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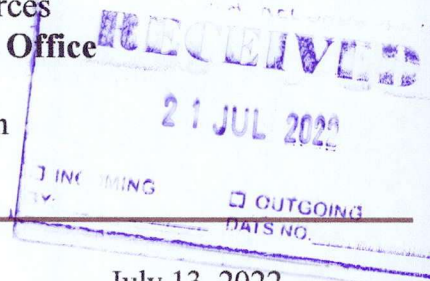
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July 13, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd.
Ermita, Manila

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF OIL SPILL INCIDENT FROM
TOURIST BOAT WITHIN BACUIT BAY**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated June 30, 2022 from CENRO Taytay along with the Report on the issue of Oil Spill Incident from tourist boat within Bacuit Bay, El Nido, Palawan.

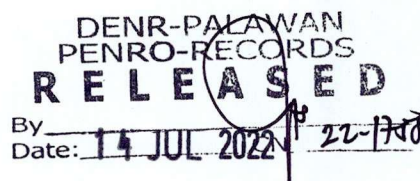
For information and record.

“For the PENRO”

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ANGELICA D. VERIAN

Senior Forest Management Specialist/NGP Provincial Coordinator
In-Charge Office of the PENRO





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DENR CENRO
PALAWAN RECORDS
RECEIVED

June 30, 2022

BY: [Signature]
DATE: 07062022 22-6031

MEMORANDUM

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

Attention : Provincial Environment Management Office (PEMO)
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
This jurisdiction

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF OIL SPILL INCIDENT FROM
TOURIST BOAT WITHIN BACUIT BAY**

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated June 28, 2022 of Chief, EMS Taytay Nicaith Trishia B. Enrile concerning the above subject.

Please be informed, that Ms. Enrile coordinated with Mr. Catague of Philippine Coast Guard-El Nido on the matter and accordingly, their station had already sent a letter to Mr. Benny Lim, the president of the El Nido Pump Boat Owner's Association (ENPO) to remind their members to observe the proper discharge of disposable waste fuel in Bacuit Bay. Further, Mr. Jason Paigma from MENRO of El Nido stated that they will discuss the matter during the upcoming meeting of El Nido Island Management Authority and Tourism Council.

In furtherance, an ambient sampling was also conducted and the water samples were immediately transported to the PEMU-Laboratory for analysis.

For his information and record.

For and in the absence of the CENRO:

DENR CENRO
TAYTAY, PALAWAN
RELEASED

BY: [Signature]
DATE: JUL 04 2022 1582

[Signature]
ALEXANDER E. MANCIO
SEMS/Chief, RPS
In Charge, Office of the CENRO

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **ALAN VALLE**
CENRO TAYTAY

THRU : **MILDRED SUZA**
PASU - ENTMRPA

FROM : **CHIEF, EMS - TAYTAY**

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE ISSUE OF OIL SPILL INCIDENT FROM TOURIST
BOAT WITHIN BACUIT BAY.**

DATE : **JUNE 28, 2022**

DENR CENRO
TAYTAY
4-24-22 3301

BACKGROUND

This pertains to the issue that arise via social media platform that was posted by a concerned citizen regarding an oil spill sighting when the Bacuit Bay was taken a drone shot picture on 21 June 2022.

ACTION TAKEN

On 24 June 2022, the undersigned coordinated with the Philippine Coast Guard – El Nido on actions taken by their office regarding the issue and was able to interview Mr. Catague which he said that on the same day the issue arose, their office immediately deployed PO2 Muyo and himself apprentice Catague to inspect the area where the oil spill from tourist boats occurred. A copy of their activity report was given to me as reference. (Please see Annex A).

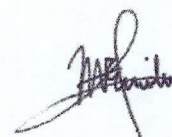
An ambient sampling activity with the requested parameter of oil & grease was also conducted on 27 June 2022 together with the PAMO – ENTMRPA technical personnel Steven John Andao, staff and the water samples were immediately transported to the Provincial Environmental Management Unit (PEMU) – Laboratory for analysis. (Please see Annex B).

Afterwards, an interview with the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office' (MENRO) personnel Mr. Jason Paigma is conducted, and he said that the issue oil spills come from clearing water from the engine part of tourist boats began ever since tourism started in El Nido and since then the LGU's action taken on the issue is only to conduct meetings, but no ordinances or restrictions are released yet. He also mentioned that the MARINA released an order that older boats should be pulled out and must be modified into fiber glass boats and if possible, require the usage of filters when cleaning their boat engines.

In addition, Mr. Paigma said that the issue regarding the matter is yet to be discussed in the upcoming meeting of El Nido Island Management Authority and Tourism Council.

Please see attached supporting documents and pictures attached.

For information and record.



NICAITH TRISHA B. ENRILE



SOCIAL MEDIA POST OF THE OIL SPILL ISSUE





SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

ANNEX A



Philippine Coast Guard
Headquarters Coast Guard District Palawan
COAST GUARD STATION EL NIDO
Brgy. Buena Suerte, El Nido, Palawan
Contact No: (0906) 449 4802

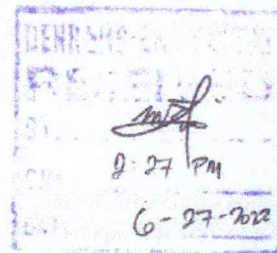


June 26, 2022

MS NICAITH TRISHA B. ENRILE
Chief, EMS-Taytay

Dear Ma'am,

Warm Greetings!



This pertains to your letter regarding the oil spill issue posted via a social media platform that transpired last June 21, 2022, at Bacuit Bay, El Nido, Palawan. Immediately upon receipt of the information on June 21, 2022, this station deployed its personnel to verify the veracity of the said information (**encl**); however, the said verification yielded to a negative result. Furthermore, one of the crews of the red motorbanca captured in the photo near the alleged oil spill incident was requested to give his statement for possible involvement of the motorbanca. However, the crew denied their motorbanca's involvement and stated that they are aware of the existing policy and guidelines on the proper discharge and disposal of waste fuel and have never done such.

Relatedly, this station also sent a letter to Mr. Benly Lim, the president of the El Nido Pump Boat Owners Association (ENPOA), dated June 23, 2022, regarding the issue mentioned above, to remind their members to observe the proper discharge and disposal of waste fuel.

Moreover, concerning your intention for the possible conduct of water sampling activity on June 27, 2022, Monday, at 8:00 a.m. along the ambient portion of Maligaya, Masagana, Buena Suerte, and Corong-corong, El Nido, Palawan, we will be deploying this station's Excalibur to render assistance with your activity.

As your partner agency in ensuring the sustainability of our country's marine environment, we assure you that we will cooperate on the continuation of addressing this issue thoroughly.

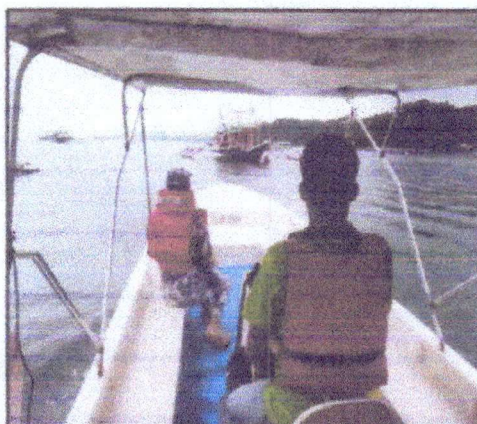
Truly yours,

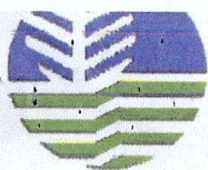
CG CDR DIOMEDES P BUNGAY
Station Commander, Coast Guard Station El Nido

Received by:
6/27/2022
8:00 AM



**PHOTOS TAKEN ON 21 JUNE 2022 DURING VERIFICATION
OF THE SAID ISSUE**





SAMPLING ACTIVITY PHOTOS





ANNEX B

WATER QUALITY MONITORING
FIELD DATA FORMName of Waterbody: Bacuit BayAddress El Nido, PalawanDate of Sampling: 6/27/2022Sampling Test NTE & RMR

	Sampling Site				
	1	2	3	4	
	CORONG CORONG	MASAGANA	MALIGAYA	BUENA SUERTE	
GPS Coordinates	11.1701 N 119.3935 E	11.1847 N 119.3911 E	11.1822 N 119.3906 E	11.1810 N 119.3891 E	
Time of Sampling	9:50 am	10:40 am	10:44 am	10:50 am	
Air Temperature	70	70	70	70	
Cloud Cover, %	70	70	70	70	
Weather Condition	GLOOMY	GLOOMY	GLOOMY	GLOOMY	
Visual Color of Water	CLEAR	CLEAR	CLEAR	CLEAR	
Other Observation	NUMEROUS DOCKED BOATS		WITH PEOPLE SWIMMING		

On-Site Analysis

pH	7.43	8.85	8.61	8.45	
Temperature	30.05	30.04	30.31	30.22	
DO	5.58	5.18	4.9	5.52	
Conductivity	54.23	54.04	54.6	54.41	
TDS	32.15	32.04	32.24	32.16	
Salinity	32.2	32.08	32.29	32.21	
Turbidity					

Sample for Laboratory Analysis

Parameters for Analysis	Sample Volume (mL)	Container Type	Sampling Method	Preservation Done
OIL & GREASE	1,000	Sterilized Glass Bottle	GRAB	ICE & ACIDIFIED

SAMPLED BY: (signature over printed name)

NICAITH TRISHA ENRILE

RIO M. REYES

STEVEN ANDAO