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MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR-MIMAROPA Region

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REQUEST

FROM

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

ON

SUBJECT

THE **PROSECUTION**

OF

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIMES

FOR

Respectfully forwarded are the memoranda from CENROs of Brooke's Point dated July 01, 2022, Coron dated June 30, 2022, Taytay dated June 22, 2022, Quezon dated June 30, 2022, Puerto Princesa dated July 7, 2022 and Roxas dated July 7, 2022 relative the above subject.

DATA

Records show that all the CENROs submitted the data on the prosecution of environmental crimes per memorandum of Asst. Secretary for Legal Affairs Atty. Michelle Angelica D. Go, LL.M., CESO II, as follows:

- CENRO Brooke's Point recorded ninety-four (94) filed criminal cases for violation of Section 77 and 78 of PD 705, as amended from CY 2015 to CY 2021. Of which, two (2) of them were dismissed, one (1) decided guilty and one (1) has an application for plea bargaining while the rest are still under court litigation.
- 2. CENRO Coron recorded thirteen (13) filed criminal cases for violation of Section 77 and 78 of PD 705, as amended. Of which, six (6) decided guilty and seven (7) have on going hearings or court litigations.
- CENRO Taytay have twenty-eight (28) filed criminal cases for violation of Section 77 and 78 of PD 705, as amended, Republic Act No. 11038 (ENIPAS Act), Republic Act 10591 (Comprehensive Law on Firearm and Ammunition)-duly filed by PNP, Republic Act No. 9147 (Wildlife Act) and Republic Act No. 9175 or Chainsaw Act of 2002 as of year 2021. There are fourteen (14) cases that have on-going court litigations, nine (9) had decided guilty and five (5) cases with no update from the court.
- 4. CENRO Quezon have thirty-seven (37) filed criminal cases against forest violators from year 2018-2022. Thirteen (13) of which have already a verdict, twenty-one (21) for filing and/or ongoing litigations, two (2) were dismissed and one (1) is considered archived due to the death of the accused. In addition, ten (10) cases were filed by PNP Rizal, Palawan.
- CENRO Puerto Princesa have twenty-nine (29) filed criminal cases against forest violators as of June 2022. Of which, fifteen (15) have on going litigations, nine (9) were already convicted, three (3) were acquitted, one (1) dismissed and one (1) is on archive status.
- CENRO Roxas have ninety (90) filed criminal cases against forest violators as of June 2022. Of which, thirty-one (31) have on going litigations, six (6) were already convicted, six (6) were dismissed, two (2) are on archive status and forty-five (45) cases were no update/records are not clear.

For information and further instruction.

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Legal Office, DENR PENRO Palawar File/2022-008ACG MES Do ENLA No. 2022-5792, 2022-5729, 2022-5623, 2022-5993, 2022-6074 and 2022-G/IZ DENR-PAI