District.

Please refer to the attached detailed report enclosed with minutes of meeting, matrix of issues, concerns and actions to be taken and photo documentation.

For information and further instruction.

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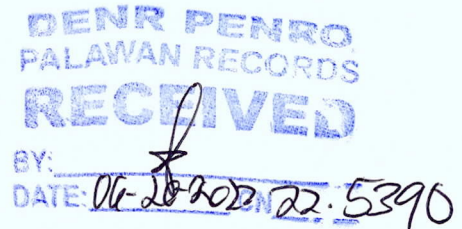
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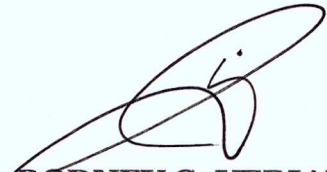
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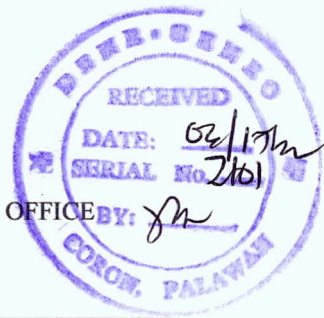
  
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June 16, 2022

## MEMORANDUM

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

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

**FROM** : Forest Technician I/GEM Focal

**SUBJECT** : **DOCUMENTATION REPORT IN THE CONDUCTED  
INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION MEETING**

Please be informed that on May 26, 2022 the DENR Top Officials meeting was spearheaded and attended by the representatives from the offices of Local Government Unit(LGU)-Coron, BCT Construction and Trading, 428 Hi-Tech, Sagip Coron, Barangay LGU of Poblacion 2, 3, 5, 6 and San Nicolas, PMRB-Coron, Provincial Government, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), Mines and Geoscience Bureau (MGB), Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) and DPWH-1<sup>st</sup> District to address the environmental issues and concerns within the municipality of Coron, Palawan and conduct interagency inspection.

An Inter-Agency Task Force Coron was formed to serve as the primary body responsible for addressing current challenges in the Municipality of Coron, Palawan and designated CENRO Coron as Secretariat.

Furthermore, all concerned offices committed to provide and submit the needed documents to comply and address the issues and furnish copy to the secretariat for consolidation and presentation to the succeeding meeting that will serve as the basis for decision making.

Attached herewith are the minutes of meeting, matrix of agreements reach and relevant photos.

For information and record.

  
**NIKKI E. RIPALDA**



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**SUBJECT: INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION MEETING IN CORON  
WESTOWN RESORT DATED MAY 26, 2022**

### **I. Call of order**

The meeting was started at 9:30 am with prayer and singing of national anthem. This was followed by introduction of attendees, welcome remarks delivered by CENRO Arnoldo A. Blaza, Jr. and a short message from Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) Regional Director Joe Amil Salino and DENR Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, of MIMAROPA Region.

PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc presided the meeting and acknowledged the participants. He then presented and enumerated the environmental issues and concerns in Coron, Palawan. He emphasized the purpose of the meeting such issues are subject for comments and suggestions by the interagency participants. He also mentioned that the identified issues will be inspected on-site the same day.

### **II. DIALOGUE ON THE FINDINGS OF THE CONDUCTED SITE INSPECTION AND EVALUATION**

#### **Issue: Coron Bay Reclamation Project (CBDP)-Siltation**

PENRO enumerated the list of findings in the CBDP such as siltation, dumping in seaweeds, seagrass, mangroves and corals, inadequate drainage system, relocation of settlers and other issues. He further stated that the removal of 10 to 15 meters existing filling materials from the reclamation area is raised upon inspection.

Engr. Ernesto Mercado, representative from Provincial Government of Palawan and 428 Hi Tech Incorporated asked if the reclamation area will be separated from Discovery Island.

RED Claudio answered that work program for excavation of filling materials is needed to submit first for the approval of Municipal Engineer and District Engineer then furnished a copy to the body.

Engr. Mercado committed that in two weeks he will prepare and submit the program of works for the 10-15 meters removal of filling materials and 1,300-m seawall to Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Municipal Engineering Office (MEO) for evaluation and approval and furnished copy to the body.

PENRO Cayatoc emphasizes that the work program will be submitted to the Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA) since they have the mandate over reclamation projects. It is then subject for evaluation and review by the RED and will be presented to another meeting.

RD Salino motioned that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) should be incorporated with the work plan.



RED Claudio agreed since every activity has an impact whether significant, insignificant or adverse. She commented that based on the inspection, there is no retaining wall/barrier that will prevent siltation, hence, the proposed excavation of filling materials and establishment of 1,300-meters seawall should have mitigating plan including timetable of works.

Engr. Mercado suggested to finalized the 30m seawall to avoid the erosion and siltation and we will submit a detailed plan.

It was agreed by the body that the contractor will prepare and submit work program with schedule and mitigation measures to MEO, PRA and DPWH for assessment, evaluation and approval, and furnished copy to the body.

#### **Issue: Dumping in seagrass, seaweeds, mangroves ang corals**

PENRO Cayatoc stated that during on-site visit there is no gathered information or existing data for the seaweeds and seagrass on the reclaimed area. However, the concerned Barangays will submit document or footages of the areas' old state. Local Government Unit (LGU) of Coron and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) shall likewise submit studies, assessments, and documentation file, if there is any. He also called out Sagip Coron because they mentioned that they have documents/data on reclamation area old state, further asks them to submit all information pertaining to the dumping of seaweeds and seagrass also includes mangroves as the basis for the evaluation of DENR-CENRO.

RD Salino raised that the Sagip-Coron should have a duly assigned representative that is authorized to sign in the approved plan.

Sagip Coron appealed that the duly assigned representative should have the right to vote and will relay the concern to the group.

PENRO Cayatoc sum up that on June 13, 2022 the body will submit existing data regarding on dumping of seaweeds and seagrass to DENR CENRO for consolidation and was agreed by the body.

#### **Issue: Poor Drainage**

PENRO Cayatoc stated one of the findings during the site inspection is poor drainage which is the main cause of flooding within the reclamation area thus the contractor is required to submit a copy of drainage plan to the body.

In response, Engr. Mercado reasoned that no matter how detailed their engineering plan, there will be uncontrolled climatic event accompanied by high tide which also results to flooding.

Engr. Michael Adrian Fababeir, Municipal Planning and Development Officer agreed and recommended to have additional drainage on the upper part of town area to divert the waterways away from the reclamation area in which DPWH is concern.

RED Claudio suggested to inform the District Engineer of DPWH for their recommendation and the design incorporated with LGU or invest into a long term detailed engineering plan.



83 It was then agreed that the contractor of CBDP will harmonized the drainage  
84 plan with LGU and DPWH and provide copy to the body.

85 **Issue: Relocation of Settlers**

86 PENRO Cayatoc proceeded with the discussion of continuous occupation of  
87 residence within the mangrove area at Barangay V and their relocation.

88 Barangay Captain Lanie Lungay of Poblacion V raised that there is no available  
89 slot for the residents on National Housing Authority (NHA) Housing Project in San  
90 Nicolas. She said that the residents of Poblacion V preferred to stay on the mangrove  
91 area due to their source of living. They also asked the LGU and the contractor to  
92 include them on reclamation area.

93 Engr. Fababeir confirmed that there are available slots and they can be still  
94 accommodated by the NHA Housing Project.

95 PENRO Cayatoc motioned to seek further assistance of LGU and submit to  
96 DENR and LGU the inventory of households living on the mangrove area for  
97 appropriate action.

98 RED Claudio suggested to include barangays with mangrove areas specifically  
99 Barangay I, III, V and Bgy Tagumpay. She also mentioned that there is existing policy  
100 illegal occupation in mangrove area.

101 RD Salino commented that before the conduct of any investigation or  
102 documentation there should be an issued special order to avoid violation of  
103 constitutional rights of the residents.

104 **Issue: Proposed Public Market**

105 PENRO Cayatoc further proceed with the next issue to be discussed.

106 Based on the inspection, the Proposed Public Market project of LGU lacks  
107 necessary permits and clearances before the operation.

108 MPDO Engr. Fababeir stated that they have already provided Certificate Non  
109 Coverage (CNC) and on-going Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC)  
110 application.

111 It was agreed that LGU will acquire ECC with geohazard assessment and  
112 mitigation measures and other relevant permits prior to the operations and they shall  
113 likewise minimize the development within core zone.

114 **Issue: NHA**

115 CENRO Blaza informed the body that there is on-going meeting regarding the  
116 NHA's housing projects with the concerned agencies, as per last meeting it was agreed  
117 to discontinue the project and identify or allot another area outside the Busuanga  
118 Pasteur Reserve (BPR). He further stated the creation of memorandum reiterating the  
119 previous issued Cease and Decease Order (CDO) to NHA and the contractor.



RED Claudio suggested to install signage/notice to the public stating that the operation has no permits and clearances.

It was agreed by the body that the contractor should immediately stop the operation. Further the contractor is recommended to write letter to the NHA regarding the stoppage of operation and furnished copy to the body.

It was also agreed that the BPR and Mines and Geoscience Bureau (MGB) will install signage (notice to the public) that DENR thru BPR and FMB order to stop the operation.

**Issue: Mountain Quarry (San Nicolas)**

Forester Cesar Odi, Chief of Licenses, Patents and Deeds Division (LPPD) of DENR MIMAROPA stated that the Mountain Quarry in San Nicolas has no ECC, Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) Clearance, and quarry permit.

RD Salino suggested that the EMB should issue Cease and Decease Order on May 27, 2022. He recommended that the contractor should implement mitigating measures with slope protection plan to be submitted to MGB for evaluation and approval and will be presented to the body.

PENRO Cayatoc suggested that the CENRO Coron will be the designated secretariat of body to facilitate and follow-up the matter. Furthermore, to address the pressing issues and concerns in Coron, "Interagency Task Force Coron" was created and agreed by the body.

**Issue: Bella Tiotangco Quarry Operation**

Forester Odi reiterated the findings in Bella Tiotangco, CDO was already issued by MGB and EMB because they have exceeded in the permitted area. However, MGB responded that the improper excavation method will resulted to steep and unstable slope.

Forester Odi recapped that it was agreed that the permittee called Bella Tiotangco will submit rehabilitation plan to MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation. Said plan should be presented to the body.

**Issue: Proposed government buildings and facilities located in So. Dapulao, Bgy. Pob VI**

Forester Odi stated that there is on-going construction of stadium and propose government building for Red Cross, Land Transportation Office and Justice Hall. CDO was already issued from EMB with recommendation for immediate rehabilitation.

Engr. Fababeir explained that there is a certain portion of the stadium that is a titled property given to the LGU and the application for Gratuitous Special Land Use Permit (GSLUP) is on-going as recommended by the CENRO Coron. He appealed for reconsideration for the purpose public use.

157 It was agreed that the contractor will submit rehabilitation plan to the MGB  
158 subject for evaluation and approval. Once approved, it will be presented to the body  
159 for information.

160 **Fernvale reclamation**

161 Note: The alleged reclamation is within the private property of Vicente  
162 Fernandez with pending case in the PCSDS and as per agreed PCSDS will furnish the  
163 body a copy of the case order and will create a special order to conduct further  
164 investigation and recommendation

165 **ADJOURNMENT**

166 Being no further matters to be taken up, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.  
167 The secretariat printed the matrix of agreements reached and signed by the body.

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MATRIX OF ISSUES, CONCERN, AND ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN						
No.	ISSUES AND CONCERN	FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON/AGENCY	COURSE OF ACTIONS	TIME FRAME
<b>RECLAMATION</b>						
	CORON BAY RECLAMATION PROJECT a. Siltation b. Planting Activity in Reclamation (Coconut/Mangrove)	Impeded Water Way	a. Removal of existing filling materials about 10-15m between the Discovery Island and the Reclamation  b. Buffer Zone for Mangroves (Core Zone)	DPWH, PRA, LGU and	The Contractor will Prepare and submit <b>Detailed Engineering Plan for the approx. 30m</b> work program including impact assessment and work schedule to be presented and approved by the Body (DENR, LGU, DPWH, PRA, PGP, BLGU, Sagip Coron, PCSDS)  1 week for the DPWH, PRA, LGU for evaluated and recommendation for the approval by the Body during the scheduled meeting  Sagip Coron to submit authorized person/representative to sign and to vote	
	Siltation	No retaining wall/barrier to prevent siltation	c. Establish sea wall approx. 1, 300m	DPWH, PRA, LGU and	The Contractor will Prepare and submit Detailed Engineering Plan for the approx. 1, 300m (sea wall) work program including impact assessment and work schedule to be presented and approved by the Body (DENR, LGU, DPWH, PRA, PGP, BLGU, Sagip Coron, PCSDS)	
	Dumping in Seagrass/seaweeds, Mangroves, Corals	No gathered information	Submit all findings of Brgy. V, II, and III and Sagip Coron	BLGU, LGU, Sagip Coron	Gathered information will be submitted and consolidated to the DENR-CENRO  DENR-CENRO to follow up	Jun-13
	Poor Drainage System	Inadequate drainage system causing flooding within the area	DPWH, LGU, and Contractors to harmonize the drainage system	DPWH, LGU and Contractors	Submit copy of drainage plan to the Body for evaluation	
	Continuous occupation of residents within mangrove area at Barangay V	Waste Generation	Submit list of inventoried household within mangrove areas to the DENR and LGU  LGU to Coordinate with NHA for the accomodation/resettlement of inventoried household/residents (per MPDC)	BLGU (V, I, and Tagumpay)	Submit list of inventoried household to the DENR	

	FERNVALE RECLAMATION	With pending case in PCSDS	Furnish the Body a copy of the case order	PCSDS		
	Siltation					
2	Reclamation/cutting of Mangroves		Create S.O. to conduct further investigation and provide recommendations	DENR, LGU, Sagip Coron, PCSDS, BLGU		
3	PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC MARKET	a. No ECC, Geohazard Assessment b. No Reclamation Activity- Backfilling Only c. Need 100 truck loads (20cum/truck) d. Issued SEP Clearance but with deductions of Core Zone	a. Acquisition of ECC (Geohazard Assessment as one of requirement) and other relevant permits prior to reoperation b. Mitigating measures c. Minimize development within Core Zone	PCSD, DENR (MGB, EMB), LGU		
	NHA	a. No ECC, Clearance from BPR-FMB, Building Permit, SEP Clearance, Quarry Permit, Geohazard Identification Report, NWRB Water Permit  b. On Going Operation despite issuance of CDO from FMB  c. Titled Property within BPR d. within Unclassified Public Forest	a. Contractor to Stop Operation b. Install signage "Notice to the Public" c. Reiteration of previous issued CDO <i>Note: DENR CO recommended to identify area outside BPR; LGU Coron will appeal to the Secretary this 2nd week of June</i> d. PMRB will issue CDO to the contractor of the aggregate	DENR CENRO, BPRMO, BLGU-San Nicolas, LGU		



	MOUNTAIN QUARRY IN SAN NICOLAS	No ECC, SEP Clearance, Quarry Permit, Clearance from BPR  within BPR Boundary  waiting for the CDO to be issued by the MGB	EMB will issue CDO on May 27 and immediately the contractor to submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB and presented to the Body  EMB to request MGB assistance	428 Hi-Tech Group Inc. and BCT Construction Inc.  CENRO-Secretariat of Inter-Agency Task Force Coron		
	BELLA TIOTANGCO	a. CDO was already issued by MGB on Dec 1, 2021 due to extraction outside permit area  b. CDO issued by EMB  c. Improper excavation method resulting to steep/unstable slope	a. Contractor to submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation  b. Once approved, Rehabilitation Plan to be presented to the Body for information	Bella Tiotangco		
	Proposed Govt. Buildings and Facilities located at Sitio Dipulao, Brgy. Pob. VI, Coron	a. Issued CDO by EMB with recommendation for immediate rehabilitation  b. Ongoing construction of stadium  c. ongoing GSLUP application by LGU	a. To submit rehabilitation plan (mitigating measure, slope protection) to be submitted to the MGB for evaluation, approval and immediate implementation  b. Secure ECC for the proposed building project within titled property (including SEP Clearance)	LGU		2 weeks

AGREED BY:



**PHOTO-DOCUMENTATION DURING THE CONDUCT OF INTER-AGENCY  
CONSULTATION DIALOGUE AT CORON WESTOWN, CORON, PALAWAN AND  
OCULAR INSPECTION ON MAY 26, 2022**



RED Lormelyn E. Claudio delivering her message to the stakeholder, guests and visitors.



Photo documentation during the discussion in the dialogue to address environmental issues and concerns in Coron, Palawan



Photos during the ocular inspection site near Discovery Island

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Photos during the ocular inspection near the drainage system of CBDP



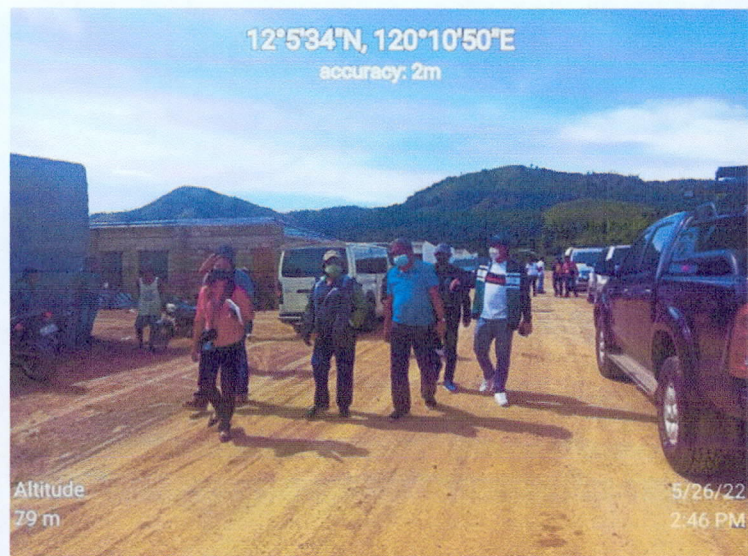
Ocular inspection near the community household present on the area



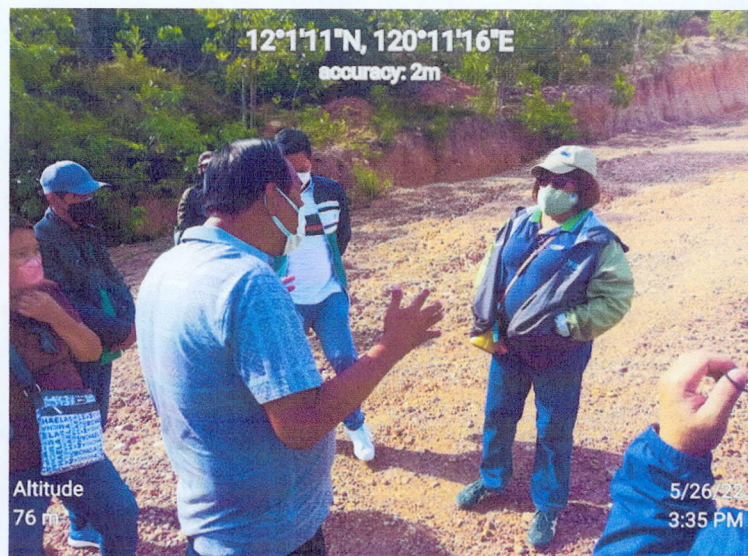
Ocular inspection at the boundaries of first and second phase reclaimed project

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Inspection on the housing project of NHA at San Nicolas, Coron, Palawan



Inspection on the Development Site of LGU with GSLUP at So. Dipulao, Coron, Palawan



Inspection in the Quarry area of Bella Tiotangco at Sitio Lamud, Poblacion (left) and Illegal Quarry at San Nicolas, Coron Palawan (right)

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