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The Regional Executive Director

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The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM

The In-Charge, PENRO Romblon

SUBJECT

PROCEEDING OF THE MULTISECTORAL FOREST

PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MFPC) ORIENTATION HELD ON

MARCH 30, 2022

Respectfully submitting the proceedings of the Multisectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC) Orientation as part of the activation/revitalization of MFPC members for deputation as DENROs.

Attached are the following documents:

- 1. Memo from the OIC, MSD and PASu of MGGNP
- 2. Proceedings of MFPC Orientation
- 3. Photo Documentation
- 4. Attendance Sheet

For information and record.

Chief, Management Services Division



April 4, 2022

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Respectfully submitting the proceedings of the Multisectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC) orientation. The main objective of this orientation is to impart the forest laws including PD705, wildlife and chainsaw act. The orientation was organized to help the MFPC members and group volunteers to be knowledgeable about the forest laws and for them to apply it whenever they conduct their patrolling and monitoring within the PA.

Attached are the following: a.) Proceedings of MFPC orientation,

b.) Photo documentation, and c.) Attendance sheets

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MULTISECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE ORIENTATION

Date

March 30, 2022

Venue:

SFARCC Multipurpose hall, Brgy. Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon

A. Preliminaries

• The prayer & singing of the Philippine National Anthem was led by EcoMS I Mylene A. Evallar.

- Introduction of the DENR staffs including Ma'am Shiela Jane Forlales, the guest speaker and the chief of law enforcement, and also the MFPC Chairperson Mr. Ramonito Gubaton.
- On behalf of Honorable Brgy. Captain, Hon. Fausto Bacero, Kagawad Janet Royo welcomed the presence of the speakers, DENR staff and members of the MFPC and gladly appreciated presence of everyone for attending the said orientation.
- MFPC Chairperson- Mr. Ramonito Gubaton also gave his message sharing how MFPC started and how it managed to operate up until now. He also shared that before, they have given a fund to supply their needs in fulfilling their duties. But as the time goes by this said fund was cut off. It is probably the reason why MFPC of Magdiwang and Cajidiocan stopped operating. On the other hand, MFPC San Fernando still chose to operate and they still have the will to take care of our environment. They are very much concern of our environment especially to our beloved Mt. Guiting-Guiting because it is truly the treasure of our island (Sibuyan). At the end of his message also advised his members to take in mind all the necessary information that will be given by the designated speakers for that day.

B. Highlights of the Event

The first speaker was Ernie L. Forcadas (Forest Technichian I), he discussed the wildlife act R.A. 9147. He first introduced the animals or birds that needs to be taken care of. Also, he explained that those animals/birds cannot be caught by anyone unless they have the capability to give them proper caging, medicines, vitamins, and a Veterinary, who can check the health of the said species. And those wilds are strictly restricted to be transported. With the participation of the Coastguards, they are conducting a baggage check to every operating port of Sibuyan to make sure that no wild will be transported. These wilds are needed to be protected since some of them are already endemic. Next, he introduced the flora (plants) that are present on our island. He shared that before, during pandemic and simultaneously lockdowns, lots of people became plantitos and plantitas. They are gathering plants from the protected area and brought to their home to ease their boredom and some are being sold. As of now, the gathering of wild plants is already diminished since lots of people are already busy with works and other social/physical activities. The introduced wild plants are also strictly restricted to be transported. Sir Ernie advised that if anyone saw people gathering wild animals or plants they can coordinate with any of the DENR staffs to make a right action from it.

• Next, Ms. Shiela Jane Forlales, the chief of law enforcement, discussed about PD705 (revised forestry code of the Philippines). She started by acknowledging the dedication of the MFPC Chairperson Mr. Ramonito Gubaton, in taking care of our forest. Then gave the overview of Philippine Forestry pertaining to the total land area of 29,987,000 hectares. Based on the data gathered from year 2003 to 2010, our land cover or forest cover was diminished to 328,682 hectares from 7,168,000 hectares. After giving these informations to the participants, she then asked if the forest, specifically here in Sibuyan, Romblon, is still in a good condition and if not, what are the factors why. Some of the members of the MFPC said that, it is because of the illegal forest activities happening almost every day that's the reason why their organization is still operating regardless of the lack of fund. Each one of them are really dedicated to protect our forest with the guidance and help from the DENR. Ma'am Shiela gladly informed all MFPC members that the resolutions they passed is already on the Region Office and they are still waiting

that the resolutions they passed is already on the Region Office and they are still waiting of the approved work and financial plan for them to have enough fund to supply their needs in protecting and monitoring our environment.

Forester Forlales started the discussion by classifying the forest products including trees, pulp wood, fire wood, bark of trees, resin, wood oil, honey, beeswax, etc. She then introduced section 77 of PD705 which is the particular section that restricts cutting, gathering or possession of any forest products without license. Any person who shall collect, gathered, or possessed any kind of forest products from any forest lands, public or private without any license/permit agreement shall be guilty of qualified theft as punishable under the revised penal code and then discussed other provisions of PD705.

Ms. Shiela also described that the job of a forest law enforcer is a high-risk job because from time to time the number of forest violators are increasing and some of them are carrying harmful weapons. This job is also time consuming since forest violators are operating in no time. Requires too much effort, and also a lonely job because lots of forest violators will become enemies with the rangers. Lastly, she discussed the penalties from the violations under the PD705.

- The 3rd speaker was Forest Technician I Ludito Rada. He first acknowledged the presence of everybody attending the MFPC meeting/orientation. The topic that he discussed is about the Republic act 9175 or commonly known as chainsaw act. All chainsaw dealers must be authorized and all chainsaw must have the original serial number. In cutting trees or woods, they should use registered chainsaws only. If not, it will be confiscated and they will be penalized under R.A. 9175. Lastly, he discussed all the penalties under the chainsaw act.
- On the last part of the MFPC orientation, everyone gathered to have an open forum for them to ask questions/clarifications regarding the topics discussed. MFPC members are requesting all DENR staffs that if ever they will be conducting patrolling on the protected area they should notify the MFPC Chairperson a day before the activity and if ever, they need to make a call to have a quick response. DENR personnels took a note of it and will communicate to them in advance before the operation. The MFPC chairperson also wants to verify if the mining activity on Brgy. Mabulo, San Fernando, Romblon is truly happening. Sir Ernie Forcadas FT-I said that they are still not sure if it is happening on the area because they can't figure out if the chemicals used in mining are present on the water sample brought by the Brgy. Officials to DENR-PAMO. Some of the MFPC members are definitely believing that the mining activity is already happening there since there are reports that miners are present on the area. DENR staffs assured that they will conduct further investigation about this and will notify them immediately.

• To end the gathering, Forester 1 Rolly Morales gave his closing remarks and mentioned that the gathering happened that day was a preparation for their group deputation. The MFPC orientation ended at exactly 3:00 pm.

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Registration of MFPC members, secretariat and speakers.



Invocation and Singing of National Anthem led by EcoMS I Mylene A. Evallar



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Welcome Address delivered Brgy. Kagawad Janet Royo



Inspirational message deliverd by Forest Technician I Ramer F. Manalon



Message from MFPC Chairperson Ramonito Gubaton





The meeting was facilitated by Park Ranger April M. Montero



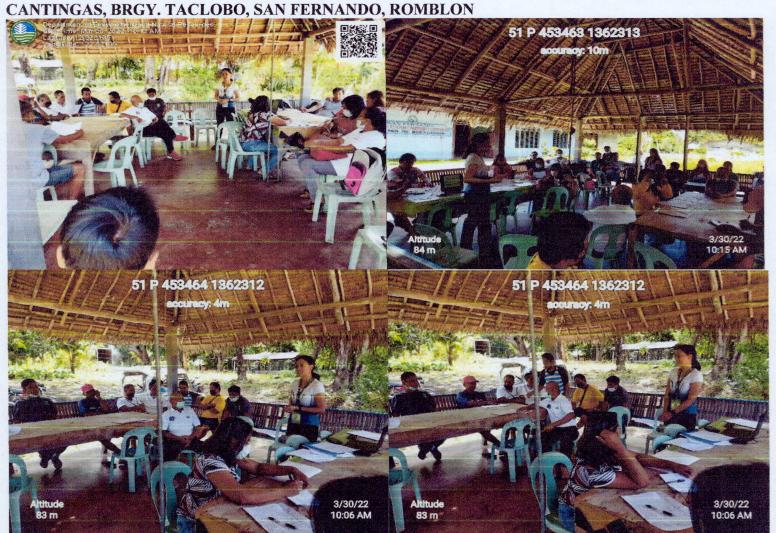
Introduction of MFPC and DENR personnel



Discussion of Wildlife Act. (R.A. 9147) by Forest Technician I Ernie L. Forcadas



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Open forum



Forester Rolly F. Morales, FT I Ramer F. Manalon and Ernie L. Forcadas anwered queries and suggestions in open forum.



Closing remarks by Forester Rolly F. Morales



Group pictures of MFPC members and DENR personnel.



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Activation / Revitalization/ Orientation of Multi- Sectoral and Forest Protection Committee members, Individuals and Group Volunteers for Deputation as Special/ Deputized Environment and Natural Resources Officers

Date: March 30, 2022

Time: 8:00 AM

Venue: SFARCC Multi-purpose Hall, So. Cantingas, Brgy. Taclobo, San Fernando, Romblon

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