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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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FROM : The Provincial Environment and
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SUBJECT : **RESULT OF THE TWO (2) DAYS MOUNT MANTALINGAHAN
PROTECTED LANDSCAPE (MMPL) LAW ENFORCEMENT
WORKSHOP HELD ON APRIL 28-29, 2022 AT AZIZA
PARADISE HOTEL, PUERTO PRINCESA CITY, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated May 11, 2022 from the Assistant Chief of Monitoring and Enforcement Section along with the Report on the two (2) days Enforcement Workshop for Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL).


The workshop was conducted on April 28-29, 2022 at the Aziza Paradise Hotel, spearheaded by the Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscape (SIBOL) Project.

For information and record.

“For and in the absence of the PENRO”


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FROM : The Undersigned

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In compliance with the instruction of PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc, respectfully submitted is the report of the undersigned relative the above-mentioned subject.

The Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) is a protected area by virtue of Presidential Proclamation 1815 signed on June 23, 2009. Its mountain range is located 140 kilometers southwest of Puerto Princesa City. It covers a total area of 120,457 hectares within the territorial jurisdiction of the municipalities of Bataraza, Brooke's Point, Quezon, Rizal, and Sofronio Espanola. The peak of Mt. Mantalingahan towering at 2085 meters above sea level is the highest peak in the province and considered sacred by the indigenous Palawan people.

The management of Protected Area Management Office of MMPL enjoined all concerned stakeholders to conduct a two (2) days workshop on law enforcement to determine the coverage and areas to focus in relation to the number of apprehensions and other concerns in relation to enforcement of environmental laws and other related activities.

A. FINDINGS/OBSERVATIONS:


The following are the result of the two (2) days Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape enforcement workshop, to wit:

1. The workshop was spearheaded by the Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscape (SIBOL) Project. It was attended by all concerned stakeholders of the government, academe, people's organization, military-police, environmental law enforcement personnel and the representative from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (*see attached photos as ANNEX "A"*).
2. The workshop outputs (maps and data) were presented to the plenary and immediately verified, commented and the final result will be forms part of the management plan to be implemented in the whole MMPL area relative to environmental enforcement activities.
3. The SIBOL Team and workshop facilitators will consolidate all the outputs by the participants and the final result will be presented to the members of Protected Area Management Board for appropriate action specifically the allocation of budgetary requirements to all identified program of activities.

B. COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. It was observed during deliberations/workshop that various environmental illegal activities are rampant in the areas particularly near to the accessibilities of people. Those physical features of accessibilities are roads, trails, rivers and the like.
2. Wildlife poaching is one of the major threats identified. It was followed by timber poaching or generally called illegal logging. Slash and burn practices are also contributed to the diminishing vegetative cover of MMPL. Encroachment of communities to the upland areas is also attributed to the negative impacts to the environment and many more.
3. One of the issues that was pinpointed most by the participants is the undisputed high trends of various illegal activities of the people surrounded the MMPL area. Including the easy access in and out of the people coming from nearby barangays that has harsh-motive to the fragile ecosystem of the place. It needs an immediate and collective intervention. Otherwise, we will awaken in the next morning that those precious natural resources of MMPL will slowly eliminated in our eyesight if we cannot make our outright legal actions.
4. In view of the aforementioned realities, the undersigned proposes to the plenary to establish the first ever **"GREAT GREEN WALL OF MMPL"** in the province of Palawan backing-up to its tagged line as "The Last Ecological Frontier" to be established in the edge seaward of the controlled use zone next to the multiple use zone. After minute of deliberations, positive response buzzing to the corners of the venue. In fact, both the representatives from WESCOM and PROVINCIAL PNP pledged a million each of them of seedlings to be planted with them in the proposed area as part of their contribution and commitment to the environment.
5. If time permit, I will develop or make a full blown project proposal on **"GREAT GREEN WALL OF MMPL"** to be presented to the PENR Officer of the province of Palawan.

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ARNEL C. GAMUTIA
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Annex “A” Photographs showing the two (2) days MMPL Law Enforcement Workshop on April 28-29, 2022 at Aziza Paradise Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. Photos taken on April 28 & 29, 2022 by Forester II Arnel C. Gamutia, to wit:



Photo showing the title of the 2 days activity spearheaded by Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscape Project (SIBOL Project).

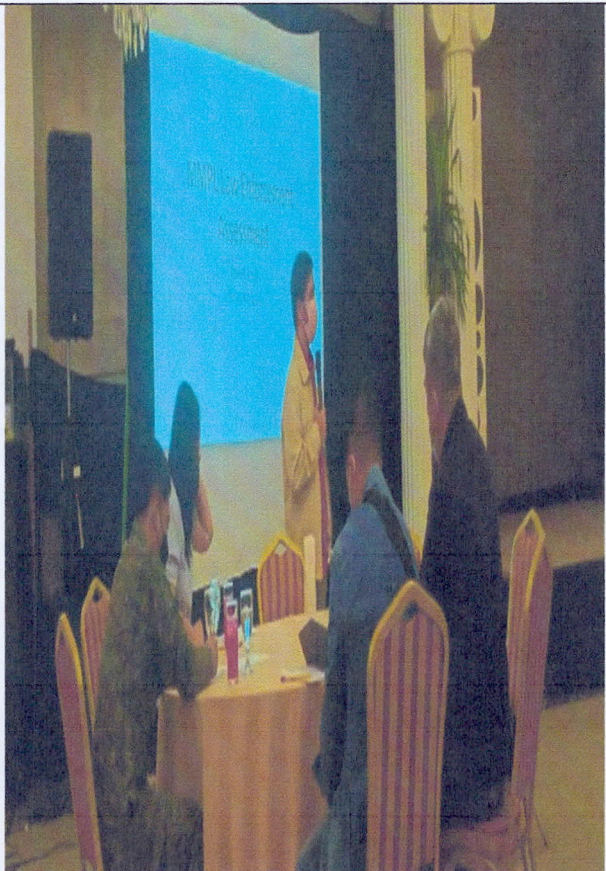


Photo showing the group of participants of the 2 days activity as attentively listened to the instructions given by the resource speaker from SIBOL.



Photo showing one of the corners of participants while listening to the resource speaker from SIBOL.



Photo showing the presentation of one of the groups of participants to the crowd for checking and critiquing.