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May 31, 2022

### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

DENR - MIMAROPA, 1515 L&S Building

Roxas, Blvd., Ermita, Manila

**FROM** 

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED INVESTIGATION

REGARDING THE REPORTED ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN BARANGAY SAGRADA, BUSUANGA.

PALAWAN WITHIN THE BPR

Forwarded is the Memorandum dated May 13, 2022 from CENRO – Coron, Palawan along with the investigation report dated May 12, 2022 from BPR Management Office relative to the alleged sash and burn (kaingin) activities within the Busuanga Pasture Reserved.

Further, this Office has instructed the CENRO concerned to immediately implement the stated recommendations and to file necessary complaint at the Provincial Prosecutor, if so warrants.

Also attached are geo-tagged photos, location map and other pertinent documents for reference.

For information and further instruction.

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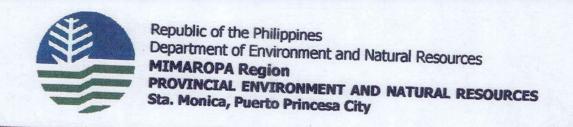
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June 02, 2022

## MEMORA NDUM

TO

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer DENR, Coron, Palawan

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The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

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BUSUANGA, PALAWAN, WITHIN BPR

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2. That the actual area occupied is 21,636 square meters and it is situated inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1387 issued in 1975.

That there exist a violation of Section 77, as amended by RA 7161.

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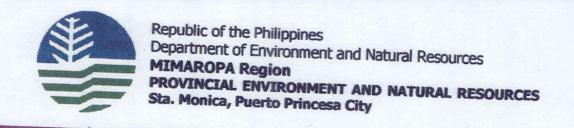
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THRU

The PENR Officer

**DENR-PENRO** Palawan

Santa Monica, Puerto Princesa City

Palawan

FROM

The CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

SUBJECT

REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF INVESTIGATION

DENR PENRO

DATE 0 7- 20202-416

REGARDING THE REPORTED ALLEGED ILLEGAL ACTIVITY IN BRGY. SAGRADA, BUSUANGA, PALAWAN

WITHIN THE BPR

DATE

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Respectfully forwarded is the investigation report of the BPR Management Office regarding the investigation conducted on illegal activity in Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan within BPR.

Based on the report, the following findings and recommendations were disclosed:

- 1. During the conduct of the field investigation, it was found that the kaingin area allegedly owned by Mr. Delos Santos occupied a parcel of a lot within the BPR with an approximate area of 21, 636 square meters or 2.16 hectares, documentation also shows that there is an increase in the coverage of kaingin as compared to the previous activity.
- 2. Based on the results of the investigation, the area of the kaingin is inside the Busuanga Pasture Reserve pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1387 issued in 1975. This Proclamation is an established fact that the Busuanga Pasture Reserve is government property. While it indicates a proviso "subject prior to private rights".
- 3. The said unlawful activity violates Section 77 "Cutting, Gathering and/ or collecting Timber or other Forest without License" of P.D. 705 as amended and in violation of Section 78 "Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands Any person who enters and occupies or possesses, or makes kaingin for his own private use or for others, any forest land or grazing land without authority

under a license agreement, lease, license or permit, or in any manner" of P.D.705 as amended.

### Recommendations

- 1. Send a communication letter addressed to Mr. Silvestre Delos Santos and other personalities involved regarding existing laws and regulations pertaining to the parcel of land they occupied siting Presidential Proclamation 1387 issued in 1975 and the violation they have committed the unlawful occupation violates Section 78 of P.D. 705. Furthermore, inquire about the above personality's legal documents on their occupation in the said area.
- 2. It is also recommended that Ms. Cabarino, Mr. Delos Santos, and Kagawad Alarcon with the representative of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) will be invited by the Office for a dialogue/ meeting regarding this matter.
  - 3. Regular patrol within the subject areas using Lawin Monitoring and Patrolling to deter illegal activity observed at the subject place.

For the Regional Executive Director's information and record.

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Date: 05-12-2022

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**MEMORANDUM** 

FOR

The CENR Officer

CENRO Calamianes Islands

Coron, Palawan

FROM

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SUBJECT

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DOCUMENT

ATTACHED :

1. Photo Documentation

2. Map

DATE

MAY 1 2 2022

In compliance with Travel Order No. 2022-084 dated April 28, 2022, respectfully submitted is the report of the BPRMO personnel regarding the conduct of investigation on the reported alleged illegal activity in So. Kiwit, Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR.

### Reference

On March 2022 it was observed by the undersigned that there is an increase in the coverage of kaingin as compared to the previous activity So. Kiwit. Also, there is a report from one of the residents of So. Kiwit to the BPRMO personnel with regards to the alleged illegal activity in So. Kiwit, Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan within the BPR.

## Field Investigation

Onsite of the investigation, the undersigned documented the extent of the kaingin activity in So. Kiwit, Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga, Palawan. Some personnel gathered GPS readings of the perimeter of the parcel land which will be used later in mapping the whole area occupied and to further determine the area coverage of the parcel lot. The undersigned observed that there is an increase in the coverage of kaingin as compared to the previous activity. Also, no person was present on-site during the investigation. Thus, the undersigned proceeded to the Brgy. Sagrada to gather information about the reported kaingin activity.

According to Barangay Secretary Gema Cabarino, a certain Mr. Silvestre Delos Santos is the owner of the area and a member of a certain group of Katutubo that was doing kaingin activity. However, Ms. Cabarino did not give further information, instead, she gave the name of the person who knows and can give details regarding the said activity in the subject area, a certain Kagawad Liberato Alarcon. She also gave her contact number to the undersigned.

Since a certain Mr. Delos Santos and Kagawad Alarcon were not around during the investigation, the undersigned advised Ms. Cabarino that she will be contacted by the Office thru phone call to know when will these certain personalities involved are present in the Barangay and to have further information regarding the reported kaingin activity.

However, on May 5-6, 2022, the undersigned tried to contact Ms. Cabarino thru a phone call but there was no clear response when will Kagawad Alarcon was available to talk. Also, even during the onsite investigation, they refused to give any further information regarding the reported activity.

With this, the undersigned recommends that Ms. Cabarino, Mr. Delos Santos, and Kagawad Alarcon with the representative of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) will be given an invitation letter by the Office for a dialogue/ meeting regarding this matter.

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For the CENR Officer's information, reference, and further instruction/s if any.

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## PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Figure 1. Front view of the kaingin area at So. Kiwit, Brgy. Sagrada, Busuanga Palawan



Figure 2. Left side view of the kaingin area



Figure 3. Right side view of the kaingin area



Figure 4. View at the back of the kaingin area





Figure 5. Interview of the undersigned with Barangay Secretary Gema Cabarino near the Barangay Hall

