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MEMORANDUM

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The Regional Executive Director

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THRU

The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST

PROTECTION COMMITTEE OF ABOARLAN AND ITS

RESOLUTION NUMBER 01, SERIES OF 2022

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum from CENRO Puerto Princesa, Palawan dated October 10, 2022 relative the above subject.

Per memorandum, CENRO Puerto Princesa submitted the report enclosed with photo documentation, attendance sheet and minutes of the meeting of MFPC Aborlan conducted on August 06, 2022 at Municipal Hall, Aborlan, Palawan. (Please find the attached Resolution No. 01, series of 2022 of the municipality of Aborlan, Palawan)

For information and record.

For the PENRO:

RHODORA B. UBANI Supervising ECOMS/Chief, CDS Officer-In-Charge

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Respectfully submitted is the minutes of the Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee of the Municipality of Aborlan. The meeting was conducted at the Municipal Hall of Aborlan, Palawan last August 06, 2022.

The highlights of the meeting include the presentation of DAO 17, series of 1995 or the "institutionalization of the Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committees within DENR System" by Forester Arjay T. Gregas, then OIC MES Chief. This was followed by the presentation of DAO 2008-22 or the "revised guidelines on the deputation of Environment and Natural Resources Officer" by Legal Researcher Joy A. Tanay. And lastly, the presentation of forest protection efforts of this Office in the municipality of Aborlan by Forester Lim Bryan M. Kutat.

After deliberation of other issues raised, the resolution for the inclusion of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) as a member of the Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC) of the Municipality of Aborlan was approved.

Attached is a copy of the said resolution to form part of our Means of Verification (MOV) for the implementation of multi-sectoral resolution in forest protection.

For information.

PEDRO A. VELASCO OIC-CENRO

MES/ATG

DEMRAMMAROPA REGION CENTRAL PUERTO MINGESA

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE OF ABORLAN HELD ON AUGUST 26, 2022 AT THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABORLAN HALL

Attendance (Please see attached attendance sheet)

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM presided by CENRO Pedro A. Velasco which also introduced the new ex-officio members of the forest protection committee and the order of business for that committee meeting which also unanimously approved by the body.

II. Urgent Motion

- Before the meeting proper started, SB Member and Chairman of Committee
 on Environment Hon. Arnel V. Ortega moved for the inclusion of Palawan
 Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) into the Multi-Sectoral
 Forest Protection Committee (MFPC), it was seconded by MENRO Avelino De
 Guzman, Jr. and unanimously approved by the Body. The PCSDS was
 represented by MR. Apollo Regalo who gave its commitment in behalf of the
 PCSDS to support the MFPC.
- Thru the proposal of the presiding Officer CENRO Velasco, another motion was moved which is the Deputation of Barangay Captains as Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officer.
- Hon. Arnel Ortega also moved for the setting of date for the regular meeting
 of the MFPC which is every first Wednesday of the quarter. The first regular
 meeting of MFPC was set on October 5, 2022 as the first Wednesday of the
 quarter.

III. Presentation

- A. Forester I Arjay T. Gregas, member of the secretariat, presented to the body the highlights of DAO No. 17 series of 1995 or the "Institutionalization of the Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committees within the DENR System" which includes the following:
 - 1. Composition, membership and functions of the MFP Committee;
 - 2. MFPC shall serve as a collection point for information of illegal forest activities;
 - 3. Regularly receive and discuss report from DENR regarding forest protection, monitoring, apprehension to prosecutorial activities;
 - 4. Advice the DENR;
 - 5. Publicize the committee's discussions and findings except for the confidential information; and
 - 6. All members of the committee shall act as deputy forest officer and have the power to apprehend and confiscate illegal forest products.









- B. DENR CENRO Legal Researcher Joy Tanay presented to the body DAO-2008-22 or "The Revised Guidelines on the Deputation of Environment and Natural Resources Officer (DENRO)". She discussed the functions of a deputy the process of deputation and its requirements.
- C. Forester Lim Bryan Kutat reported to the body the forest protection efforts of the CENRO and series of apprehension transpired within the Municipality of Aborlan. On the report, Forester Kutat mentioned that most of forest violations observed were Slash and Burn (Kaingin), Unlawful Forest Occupation and timber poaching.

D. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DISCUSSIONS

- The presiding officer suggested to the Honorable Mayor that the municipality of Aborlan should create an Environmental Task-Force to addresses pressing environmental issues within the municipality. He also commented on the importance of the deputation and hopeful that it would be accomplished in the incoming months;
- The CENRO also reacted to the threats recorded in the municipality of Aborlan and suggested that it should be addressed by the collaborative efforts of the committee;
- 3. The MENRO informed the body that the Municipality of Aborlan has already prepared their forest land-use plan. He mentioned that it was drafted with assistance of the DENR together with SB Member Arnel Ortega. He gave emphasis on the importance of water in Aborlan and the threats and problems that the watershed is facing which needs to be addressed immediately. He also urges the member of the Sagguniang Bayan to approved their project proposals regarding watersheds;
- 4. As required in the Clean Water Act, the MENRO also suggested that an Executive Order should be issued for the creation of Watershed Management Group;
- 5. In terms of forest protection, the MENRO shared that Kaingin has been a long farming practiced of lps in Aborlan and it is one of destructive activities in the forest;
- 6. The MENRO informed the Body that a series of Coastal Clean-up were undertaken by the municipality with the support of the Punong Barangays especially in Sombrero Island;
- 7. The CENRO informed the body that the LGU and DENR, has already conducted the watershed characterization and vulnerability assessment in some areas in Aborlan. He emphasized that in drafting Integrated Management Plan, the









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Watershed characterization and vulnerability assessment can be used as reference as it shows areas that are prone to flood and erosion;

- The CENRO also commented on the issues of water sustainability in Aborlan. He suggested that an NGO that are financially and technically capable should be tapped to assist the LGU in water sustainability projects;
- 9. The CENRO as chair, also commit to instruct the Conservation and Development Section of the CENRO to coordinate with other government agencies to determined who should draft the said plan;
- 10. The MENRO mentioned that a collaborative effort towards watershed conservation is a need, and to address all issues, a workshop with presence and expertise of all stakeholders are necessary;
- 11. Hon. Arnel Ortega, on the issues of deputation, clarified from the Chairman if the Punong Barangay is still need to be deputized considering that they have authority under local government code which the Chairman (CENRO) suggested that to be sure they should undergo deputation. He mentioned the importance of deputation. He mentioned that data shows that some apprehension that area being dismissed was due to technicality or the apprehending officer is not a deputized;
- 12. The Punong Barangay of Sagpangan suggested that all Punong Barangay should be deputized;
- 13. Board Member Ortega spoke about the information from Gov. Socrates regarding the primary concerns the Province of Palawan is facing, such massive selling of lands, illegal cutting of trees and problems in garbage disposal, pollution, coastal easement problem and others. He also suggested some solution of how we can solve the threats and problems in the Province of Palawan;
- 14. The Acting Assessors also gave an information to the body regarding problems in West Coast. Accordingly, several cases were filed regarding land claims in the said area but for unknow reason it was all dismissed. It suggested that to save the remaining forest of Aborlan, the ECAN map should be updated;
- 15. The body then proposed the following agenda for the next MFPC meeting to be held on October 05, 2022:
 - 1. Presentation and approval of this minutes
 - 2. Presentation of ECAN Map of Aborlan to be requested from PCSDS
 - 3. Presentation of Land Classification Map of Aborlan- CENRO PPC
 - 4. Other matters









IV. ADJOURNMENT

Being no matters for discussions, the meeting was officially adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Prepared by:

ARJAY T. GREGAS Secretariat

Noted by:

PEDRO A. VELASCO
OIC-CENRO/Chairman- MFPC









Photo Documentation













Republic of the Philippines Province of Palawan Municipality of Aborlan MULTI-SECTORAL FORET PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 01 Series of 2022

RESOLUTION FOR THE INCLUSION OF PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STAFF (PCSDS) AS A MEMBER OF THE MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE (MFPC) OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ABORLAN

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution states that the State shall protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991 Section 3, (i) states that the LGUs shall share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of ecological balance within their territorial jurisdiction, subject to the provision of this code and national policies;

WHEREAS, Republic Act 7611 otherwise known as the Strategic Environment Plan (SEP) for Palawan Act, supports and promotes the sustainable goals for the provinces through proper conservation, utilization and development of natural resources to provide optimum yield on a continuing basis;

WHEREAS, under Executive Order No. 192 the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is mandated as the primary government agency responsible for the conservation, management, protection, proper use and sustainable development of the country's environment and natural resources;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 23 provides and declares a moratorium on the cutting and harvesting of timber in the natural and residual forest and creating the Anti-illegal Logging Task Force (AILTF);

WHEREAS, the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 98-01 was entered into by DENR-DILG and LGU on manual of Procedures for DENR-DILG-LGU Partnership on Devolved and other Forest Management Functions and thereby to strengthen Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC) and participation in the enforcement of forestry laws, rules and regulation;

WHEREAS, the PCSD is an integral part of environmental conservation here in Palawan;

WHEREAS, on motion of SB on Environment Hon. Arnel Ortega, duly seconded by MENRO Avelino M. De Guzman;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the members of the MFPC Aborlan assembled in this meeting for the inclusion of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) as member of the Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC) of the Municipality of Aborlan; **RESOLVED FURTHER** that copy of this resolution be furnished to PCSD and other stakeholders/party for their information and record.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, this 26^{th} day of August 2022 at Aborlan Municipal Hall, Palawan.

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Officer In-Charge

AVELINO M. DE

Aborlan Municipal Police Station

HON. BENEDICTO O. GARCIANO
Liga ng mga Barangay Federation President

HON ARNEL V. ORTEGA

SB Committee on Environment

HON. EMMANUEL N. RODRIGUEZ
SB MEMBER/IPMR

HON. JAIME O Municipal Mayor Vice-Chairman

PEDRO A. VELASCO

Chairman



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