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### **MEMORANDUM**

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The Regional Executive Director

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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

THRU

The Assistant Regional Director for

Technical Services

**FROM** 

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT

REPORT ON TURNED-OVER OF FOURTEEN (14) BY-CATCH

HORSESHOE CRAB IN MEARA ISLAND, HONDA BAY

Respectfully submitted the Memorandum dated November 18, 2022 from Marine Biologist Genesis Z. Ustares regarding the above-mentioned subject.

As per report, a fisherman named Mr. Ronald A. Reyes a resident of Brgy. Tagburos, turned over his by-catch of horseshoe crabs caught on Meara Island near Snake Island to onduty staff on Snake Island with a total of fourteen (14) individuals and conducted data collection and other proper actions.

Attached is the copy of the report with the data collected on morphometric parameters, details on by-catch, and the photo documentation. Furthermore, the attached data will be forwarded to ERDB-CRERDEC as of the continuing data collection on their horseshoe crab study.

For information and record.







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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

THRU

The OIC Chief, Technical Services Division

The Chief, Conservation and Development Section

Snake Island Management Officer (SIMO) in concurrent capacity

FROM

Genesis Z. Ustares

Marine Biologist II, Snake Island NCMCR

SUBJECT

REPORT ON TURNED-OVER OF FOURTEEN (14) BY-CATCH

HORSESHOE CRAB IN MEARA ISLAND, HONDA BAY

Respectfully submitted is the report of the undersigned regarding on the turned-over of fourteen (14) by-catch Horseshoe crab caught in Meara Island, Honda Bay.

On November 17, 2022, a fisherfolk named Mr. Ronald A. Reyes of Barangay Tagburos, turned-over the fourteen (14) by-catch Horseshoe crab to the on-duty staff of Snake Island and gathered the below morphometrics parameters. The by-catch horseshoe crabs were caught in Meara Island, an island with approximately 4.5 kilometers away from Snake Island thru a crab gill net with 1,500 meters in length soaked within 12 hours' period. After gathering the parameters, all horseshoe crab was marked with codes and was released back to the sea.

Morphometrics Parameters	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-
	109	110	111	112	113
	(Female)	(Male)	(Female)	(Female)	(Female)
	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)
Prosomal Length (PL)	16.3	13.8	10.9	10	9.8
Prosomal Width (PW)	26.1	26	18.6	17	17.2
Telson Length (TEL)	23.1	25	22.4	18.1	19
Intraocular Distance (IO)	15	14.6	11	9.5	9.6
Carapace Length (CL)	28.9	28.1	22.3	19.5	19.2
Opisthosomal Length (OL)	12.6	14.3	11.4	9.5	9.4
Opisthosomal Width (OW-1)	14.5	13.2	9.8	9.1	9
Opisthosomal Width (OW-2)	15.9	16	12	11	11.3
Opisthosomal Width (OW-3)	16.6	17.2	13.6	12.1	12.3
Anal Angle (AA)	6.5	7.5	5.6	4.5	4.9
Total Length (TL)	52	53.1	44.7	37.6	43.2



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Morphometrics Parameters	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-	SIBCTT-
	114	115	116	117	118
	(Female)	(Female)	(Female)	(Female)	(Male)
	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)	(cm)
Prosomal Length (PL)	11.5	7.8	8.5	9	11.5
Prosomal Width (PW)	19.5	14.8	15.2	17.3	22.5
Telson Length (TEL)	24	16	12.2	14.8	20.6
Intraocular Distance (IO)	11.2	8	8.5	8.8	11.5
Carapace Length (CL)	23.7	15.8	18.4	18.5	23.5
Opisthosomal Length (OL)	12.2	8	9.9	9.5	12
Opisthosomal Width (OW-1)	10.3	7.4	8.1	7.9	10.8
Opisthosomal Width (OW-2)	13.2	9.1	10.2	9.8	13
Opisthosomal Width (OW-3)	15	10.4	11.5	11.4	14.6
Anal Angle (AA)	5.6	4	4.4	4.5	5.8
Total Length (TL)	47.7	31.8	30.6	33.3	44.1

Morphometrics Parameters	SIBCTT-119 (Male) - damaged carapace (cm)	SIBCTT- 120 (Female) (cm)	SIBCTT- 121 (Male) (cm)	SIBCTT- 122 (Male) (cm)
Prosomal Length (PL)	13.4	8.8	13.6	13.5
Prosomal Width (PW)	23.5	16	23.9	24.6
Telson Length (TEL)	26.2	19.2	27	26
Intraocular Distance (IO)	12.4	8.9	13.7	13.2
Carapace Length (CL)	26.5	17.6	26	26.6
Opisthosomal Length (OL)	13.1	8.8	12.4	13.1
Opisthosomal Width (OW-1)	11.1	8.1	11.8	11.1
Opisthosomal Width (OW-2)	13.6	9.8	15	15
Opisthosomal Width (OW-3)	15.3	11.3	16.1	16.5
Anal Angle (AA)	5.8	7.4	6.5	6.2
Total Length (TL)	52.7	36.8	53	52.6

The said data will be forward to ERDB-CRERDEC as part of the continuing data gathering for the horseshoe crab study. Attached is the photo documentation of the activity.

For your information and further instructions.

Noted by:

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### PHOTO DOCUMENTATION





Messrs. Monticod, Masacal and the undersigned gathering the morphometrics parameters of Horseshoe crab



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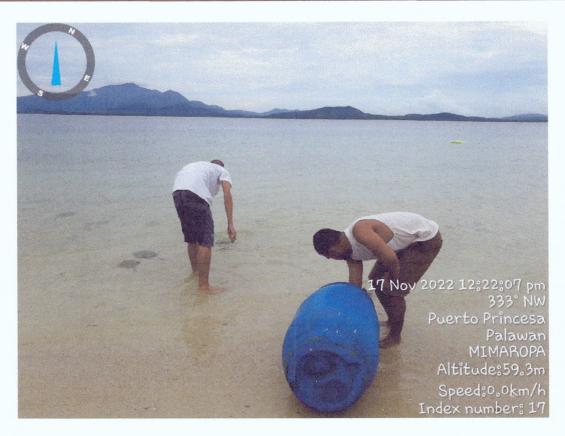
Photos of Horseshoe crab before releasing back to the sea

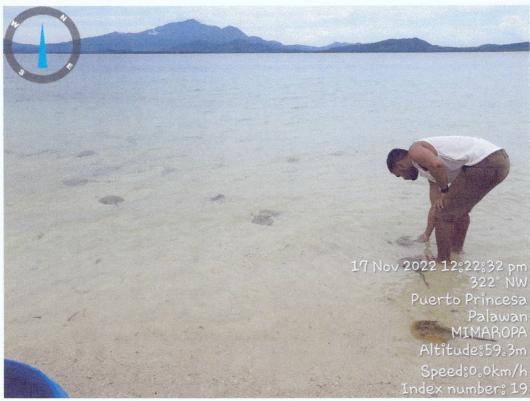


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Mr. Masacal and the undersigned releasing the by-catch horseshoe back to sea