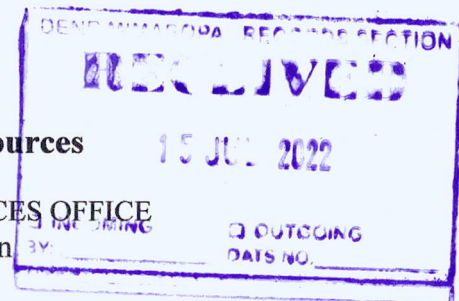




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July 1, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
1515 L and S Bldg., Roxas Boulevard
Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED RECLAMATION
IN BARANGAY TAGUMPAY, CORON, PALAWAN**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum of CENRO Coron, Palawan dated May 25, 2022 relative the above subject.


Per memorandum, CENRO Coron submitted the investigation report of MGB and EMB embedded personnel. The team found out that the reclamation started around 2019 and on the same year the Barangay Council immediately released an ORDER to stop the reclamation in the place due to lack of necessary permits/clearances from different concerned agencies by the project contactor, the JECO Development Corporation.

The proponent or contractor must secure first the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from EMB MIMAROPA, Geohazard Certification from MGB and other pertinent permits/clearances prior the continuation of the project.

For information and further instruction.

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25 May 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED
RECLAMATION IN BRGY. TAGUMPAY, CORON, PALAWAN

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BY: [Signature]
DATE: 06-15-2022 22-5214

Respectfully endorsing is the report of the MGB and EMB personnel staff Casandra Lynda Jalac, Arwin Del Rosario, and Jonald Lenasic dated 17 May 2022 pertaining to the abovementioned subject.

It has been determined that no recent reclamation activity was conducted in the area. Based on the information gathered, the reclamation started circa 2019 however the barangay immediately released an order to stop the reclamation in the area due to the lack of necessary permits from different government offices of the project proponent, JECO Development Corp.

For your information and record.

[Signature]
ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.
CENRO - Coron
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cf: The Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
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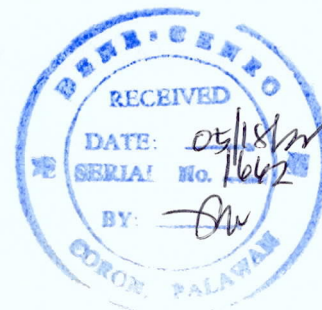
17 May 2022

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM : The Undersigned

SUBJECT : INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED
RECLAMATION IN BRGY. TAGUMPAY, CORON, PALAWAN



This pertains to the instruction from CENRO-Coron dated 16 May 2022 to conduct an immediate investigation on the alleged illegal reclamation situated in Brgy. Tagumpay, Coron. This is in connection with a complaint received by the office.

The investigation was conducted on the same date where it is composed of the following personnel: Ms. Casandra Lynda Jalac of the Mines and Geoscience Bureau MIMAROPA Region, Mr. Arwin del Rosario, and Mr. Jonald Lenasic of the Environmental Management Bureau MIMAROPA Region. Kgw. Benigno Gamboa of the said barangay assisted the undersigned during the inspection.

Background Information

According to the complaint received, there has been a recent reclamation activity in the mentioned barangay. However, the exact location was not provided by the complainant. The subject area was verified in the barangay and was found ~150 m away from the barangay hall. As mentioned, there has been recent dumping of earth materials in the area.

Based on the information gathered, this allegedly reclaimed land is a project of a certain private company. It started its reclamation activity around 2019 (see Annex-1) and in the same year, the barangay issued a stoppage order to the contractor. According to the barangay officials, this order was released due to their lack of the necessary permits/clearances from different offices. To add, the barangay was not also informed regarding the project and for what purpose it is. Furthermore, the Coron Municipal Engineering Office also confirmed that the contractor does not have any permission or appropriate documents from their office to conduct such activity.

Purpose and Scope

The investigation was conducted to verify the alleged reclamation in Brgy. Tagumpay. Additionally, to check the current situation of the site and recommend necessary actions.

This investigation includes an ocular inspection of the subject area, an interview with concerned individuals, and photo documentation.

Findings and Observations

1. The subject area is geographically located at 11° 59' 33" N, 120° 12' 40" E. This is situated within the jurisdiction of Brgy. Tagumpay (Figure 1). This is approximately three km away from CENRO which can be reached within five minutes of travel.



Figure 1. Location map of the investigated alleged reclamation in Brgy. Tagumpay. The white line denotes the barangay boundary. The image is excerpted from Google Earth.

2. The undersigned first paid a courtesy to the barangay to discuss the purpose of the investigation (*see Photo Documentation*). A brief discussion with the barangay secretary and Kgw. Gamba was conducted. Based on the barangay officials, they were not aware of the recent dumping in the subject area. No trucks were also observed passing during the day in the past few days. If given that the complaint is true, this allegation might have happened during the night as presumed by the barangay secretary. Kgw. Gamba further mentioned that the barangay has already issued a stoppage order in 2019 with which the contractor complied. This order, however, was not provided to the undersigned.
3. The undersigned further asked the barangay officials if they know the source of the filling materials. However, they have no idea who might the supplier be. Regarding the area, the barangay mentioned that it is private property but not titled to the contractor. The contractor only has a tax declaration for the said area.
4. At the subject area, Mr. Jumil Pistaño – security officer, accompanied the undersigned during the inspection. No recent dumping of earth materials was noticed on the site.

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Moreover, plants were already growing on the piles of aggregates, no tire tracks were spotted, and all the earth materials are also compacted (*see Photo Documentation*). These pieces of evidence only indicate that no recent activity occurs at the site. This was also confirmed by the officer on site. As mentioned by Mr. Pistaño, the contractor of this project is JECO Development Corp. Although, he has no idea about the plan and purpose of the site. The possible source of the filling materials was asked by the undersigned, but Mr. Pistaño also does not know where it came from.


5. The Municipal Engineering Office of Coron also confirmed that the JECO Development Corp. has not acquired any permit from their office (*see Annex-2*).
6. The size of the reclaimed land is approximately measured by the undersigned. Its dimension is 30 m long, 22 m wide, and 2 m in height (*see Photo Documentation*).

Comments and Recommendations

1. Based on the result of the investigation, the project proponent is recommended to acquire the necessary permits/clearances from the different concerned government offices.
 - a. Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from EMB MIMAROPA
 - b. Geohazard Certificate from MGB
 - c. Others
2. The proponent is also asked to explain/discuss where the earth materials were extracted. The CSAG/Quarry Permit should be provided together with the Delivery Receipts.
3. To CENRO-Coron, to issue a Notice of Violation if found necessary.
4. To the barangay, to closely monitor the subject area.

For your reference, record, and further instruction(s).


Arwin Del Rosario
EnMO-PMS
EMB MIMAROPA


Jonald Lenasic
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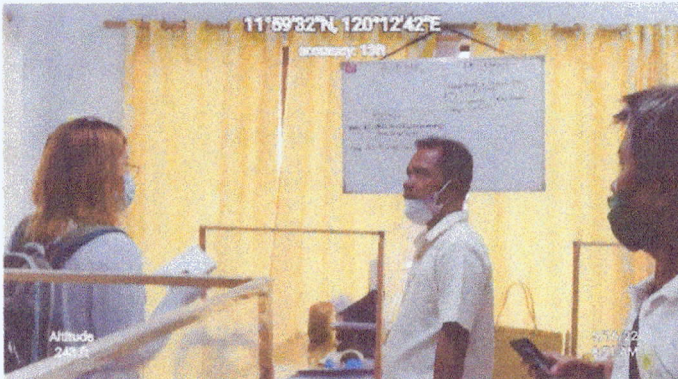
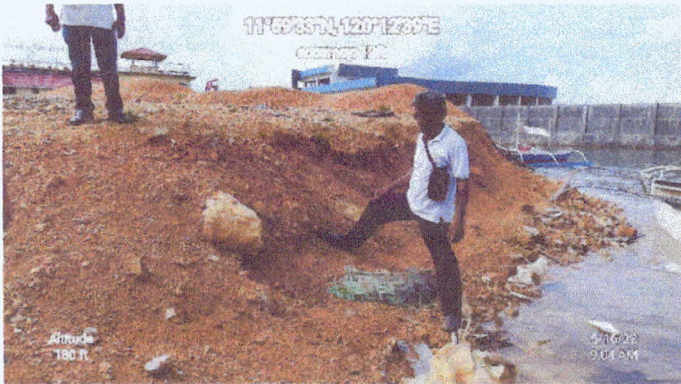

Casandra Lynda Jalac
Science Research Specialist II
MGB MIMAROPA – Embedded Personnel

Photo Documentation



The undersigned during the courtesy call and brief discussion in the barangay.



The observed reclaimed area. No evidence of recent dumping at the site was observed as plants were already present and tire marks were not noticed. Approximate height of the area is two meters.



Kgwd. Gamboa and Mr. Pistaño accompany the undersigned during the inspection.

Annex-1



SATELLITE IMAGES OF THE LGU-PROJECT
SINCE 2019 TO 2021

Annex-2



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MUNICIPALITY OF CORON
MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING OFFICE



CERTIFICATION

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

May 17, 2022

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the office did not issue any necessary permits to **JECO Development Corp.** for their on-going operations in Barangay Tagumpay Coron, Palawan.

This certification is issued this 17th day of May, 2022 at Coron, Palawan.

IKE D. PARANGUE
Municipal Engineer