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The Regional Executive Director

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The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** 

The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** 

CONDUCTED WORKSHOP ON RESPONSE MECHANISM FOR

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN MOUNT MANTALINGAHAN PROTECTED LANDSCAPE (MMPL) WITH

ASSISTANCE OF COSERVATION INTERNATIONAL (CI)

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum of CENRO Quezon dated October 07, 2022 relative the above subject.

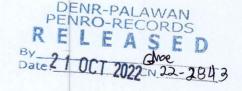
Per memorandum, CENRO Quezon submitted the memorandum dated September 30, 2022 of the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Staff. The two (2) day workshop (September 13-14, 2022) was conducted at Canvas Boutique Hotel, San Miguel, Puerto Princesa City. It focuses on the law enforcement response mechanism among stakeholders and members of the law enforcement group based on the created operational structure and enforcement coordination protocol of MMPL.

For information and record.

For the PENRO:

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October 7, 2022

### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR

The Provincial Environment and

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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

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The Community Environment and

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Forwarded is the memorandum dated September 30, 2022 of the Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Staff anent the above subject.

The workshop focused on the law enforcement response mechanism among stakeholders and members of the law enforcement group based on the created operational structure and enforcement coordination protocol of MMPL. Further, the two-day workshop also emphasizes the roles of each stakeholders in the enforcement under the protocol.

For your information, reference and record.

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**MEMORANDUM** 

FOR :

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Quezon, Palawan

**FROM** 

**SUBJECT** 

The staff of Protected Area Management Office DATE:

Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape

CONDUCTED WORKSHOP ON RESPONSE MECHANISM FOR

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT IN MMPL WITH ASSISTANCE OF CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

(CI)

This is to inform that the undersigned staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) conducted the above subject with assistance from Conservation International (CI) on September 13-14, 2022 at Canvas Hotel, Barangay San Miguel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

The workshop was conducted in two phases, the first phase was participated mostly by representatives from DENR Offices such as the PENRO, CENROs Brooke's Point, and Quezon along with PCSDS and IDEAS and was done to ease the decision making and finalization of the strategy. For the second day of the workshop, the mentioned DENR personnel along with representatives from concern agencies/offices such as PNP, AFP, LGU MENROs and NTFP-EP attended/participated.

The workshop started with a prayer and singing of the national anthem followed by opening message from Ronnie G. Gandeza, OIC Chief for Technical Services Division at DENR PENRO, Palawan.

The workshop continued under the facilitation of Conservation International thru Atty. Edward Lorenzo, the Policy and Governance Advisor of Conservation International – Philippines (CI-Philippines) and conducted the following activity and discussions:

Phase 1: September 13, 2022

Subject D	Discussion	Result
Review of cases on reported environmental violations from June to August 2022 dir	The PAMO discussed their initial assessment on the reports documented by the enforcement leads in the created group chat and in other media.  It was observed that there is a need to address matters pertaining to the validity of reports, proper response process, proper transmittal of reports,	Identified matters to be addressed were included in the planning for phase

	roles of the community and feedback mechanism.	
Review of operational structure and enforcement coordination.	Atty. Edward Lorenzo of Conservation International presented the operational structure based from the MMPL enforcement protocol.  He said that members of the structure should be observant to clarity on the activity set up and operation, clear	
	outcomes and clear responses.  All members specially on the community level are vital in enforcing environmental laws since they were the closest and the first line of enforcers to the area of illegal activities.	
	The roles of each members should not only be well defined in the enforcement protocol but as well as being practiced regularly once the plans and programs under the enforcement protocol materialized.	
Workshop 1: Identifying key challenges	This is the list of identified key challenges:  1. Verification of reports 2. Safety of enforcers and response time 3. Confidentiality of reports 4. Legal support for enforcement groups 5. Knowledge/information management 6. Sustainability for enforcement 7. Incentives for enforcement 8. Political intervention 9. Others  • Rights of non-IP  • Capacitate barangay officials	
Workshop 2: Expectation setting for community and LGU partners	In a nutshell, all DENR personnel expects a collaborative, just and sincere connection with partner LGUs.	
Workshop 3: Setting commitments for deputation trainings	List of environmental laws for deputation training:  1. PD 705/Revised forestry code	Concern office for the provision of information:  1. DENR

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2. RA 8749/Clean air act	2. DENR
3. RA 9275/Clean water act	3. DENR
4. DAO 2022-05 (rules and	4. DENR
regulation on wood charcoal)	
5. RA 11038/ENIPAS	5. DENR/PAMO
6. RA 9147/Wildlife act	6. PCSDS
7. RA 9175/Chainsaw act	7. PCSDS
8. RA 9072/Caves Act	8. PCSDS
9. RA 9003/ESWM act	9. DENR/MENRO
10. RA 8371/IPRA law	10. NCIP

Phase 2: September 14, 2022

Subject	Discussion	Result
Review of cases on reported	The same was done during phase 1.	
environmental violations from		
June to August 2022		
Review of operational	The same was explained by Atty.	
structure and enforcement	Edward Lorenzo.	
coordination.		
Workshop 1:	Listed challenges were elaborated	
	with agreement reached as stated in	
LGUs and community partners	the output of workshop 1 and 2 (refer	
in reporting cases and	to table phase 2: Workshop 2 (LGUs	
expectations from NGAs.	and community roles for enforcement	
	trainings) and Workshop 3	
	(Determining roles in enforcement).	

Phase 2: Workshop 2 (LGUs and community roles for enforcement trainings) and Workshop 3 (Determining roles in enforcement)

ISSUES and CHALLENGES	RESPONSES	SUPPORTING AGENCIES
<ul> <li>Verification of reports</li> <li>Completeness of reports (location, perpetrators, modus, etc.)</li> <li>Reliability of informant</li> <li>Availability of field personnel</li> <li>Logistics for validation</li> <li>Safety of personnel for field validation (Nighttime, accessibility of site, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Validation of reports to be led by the CENRO/PAMO</li> <li>Train community partners how to do sketch maps or send geotagged reports (CENRO/PAMO)</li> <li>Train DENR/PAMO on informant handling (SIBOL, PNP MG and AFP)</li> <li>Establish BIN (issue is funding)</li> <li>Strategic monitoring of hotspot area for long-term protection (CENRO and PAMO)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Other community partners can be tapped by the CENRO/PAMO to validate some reports</li> <li>Knowledge exchange on PCSD Konek to learn how to manage information (PCSDS)</li> <li>Use of drones to document violations or assess damage to areas</li> </ul>

<ul> <li>Report transmittal (where to report, contact information)</li> <li>Not all MENROs are responsible for environmental law enforcement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>For MMPL, may report to PAMO who will reach out to the other partners.</li> <li>MMPL PAMO and CENRO now have QRT. For immediate response, may contact CENRO</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>(support to be provided by CI)</li> <li>Provide contact information to other partners. Interagency IEC for quick reporting hotlines.</li> </ul>
2. Safety of enforcers and response times  • Length of time for issuance of travel order to act on urgent environmental crimes  • Tedious process to ask for support from uniformed services  • Armed perpetrators  • More effective PPEs  • PNP process in recording incidents in the blotter	<ul> <li>CENRO Quick Response         Teams to have standing travel         authority</li> <li>PAMB resolution for         designation of AFP, PCG,         and PNP-MG personnel to         support for CENRO-QRT         (PAMO)</li> <li>Incorporation of LGUs at the         PA-level composite         enforcement teams</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LGUs to provide additional support</li> <li>Handheld radio as priority PPE support.</li> <li>PNP-MG, AFP, PCG</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Securing chat groups         from hacking and entry of         unauthorized members</li> <li>Personal safety of         informants</li> <li>Internal leaks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>General chat group to be administered by the CENRO and PAMO to determine who can be added</li> <li>Operations chat group exclusive to the DENR team leaders and others LEA leads</li> <li>Assess need to transfer more secure messaging app (Signal, Telegram, WhatsApp)</li> <li>Training on basic informant handling (will include security training)</li> </ul>	CI, SIBOL, IDEAS, ELAC, NTFP, other NGOs
4. Legal support for enforcement groups  • Assurance of legal assistance  • Availability of legal researchers/ legal advice in CENRO and PAMO  • Traveling expenses for filing of case and hearings	<ul> <li>Basic support will be provided by the PENRO legal unit</li> <li>Ratify PAMB resolution on IPAF</li> <li>PAMO and CENRO to support legal fund per protocol</li> </ul>	LGUs to     provide funding     for legal     support for     cases per     protocol

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5. Knowledge/information management     • Lack of feedback mechanism for citizen reporting     • Lack of monitoring/tracking template	<ul> <li>PAMB to order PAMO to develop MIS to monitor citizen reports and pending cases</li> <li>Develop feedback process and standards for reports [(PAMO/CENRO) PCSD has Konek]</li> <li>Popularize the MMPL FB Page (PAMO)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>SIBOL</li> <li>Integration into BRAIN System per protocol (PCSDS)</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>6. Sustainability for enforcement</li> <li>Will operational planning and tempo be maintained without special projects like SIBOL or CCNCS?</li> <li>Will operational structure be implemented by LGUs?</li> <li>Does the DENR has sufficient funds for enforcement?</li> <li>LGU willingness to provide funds for enforcement</li> <li>Readiness of other agencies to support law enforcement</li> <li>Commitment of other LEG into a MOA if needed</li> <li>How to sustain the community involvement</li> </ul>	PAMB Resolution to request other LEAs to enter into a MOA covering MMPL  Integrated enforcement planning of MMPL-PAMO with CENROs, LGUs, PCSDS, and other enforcement agencies  Explore incentives for the community enforcers	<ul> <li>Other LEAs</li> <li>CI CCNCS, SIBOL</li> <li>LGUs</li> </ul>
Lack of incentives for community enforcers and informants     Lack of recognition for DENR, LGU and other NGA enforcers	<ul> <li>MMPL Enforcement Summit to discuss issues and to be a venue to recognize key partners and their achievements. Plaque of appreciation and commendations [PAMO, CI Community, Conservation, and Natural Climate Solutions (CCNCS), SIBOL]</li> <li>Regular enforcement meetings</li> <li>Look for other incentive system?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>CI CCNCS, SIBOL</li> <li>LGUs</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Political intervention</li> <li>Local and other officials reach out and intervene on cases or apply</li> </ul>	For potentially sensitive cases, conduct a joint	• CI CCNCS

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pressure against law enforcers to withdraw cases or desist from filing cases • Preferential treatment for LGU and other elected officials involved in violations	operation (PAMO, CENRO, AFP, PNP, LGU, CSOs)  • Media reporting training (SIBOL)	
Non-recognition of IP     Rights	Train/Conduct IEC for LGUs and other government agencies on IP rights (CI CCNCS)	NCIP, CI CCNCS
Improve LE capacity of barangay officials	IEC for barangay officials	

Moreover, the output of this workshop upon approval and realization will surely address matters on the reporting system of illegal activities, response processes, validity of reports, roles of concern agencies and the community to improve the enforcement mechanism of MMPL for inclusion in the MMPL management plan.

Attached herein are geotagged pictures and attendance sheet during the workshop on response mechanism for the environmental law enforcement in MMPL with assistance of Conservation International (CI).

For your information, reference and record.

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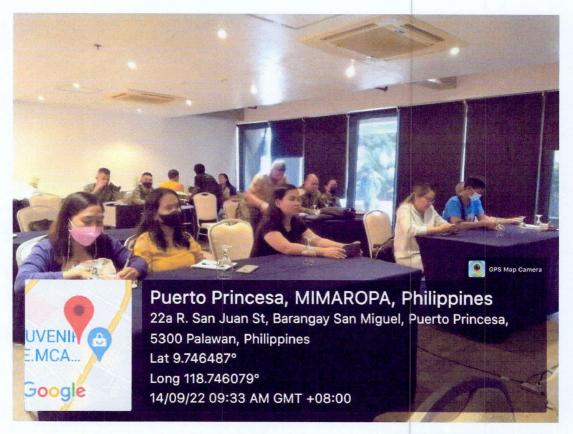
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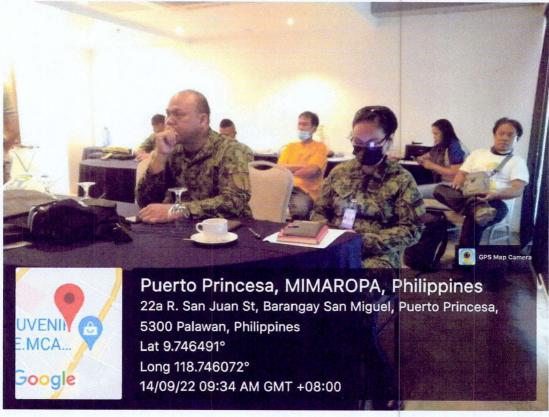
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