June 27, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

MIMAROPA Regional

FROM

The PENRO

Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON THE

CONDUCTED INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN WITH CHAINSAW OPERATORSAT BRGY. BATUHAN, POLA, ORIENTAL

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Forwarded is the report of CENRO Socorro regarding the above-cited subject conducted in Brgy. Batuhan, Pola, Oriental Mindoro on June 14, 2022.

Please be informed that a total of thirty-three (33) chainsaw operators had attended the said meeting. It aims to educate/inform the operators in the provisions of R.A. 9175 and its implementing rules and regulations.

For information and record.

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In-Charge, PENRO Oriental Mindoro

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MEMORANDUM

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The PENR Officer

Suqui, Calapan City

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The CENR Officer

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SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF MEETING ON THE CONDUCTED INFORMAITON EDUCATION AND

COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN WITH CHAINSAW OPERATORS AT BARANGAY BATUHAN,

POLA, ORIENTAL MINDORO

Forwarding herewith the minutes of the IEC conducted on June 14, 2022 at Brgy. Batuhan, Pola, Oriental Mindoro.

A total of 33 Chainsaw Operators (23-male and 10 female) had attended the said meeting. The meeting aims to inform them on the regulations of DENR about Republic Act 9175 "Chainsaw Act of 2002" and DAO 2020-18 also known as "Promoting tree plantation development and liberalizing harvesting and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives for inclusive growth and sustainable development".

Attached are the minutes of meeting, attendance and geo-tagged photos.

For information and record.

ROPEL M. BOYLES

IEC MEETING WITH CHAINSAW OPERATORS June 14, 2022 Brgy. Batuhan, Pola, Oriental Mindoro

I. OPENING PROGRAM

The IEC meeting was headed by DMO IV, Leo G. Capon together with some personnel of Regulation and Permitting Section (RPS) and Monitoring and Enforcement Section (MES). The meeting was attended by Chainsaw operators from the municipality of Pola, Naujan, Gloria, Pinamalayan and Roxas. A total of 33 (23-male and 10 female) had attended the said meeting. The meeting started at 10:00 o'clock in the morning with an opening prayer followed by and roll call of attendees.

Message

Ms. Gerlie Ann B. Magmanlac, president of Coco-lumber traders in Oriental Mindoro, gave her gratitude to DENR for reaching them to address their concerns on the registration of Chainsaw. She said that as a Chainsaw operator, they had their clamor on the number of Chainsaw to be registered because of some unpredictable factors. She requested the DENR to allow them to register more than two (2) Chainsaw for one operator.

For. Leo G. Capon, DMO IV, said that being the primary agency in the protection of our Natural Resources, one of the task of CENRO Socorro is to regulate the use of Chainsaw and one way to regulate is to limit the number of Chainsaw for one person. The more you have Chainsaw, the more chances to cut more trees and we don't want that to happen, he added. He also mentioned that CENRO Rodel M. Boyles wants two (2) Registered Chainsaw per individual if needed so that the rampant cutting of trees in the forest lands will be avoided.

II. OBJECTIVES

a. To inform the Chainsaw operators on regulations of DENR about Chainsaw.

III. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Chainsaw Act

Forester Jessilyn Villanueva, presented and discussed R.A. 9175 "Chainsaw Act of 2002" and its IRR. He explained the following:

- a. Persons authorized to manufacture, sell and import Chainsaws;
- b. Persons authorized to purchase, transfer the ownership, import, manufacture, distribute, and/or sell, re-sell chainsaws- She mentioned that

- the authorized by DENR to sell and re-sell in this province is the Coolut trading located in Calapan City.
- c. Persons authorized to own, possess and use chainsaws. She said that this is one of the challenging requirement because if you don't have plantation or cannot show proof that the Chainsaw will be used for lawful purposes, your request for Chainsaw Registration will be denied.
- d. She also presented the requirements for the issuance of Certificate of Registration for new application and for renewal application. She reiterated the Registration fee is only 500.00 pesos. She encourage everyone to transact only to authorized DENR personnel in registering Chainsaw.
- e. She mentioned the issuing authority for permit to import and manufacture valid for one (1) year, the approving authority is Regional Executive Director (RED), for permit to purchase, transfer of ownership and/or sell, re-sell/dispose/distribute chainsaws valid for one (1) year, the approving authority is the CENRO and for Certificate of Registration valid for two (2) year the approving authority is the CENRO.

She also mentioned that all registered Chainsaw this year 2022 will be given sticker for free to easily monitor the Chainsaw if registered or not. She requested all the owner of the registered Chainsaw for CY 2022 to bring them in the office to put the DENR sticker in the visible part.

Forester Villanueva also discussed some penal provisions under this law:

In Section 12.1 "Selling, purchasing, reselling, transferring, distribution or possessing a chainsaw without a proper permit" the penalty is imprisonment of four (4) years, two (2) months and one (1) day to six (6) years, fine of not less than 15,000.00 to 30,000.00 depends on the discretion of the court and the Chainsaw will be confiscated in favor of the government.

In Section 12.2 "unlawful importation or manufacturing of chainsaw" the penalty is imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months and fine not less than 1,000.00 to 4,000.00.

In Section 12.3 "Tampering of Engine Serial number" Imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months and fine of not less than Php 1,000.00 nor more than Php 4,000.00. She mentioned that all tampered Chainsaw will not be registered anymore unless you bring the damage Crankcase of the Chainsaw to the office before replacing it with same serial number.

b. Requirements for the registration of private tree plantation

Because one of the requirements in Chainsaw Registration is must have plantation, she discussed DAO 2020-18 also known as "Promoting tree plantation development and liberalizing harvesting and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives for inclusive growth and sustainable development".

She further explained Section 6 of the said DAO. "Planted Trees in Private Land", Private landowner shall follow these harvesting and transportation guidelines:

- 1. When private landowner will engage in tree plantation, he/ she shall register said plantation to the nearest CENRO Office. No fees shall be collected by the CENRO;
- 2. No tree cutting permit and Self-Monitoring Form (SMF) are required in harvesting and transporting harvested logs from registered plantations. Only Certification is issued;
- 3. For ease of transport, the logs and tree derivatives shall be accompanied by the original copy of Certification stating that the products are from the landowner's private property. The Certification shall be displayed prominently in the vehicle where the log and derivatives will be carried;
- 4. When the logs and tree derivatives will only be used inside the landowner's private property, no Certification shall be needed.

She also mentioned the requirements for the registration of private tree plantation such as:

- 1. Letter request of the landowner of his/her intension address to CENRO Rodel M. Boyles;
- 2. BLGU and LGU Certification stating "that there are planted trees in the said private titled property;
- 3. Authenticated copy of title (Register of Deeds). If title is awarded by the Department of Agrarian reform (DAR), secure certification from DAR:
- 4. Tax Declaration.

DMO IV, Leo Capon clarifies that only registered trees are allowed to cut without cutting permit otherwise the cut trees are illegal and subject for apprehension. He encouraged the participants to register the trees in their farm even the fruit bearing trees so that when the fruit bearing trees are not already productive, you can just easily cut and utilize it for charcoal production.

VII. OPEN FORUM

Question 1.	Mrs. Magmanlac said that she invited the coconut traders and Chainsaw operators for them to understand and inquire also about the legalities of having more than 2 Chainsaw. She admitted that she owned 8 Chainsaw and was registered under the name of his operators. Her questioned is If your policy is to have only 2 Chainsaw per trader this is a big problem for us because Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) gives us only 3 days to cut and slice 50 coconut trees and using 2 Chainsaw in 3 days is
A	impossible. DMO IV Lee Compressed that the relieve of the CENIDO is to have 2
Answer	DMO IV, Leo Capon said that the policy of the CENRO is to have 2 registered Chainsaw per individual, if you have 8 Chainsaw and was registered under the name of your operators and there is no problem about that. The 2 Chainsaw is not per trader but it's per individual so you can register your other Chainsaw under the name of your operators. But take note in your Chainsaw permit, it was stated that the Chainsaw purpose will only be used for coconut trees and not for forest and fruit bearing trees. If you used in the cutting of trees except coconut, your Chainsaw is subject for apprehension. If you want to cut other trees than coconut,

	you may comply the requirements for the registration of Chainsaw for the purpose of cutting of trees.
Question 2.	What about the traders that are not involved in the cutting of trees, Do they need to register or endorsed individual who has no proof of legality as requirements in Chainsaw registration?
Answer	Forester Jessilyn said that only the traders involved in cutting and selling has allowed to endorse. May I request the list of traders involved in cutting and selling so that we have the basis to reject those endorsed by the traders who are not involved in cutting of trees.
Question 3.	Can we register assembled Chainsaw?
Answer	DMO IV, Leo Capon said that it was stated in the Chainsaw act that assembled/tampered cannot be registered and those are subject for apprehension of this office and take note even PNP and Philippine Army can apprehend illegal Chainsaw.
Question 4.	How about those assembled Chainsaw that are currently registered? Can we renew it?
Answer	DMO IV, Leo Capon as discussed while a ago, you may bring the destroyed Crankcase in the office as proof of evidence.
Question 5.	As Chainsaw owner, can we register our Chainsaw even if we have no cutting permit issued by PCA?
Answer	Forester Jessilyn said that as per CENRO Boyles, it cannot be registered because cutting permit is one of the requirements in Chainsaw registration. I will repeat, if you submitted requirements for the purpose of cutting of Coconut and the Chainsaw is solely for Coconut only. But if you submitted requirements for the purpose of cutting of trees other than coconut then you may use your Chainsaw in cutting of trees other than Coconut with cutting permit.
Question 6.	As trader, can we register Chainsaw even if we have no cutting permit issued by PCA?
Answer	Forester Jessilyn said, Yes, because as trader you need Chainsaw in your business establishment.
Question 7.	Can we register our Chainsaw before the expiration of Certificate of Registration?
Answer	Forester Jessilyn said, Yes po. As long as you have cutting permit if you are not a trader.
Question 8.	As trader, can we give endorsement to more than 2 individual who has Chainsaw?
Answer	Forester Jessilyn remind the traders to be cautious in giving endorsement because there is a case wherein 2 individual with endorsement coming from same trader who are registering their Chainsaw. CENRO Boyles asked them if they know each other and they said No. Please be careful on giving your cutting permit/endorsement to other, because they might give that also to other.

VIII. CLOSING REMARKS

DMO Leo Capon ended the meeting by expressing his gratitude to all the participants coming from the different municipalities. He hopes the Chainsaw operators to abide laws and become partners in the protection of our Natural Resources.

The meeting ended at around 12:20 PM.

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CENR Office

Geo-tagged photos during the IEC Meeting held at Brgy. Batuhan, Pola, Oriental Mindoro









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