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PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
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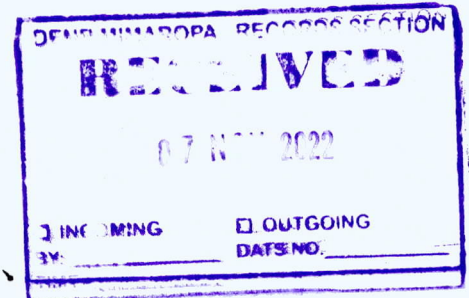
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
1515 DENR By the Bay Building,
Roxas Boulevard,
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

THRU : The ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The PENR Officer

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION OF MR. LANCELOT J. MENDOZA FOR CERTIFICATE OF WILDLIFE REGISTRATION (CWR) OF ONE (1) SPURRED TORTOISE (*Centrochelys sulcata*) WITH RESIDENCE ADDRESS AT BRGY. MALIIG, LUBANG, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO



Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated October 7, 2022 from CENRO Sablayan regarding application of Mr. Lancelot J. Mendoza for Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR) of one (1) Spurred Tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*) with residence address at Brgy. Maliig, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro. Attached are the pertinent documents.

For your information and approval.

ERNESTO E. TAÑADA

TSD-RPS 10/28/22



Republic of the Philippines
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MIMAROPA Region
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

October 7, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita Manila

THRU : The OIC PENRO
Mamburao, Occ. Mindoro

FROM : The CENR Officer

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION OF MR. MARK LANCELOT J. MENDOZA FOR CERTIFICATE OF WILDLIFE REGISTRATION (CWR) OF ONE (1) SPURRED TORTOISE (*Centrochelys sulcata*) WITH RESIDENCE ADDRESS AT BRGY. MALIIG, LUBANG, OCC. MINDORO

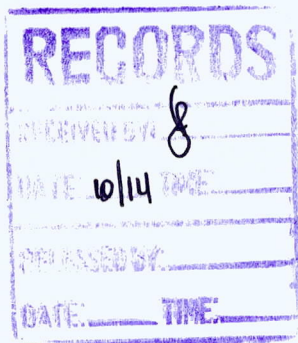
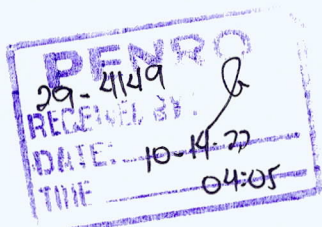
Forwarded is the application for Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR) of one (1) Spurred tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*) owned by Mr. Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza of Brgy. Maliig, Lubang, occidental Mindoro.

Per evaluation of the documents submitted by the proponent disclosed that the wildlife species was purchased from the Big Fish Place Jr. Corporation, operated and managed by Dr. Glenn S. Angeles, as evidenced by attached Local Transport Permit (LTP).

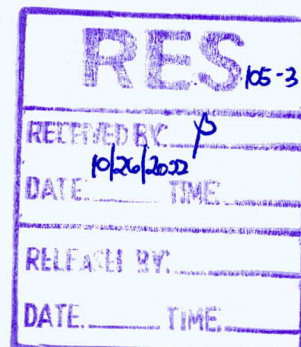
Be informed that a team from this office was created to conduct assessment/evaluation on the capacity and capability of Mr. Mendoza to handle/care the said wildlife species with high consideration on the state condition of the area/niche where it will be nurtured.

This office concurs with the recommendation of the team to approve his application and grant the desired document subject, however to existing rules and regulations

For evaluation and approval



FOR. ANASTACIO A. SANTOS, MPA





Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

October 07, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The CENR Officer

THRU : The Technical Services Supervisor

FROM : The Regulation and Permitting Section


SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION OF MR. MARK LANCELOT J. MENDOZA FOR CERTIFICATE OF WILDLIFE REGISTRATION (CWR) OF ONE (1) SPURRED TORTOISE (*Centrochelys sulcata*) WITH RESIDENCE ADDRESS AT BRGY. MALIIG, LUBANG, OCC. MINDORO


Respectfully submitting herewith is the application for the Certificate of Wildlife Registration of One (1) Spurred Tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*) of Mr. Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza with residence address at Brgy. Maliig, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro.

Hereunder are the list of documents submitted, to wit;

1. Application for CWR of Mr. Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza
2. Photocopy of Government issued ID
3. Inventory list of wildlife for registration
4. Wildlife Farm Permit (Small-Scale)
5. The Bigfish Corp. Receipt
6. Local Transport Permit issued by DENR NCR
7. Official Receipt of DENR NCR for Local Transport Permit
8. Inspection/Assessment Report
9. Geotagged Pictures

For your information and record.


APRIL D. AMORES
Forester I


ROLANDO L. MATANGUIHAN
LMO III/ Chief, RPS



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

Date

APPLICATION FOR: CERTIFICATE OF WILDLIFE REGISTRATION

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The REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
MIMAROPA Region
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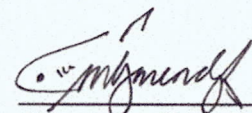


Sir/Madam:

I, **Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza** with address at **Brgy. Maliig, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro** and Cell phone No. **+639213958920** have the honor to apply for the registration of **The HOBBYTAT** located at **Brgy. Maliig, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro** with No. **+639213958920** and registration of animals/stocks maintained thereat which are as follows:

NUMBER	WILDLIFE
1	African Spurred Tortoise (<i>Centrochelys sulcata</i>)

I understand that the filing of this application conveys no right to possess any wild animals until Certificate of Wildlife Registration is issued to me by the Regional Executive Director of the DENR MIMAROPA Region.


Signature of Applicant

Brgy. Maliig, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro
Postal Address



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PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION CARD



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES PROFESSIONAL REGULATION COMMISSION



LAST NAME ► **MENDOZA**
FIRST NAME ► **MARK LANCELOT**
MIDDLE NAME ► **JAVIER**
REGISTRATION NO. ► **0002567**
REGISTRATION DATE ► **11/24/2017**
VALID UNTIL ► **05/08/2024**

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CERTIFICATION

20-3847851

This is to certify that the person whose name, photograph, and signature appear herein is a duly registered professional, legally authorized to practice his/her profession with all the rights and privileges appurtenant thereto.

This is to certify further that he/she is a professional in good standing and that his/her certificate of registration/professional license has not been suspended, revoked or withdrawn.

Signature of Professional

TEOFILO S. PILANDO, JR.
Chairman



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE

INVENTORY LIST OF WILDLIFE FOR REGISTRATION

Name of Applicant **MARK LANCELOT J. MENDOZA**
Owner:
Address: **BRGY. MALIIG, LUBANG, OCC. MINDORO**
Name of
Establishment: **THE HOBBYTAT**
Address: **BRGY. MALIIG, LUBANG, OCC. MINDORO**
Purpose: **PET**

SPECIES	QUANTITY	MODE OF ACQUISITION
African Spurred tortoise (<i>Centrochelys sulcata</i>)	1	Purchase from the Big Fish Place Jr. Corporation, operated and managed by Dr. Glenn S. Angeles, as evidenced by attached Local Transport Permit (LTP).



Wildlife Farm Permit
WFP-NCR 2022-03 (Renewal)

WILDLIFE FARM PERMIT (Small-Scale)

Pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 192 dated June 10, 1987 and Sections 17 and 20 of Republic Act No. 9147 dated July 30, 2001, **THE BIGFISH PLACE JR. CORP** c/o Dr. Glenn S. Angeles, with facility address at **223 J.P. Rizal Street, Brgy. Bayanihan, Project 4, Quezon City** is hereby granted a **Wildlife Farm Permit** subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations as herein specified.

- 1 The Permittee shall maintain and operate a wildlife breeding facility on the above-mentioned address with the following wildlife species:

SPECIES		NO. OF HEADS		
Common Name	Scientific Name	Parental	Progenies	Total
African Spurred Tortoise	<i>Centrochelys sulcata</i>	5	54	59
Red-footed Tortoise	<i>Chelonoidis carbonarius</i>	15	26	41
Radiated Tortoise	<i>Astrochelys radiata</i>	6	6	12
Leopard Tortoise	<i>Stigmochelys pardalis</i>	2	5	7
Aldabra Tortoise	<i>Aldabrachelys gigantea</i>	2	-	2
Indian Star Tortoise	<i>Geochelone elegans</i>	2	6	8
Elongated Tortoise	<i>Indotestudo elongata</i>	2	10	12
Red-eared Slider	<i>Trachemys scripta elegans</i>	2	7	9
Iguana	<i>Iguana iguana</i>	2	0	2
Bearded Dragon	<i>Pogona vitticeps</i>	2	0	2
Blue Tongue Skink	<i>Tiliqua scincoides</i>	2	6	8
Crested Gecko	<i>Correlophus ciliatus</i>	2	0	2
Ball Python	<i>Python regius</i>	4	0	4
Philippine Sailfin Lizard	<i>Hydrosaurus pustulatus</i>	2	0	2
Sugar Glider	<i>Petaurus breviceps</i>	2	0	2
Fischer's Lovebird	<i>Agapornis fischeri</i>	2	0	2
Budgerigar	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	2	0	2
Zebra Finch	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	2	0	2
TOTAL		58	120	178

- 2 The Permittee shall breed and engage in the local/international trading of legally sourced wildlife species;
- 3 The Permittee shall allow DENR-NCR authorized representative/s to visit and/or inspect the breeding facility or premises and conduct an inventory of existing wildlife stocks;

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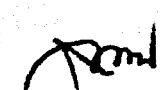
4. The Permittee shall submit quarterly breeding report (prescribed form attached) to the DENR-NCR through the Regional Executive Director for the accreditation of wildlife species within the farm. A report on the acquisition of breeder's, production (i.e. births), and disposition of progenies and mortalities shall likewise be submitted. In case of mortalities, necropsy reports should be submitted immediately.
5. Any collection/acquisition of additional stocks shall be in accordance with existing policies, rules, and regulations of the DENR. The additional stocks shall be sourced out from accredited breeders only and quantity shall depend on the carrying capacity of the existing facility.
6. In the acquisition of breeder stocks, the Permittee shall first secure the required permit prior to actual acquisition/importation. The importation of wildlife shall be subject to inspection validation by the DENR-NCR Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (WTMU) upon entry at the airport seaport. Further, a Quarantine Permit Clearance from the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) shall also be secured.
7. The Permittee should develop and install a marking system (e.g. microchip, tattoo, or any appropriate for reptiles) for all reported breeding stocks and progenies within (60) days upon approval of this permit.
8. In case of disposition, only those captive-bred wildlife appropriately marked may be disposed, either through sale, exchange, or donation.
9. In case of exportation/re-exportation/importation of wildlife species, the Permittee shall present the wildlife specimens to the DENR-NCR for inspection and verification. Only upon compliance with the requirements/standards for export/re-export/import and payment of the required fee/s shall the Wildlife Export/Re-Export/Import Certification or CITES Export/Import Permit be issued.
10. The Permittee shall file his application for Wildlife Import/Export/Re-export Certification (WIC/WEC/WREC) or CITES Import/Export/Re-Export Permit at least five (5) working days before the intended date of shipment. In case of re-issuance of WIC/WEC/WREC or CITES Import/Export Permit, the original copy of the permit shall be surrendered and the applicant shall inform DENR-NCR or BMB in writing.
11. The Permittee shall secure a wildlife Local Transport Permit (LTP) from the DENR-NCR Office for the transport of his wildlife, its parts and/or derivatives outside the National Capital Region (NCR).
12. The Permittee shall ensure the safety and proper maintenance of all his wildlife in its facility; the facility should be properly ventilated, observe hygiene and strict quarantining procedures, observe proper solid/water waste disposal in its operation, and assume full responsibility and accountability over any disease outbreak or epidemic that may arise or originate from its facility and wildlife stock;
13. In case of release or accidental escape of wildlife, resulting to damage of life and property, the Permittee shall be liable for such incident and penalized in accordance with Presidential Decree 1586 without prejudice to the application of other appropriate measures as may be provided under existing laws. Such incident shall also result to the automatic cancellation of this Permit and confiscation of the remaining stocks/wildlife in favor of the Philippine Government;

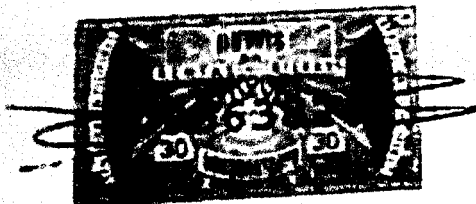
14. Any bio-prospecting activity shall be subject to prior clearance from DENR-NCR and should be undertaken in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act or other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
15. The Permittee shall comply with the requirements of other concerned government agencies in relation to the operation and maintenance of a wildlife breeding facility for commercial purposes.
16. The Permittee shall make commitment/s in writing to pursue an environmental conservation program of his own or to be undertaken collectively with other permittees of DENR-NCR to be signed by the Permittee or the highest official of the company, as the case may be. The plan which include concept and budget must be submitted within the first three (3) months of the effectivity of this Permit.
17. Any alteration, erasure or obliteration in this permit shall be sufficient ground for the cancellation/revocation of this permit without prejudice to the filing of criminal and other charges.
18. Application for renewal of this Permit shall be filed with this Office three (3) months before its expiration.
19. Failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions specified under this Permit shall be sufficient ground for the immediate cancellation and disqualification from renewal.
20. This permit is non-transferable and shall be binding from the date of issuance until APR 12 2022 unless sooner revoked or cancelled for non-compliance with and/or violation of the terms and conditions specified in this permit, or for violation of pertinent laws, rules, and regulations.
21. The original copy of this permit shall be surrendered to the DENR-NCR, Quezon City upon expiration.

The permit fee of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (Php 2,500.00) only required under DENR Administrative Order No. 2004-55 dated August 31, 2004 was paid and acknowledged under DENR-NCR Official Receipt No. 5271026 E dated April 5, 2022.

Issued this APR 12 2022 at DENR-NCR, National Ecology Center, East Ave., Quezon City.

Approved by:


JACQUELINE A. CAANCAN, CESO III
Regional Executive Director



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42 Katipunan Road, Brgy. White Plains, Quezon City
Non-VAT Reg. TIN: 008-151-153-000

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QSCA/PWD/14001, Taytay, Rizal Holder's Signature:

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TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	6000
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By [Signature]
Authorized Representative

"THIS DOCUMENT IS NOT VALID FOR CLAIMING INPUT TAXES"
"IT SHALL BE VALID FOR FIVE (5) YEARS FROM DATE OF ATP"



Department of Environment and Natural Resources
NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION



Wildlife Transport
Permit No. **NCR 2021-772**

LOCAL TRANSPORT PERMIT

Pursuant to Republic Act 9147 dated July 30, 2001, **DR. GLENN S. ANGELES** of **The Bigfish Place Jr. Corp.** with facility address at #223 J.P. Rizal St., Brgy. Bayanihan, Project 4, Quezon City is authorized to transport to **Mr. Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza** of **67 Gondola St., San Francisco Village, Muzon, Taytay, Rizal** the below-listed tortoise species for pet purposes.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	QUANTITY
African Spurred Tortoise	<i>Centrochelys sulcata</i>	One (1) head
nothing follows		

Valid until **JAN 09 2022**

The above-listed tortoise species is covered by The BigFishPlace Corp. Sales Invoice No. 0003960 dated November 5, 2021 issued by the authorized representative of Dr. Angeles, holder of Wildlife Farm Permit No. 2019-03 (New) issued by this Office.

Transport permit fee in the amount of One Hundred Pesos (Php100.00) only was paid under DENR-NCR Official Receipt No. 5270322 E dated November 9, 2021.

This Permit is subject to requirements of other concerned agencies and not valid without dry seal and if it contains erasures/alteration.

Issued this **NOV 09 2021** at DENR-NCR, National Ecology Center Compd., East Ave., Quezon City.

JACQUELINE A. CAANCAN, CESO III
Regional Executive Director



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Date 11-17-2011

Agency **DENR-NCR**

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Payor *Glenn Angeles*

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TOTAL		<i>P 100.00</i>

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ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION REPORT

Application for: **CERTIFICATE OF WILDLIFE REGISTRATION**

Applicant Name: **MARK LANCELOT J. MENDOZA**

Address: **BARANGAY MALIIG, LUBANG, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

Date: **MARCH 18, 2022**

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Mr. Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza, a 40-year old resident of Barangay Maliig, Lubang, Occidental Mindoro, is applying for a Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR) for his one (1) African Spurred Tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*). At present, Mr. Mendoza holds the government plantilla item Aquaculturist II at the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Lubang and he is currently designated as the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Officer among others. He has been in possession of the African Spurred Tortoise since November 2021. The individual was already three (3) months old when he purchased it from The Bigfish Place Jr. Corporation with Facility address at #223 J.P. Rizal Street Brgy. Bayanihan, Project 4, Quezon City operated and managed by Dr. Glenn S. Angeles, holder of Wildlife Farm Permit No. 2013-03 (new) issued by DENR NCR.

II. BRIEF BACKGROUND ON THE AFRICAN SPURRED TORTOISE

The African Spurred Tortoise (*Centrochelys sulcata*) is a large species of tortoise that is native to sub-saharan Africa and the Arabian Peninsula. This species is considered the third-largest tortoise in the world after the Galapagos Tortoise and Aldabra Giant Tortoise. It can grow up to 120 kilograms in weight (Bour, 2004) and 86 centimeters in straight carapace length (SCL) (Ardjima *et al.*, 2020), with females being smaller than males. *C. sulcata* is an omnivorous species however, it is known to mainly feed on plant material. In the wild, it has been observed to feed on succulents, herbs, grasses, and algae among others. There have also been published reports of *C. sulcata* individuals feeding on dead animals such as zebu and goat (Vetter, 2005).

C. sulcata is currently classified as Endangered in the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List (Petrozzi, *et al.*, 2021). It is also listed in the Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). According to the IUCN Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group, *C. sulcata* is declining rapidly due to habitat loss, direct take of eggs and meat, and international pet trade (Petrozzi *et al.*, 2020).

To date, *C. sulcata* individuals are being bred in captivity both for trade and for the purpose of conservation. They are said to be easy to raise and breed relative to other tortoises (Zwartepoorte, 2006), making them more abundant in captivity than in the wild (Petrozzi *et al.*, 2020). *C. sulcata* individuals are often raised and bred in areas with physical enclosures and ornamental scrubs and trees. The former protects them from



predators and prevents them from escaping, while the latter provides shade. Similar to their diet in the wild, they are given highly fibrous food in captivity. This includes broad leafy weeds, peanut hay, and fruits (Petrozzi et al., 2020).

III. ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATION

A team composed of Forester April D. Amores-Castro, ADA VI Serna M. Urieta and FPO John Alexis V. Tejoso were formed on March 14, 2022 to assess the status of the *C. sulcata* and the capacity of Mr. Mendoza to sustain the needs of a *C. sulcata* individual. The assessment team visited the residence of Mr. Mendoza on March 18, 2022.

During the assessment proper, several enclosures dedicated for the *C. sulcata* individual were recorded. These include a 200 cubic meter chamber made out of Wood and Glass with Ceramic Heat Emitter (CHE), Ultra Violet B, Ultra Violet A, hide, food and water dish, a fenced outdoor area, and a screened open top tortoise table. Cactus, mulberry, hibiscus, Bermuda grass, aloe vera, *saluyot*, and rose were also observed within the site. Mr. Mendoza stated that these are used as sources of food for the *C. sulcata* individual. None of which are considered toxic to *C. sulcata* and they all provide for the highly fibrous diet of *C. sulcata*.

Figure 1. *C. sulcata* enclosures recorded during the assessment on March 18, 2022.

As mentioned in the first section of this report, Mr. Mendoza is currently designated the Officer-in-Charge of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office of Lubang, Occidental Mindoro. He holds the plantilla item Aquaculturist II and thus, he has the capacity to sustain the captivity of the *C. sulcata* that he is currently in possession of. Furthermore, Mr. Mendoza also has a background in ethically raising and breeding animals in captivity being a licensed aquaculturist. The assessment team therefore recommends the issuance of a Certificate of Wildlife Registration (CWR) to Mr. Mark Lancelot J. Mendoza for his *C. sulcata*. Mr. Mendoza and his *C. sulcata* will be subject to monitoring regularly. He is also tasked to submit status reports to the DENR-CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro every year.

Prepared by:


APRIL D. AMORES-CASTRO
Forester I

Reviewed by:

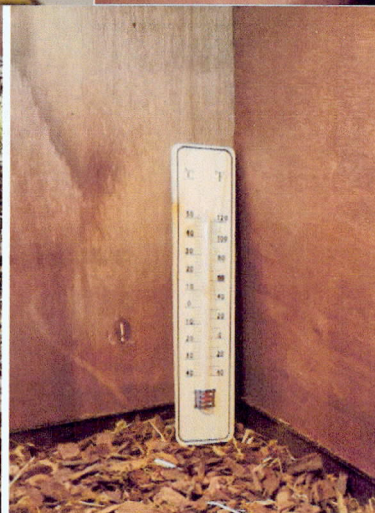
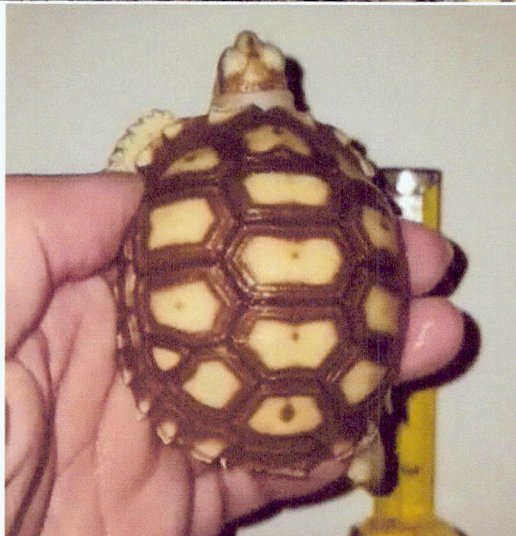

ROLANDO L. MATANGUIHAN
LMO III/Chief RPS

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For. III/Deputy CENRO

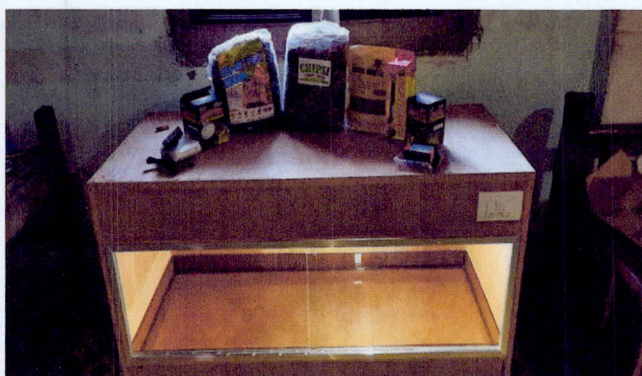
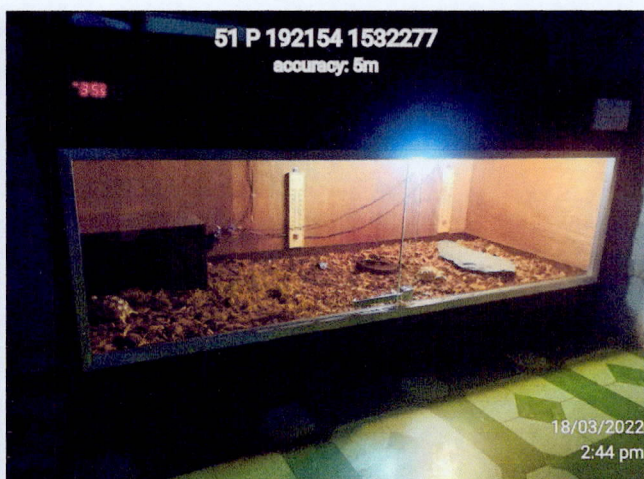


IV. ANNEXES





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