



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA REGION
PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE



October 10, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR-R4, MIMAROPA, 1515 L & S Building
Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

Attention : *OIC ARD for Technical Services*

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **ACTIVITY REPORT DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 2022 RE:
MEETING/PRESENTATION BEFORE THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLALAWIGAN THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Submitted for information and record is the original copy of Activity report dated September 29, 2022 relative the conduct of meeting and presentation before the Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources on September 21, 2022 and September 28, 2022 respectively.

Subject report bears recommendations as itemized leading to the intervention of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan by way of resolutions as committed by the Chair of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee Chair Ryan D. Maminta.

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September 29, 2022

ACTIVITY REPORT

Title of Activity Meeting/Presentations of DENR PENRO activities before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through the Committee on the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources.

Date and Venue September 21, 2022 and September 28, 2022
Committee Room, Legislative Building, Capitol Complex, Puerto Princesa City

Overview As mandated, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) are continuously working closely with the local government units (LGUs) in order to manage the country's natural resources. This partnership is recorded in DENR-DILG-LGU Partnership program and thus concurred by the Local Government Code preserving the right and obligation of the LGU to share with the national government the responsibility in the management and maintenance of environmental balance within their territorial jurisdictions.

Further, the DENR-DILG Joint Memorandum Circulars (98-01) that spells out the partnership within that hopes to serve as a guide in forging a closer alliance between the national government and the LGUs towards the attainment of a common goal. With this, the concerted efforts to protect, preserve and rehabilitate the country's natural resources shall improve while ensuring that all those qualified to share in their bounty are given equal opportunity are maintained. These endeavors are part of the legislative functions of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan through the Committee of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources aiming to improve the environmental responsibility of the Society's operations, make the people of Palawan as leading example of effective environmental stewardship, and to serve as a source of information for others with similar aspirations.

A letter from the Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated September 14, 2022 inviting this Office to present leading to the fruitful discussion on issues in land reclassification and erroneous cadastral surveys, status of public land applications in Palawan, disestablishment of Presidential Proclamation 219, the National Greening Program and Foreshore Management and Development Plan of Palawan.

In consideration, the team headed by PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc presented the topics as requested aided with power point presentations on September 21, 2022.

On September 28, 2022, the team presented supplementary topics particularly the National Greening Program (NGP) and the Foreshore Management Plan of the entire Province in compliance to the separate invitation from the Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated September 22, 2022.

Based on the topics presented, thorough discussions took place. Related issues and concerns were surfaced and jointly addressed by the team. Recommendations on the respective topics were also presented leading to the intervention of the Committee by way of resolutions. Both discussions started at 1:00 o'clock and lasted until 5:00 in the afternoon. It ended well and was productive.

Objectives

To enlighten the Committee on the issues and concerns and to draw collaborative plans and solutions on the following matters to wit:

- Land Reclassification and Erroneous Cadastral Survey
- Status of Public Land Applications in Palawan
- Disestablishment of Presidential Proclamation 219
- National Greening Program (NGP)
- Foreshore Management Plan of the entire Palawan

Participants

Team Leader: Felizardo B. Cayatoc, PENRO

September 21, 2022

Team Members: Ronie B. Gandeza, OIC Chief, TSD
Rhodora B. Ubani, Chief, CDS
Angelica D. Verian, Senior, FMS
Donna Belle E. Luengo, Chief, SMS
Marjorie Joy M. Ortega, Forest Technician I
Maria Laura M. Ortega, Special Investigator I
Johnny P. Lilang, *Ret.* SEMS
Jayhazel M. Rosie, Office Support Staff

September 28, 2022

Team Members: Angelica D. Verian, Senior FMS
Jimmy C. Villareal, Chief, RPS
Rose Marie E. Liwag, LMO II
Maria Laura M. Ortega, Special Investigator I
Johnny P. Lilang, *Ret.* SEMS
Jayhazel M. Rosie, Office Support Staff

Highlights

The following topics were presented before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan through the Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources headed by the Chair, Hon. Ryan D. Maminta. Presentations are equipped with corresponding data, maps and illustrations and recommendations.

1. **Land Reclassification and Erroneous Cadastral Survey**
Subject matter was presented by the Surveys and Mapping Section Chief Donna Belle Luengo.

Below are the sample maps shown during the presentation:

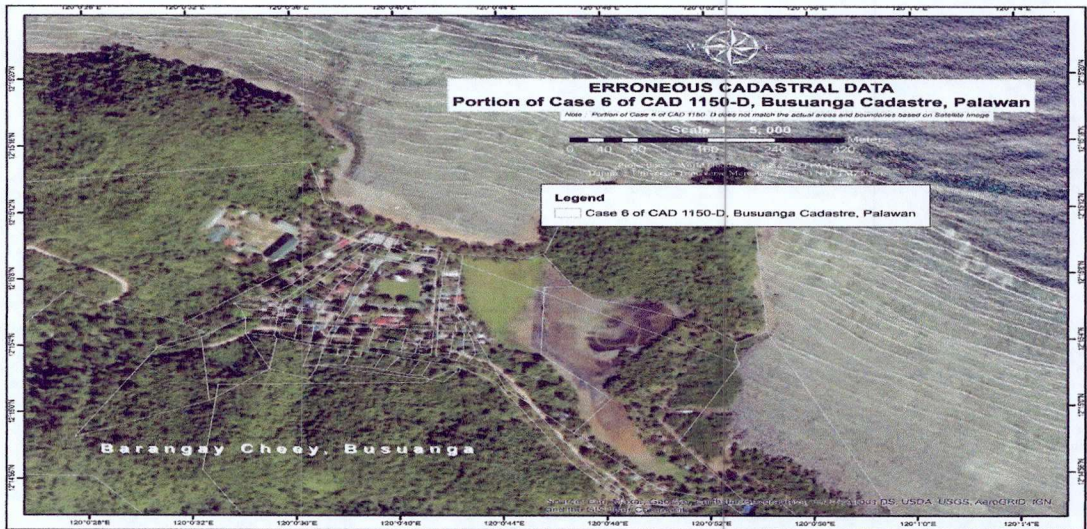


Fig. 1 Sample Map showing the Erroneous Cadastral Map at Busuanga, Palawan



Fig. 2 Sample Map showing the Erroneous Cadastral map and Land Clasifcation Map

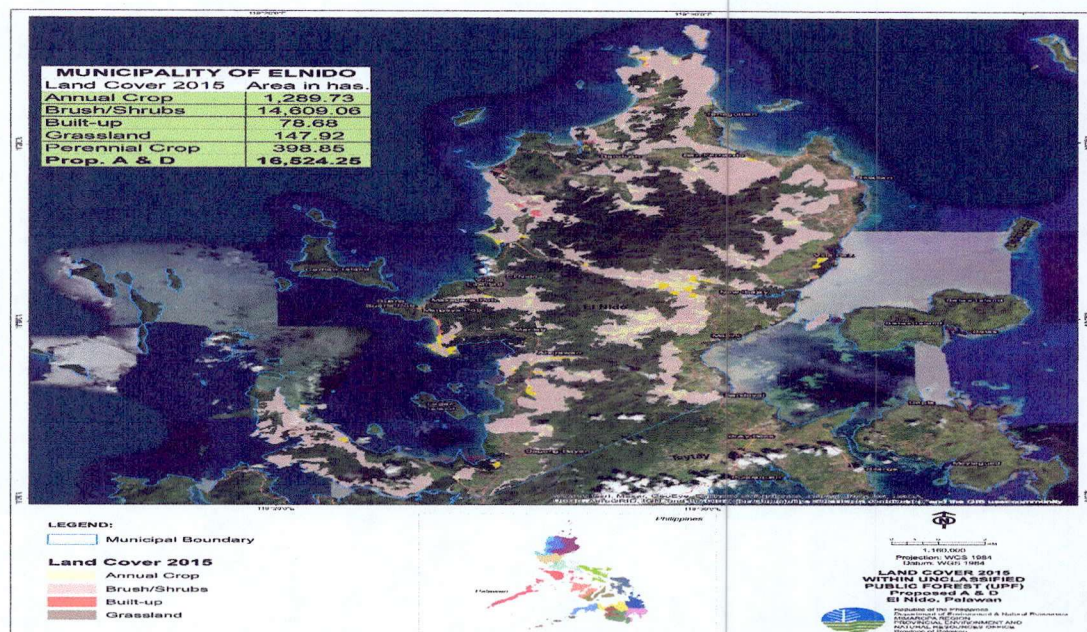


Figure 3. Sample Map showing land cover within Unclassified Public Forest proposed A&D

The following recommendations was given based on the issue on erroneus surveys and on the propose Alienable and Disposable Lands to wit:

- 1.1 Resolution of the Board requesting DENR to amend or to correct the erroneus cadastral survey in the Province of Palawan
- 1.2 To classify/reclassify Forestland into Alienable & Disposable Land (for cadastral lots inside forestland)
- 1.3 To resolve at the LGU (Political Boundary) among themselves and all the Provincial Board to come up with resolution as basis of DENR to delineate the settled boundaries
- 1.4 To conduct ground verification survey to ascertain the correct position of the cadastral lots
- 1.5 Requesting DENR MIMAROPA thru the RED the previous surveyed and validated Alienable & Disposable land as a result of the Forestland delineation by the DENR sometime in 2010
- 1.6 Follow-up on the status of the filed bill for reclassification made by the Honorable Congressman of Palawan

2. Status of Public Land Application in Palawan

Special Investigator I Maria Laura M. Ortega delivered the presentation on the matter. Hereunder are the data as to the number of pending Public Land Applications (PLAs) and patented/titled lots within timberland areas:


PENDING PUBLIC LAND APPLICATIONS IN PALAWAN			
CENRO	RESIDENTIAL FREE PATENT APPLICATIONS (RFPA)	AGRICULTURAL PATENT APPLICATIONS (FPA, HPA)	
CORON	38	59	
TAYTAY	94	83	
ROXAS	482	141	
PPC	322	3,055	
QUEZON	390	661	
BROOKE'S POINT	487	829	
TOTAL	1,851	4,887	

Figure 4. Pending Public Land Applications in Palawan


SUMMARY OF PATENTED/TITLED LOTS WITHIN FOREST/TIMBERLAND IN THE PROVINCE OF PALAWAN				
CENRO	PATENTED PER MUNICIPALITIES		TOTAL	
CORON	Busuanga-7		7	
TAYTAY	El Nido-429	Tagtay -5	434	
ROXAS	Roxas-3	San Vicente-72	75	
PPC	PPC- 583	Aboitan-568	1,151	
QUEZON	Narra-245	Quezon-62	307	
BROOKE'S POINT	Bataraza-301 Brooke's Point-221	Espanola-379 Balabac-37	938	
TOTAL			2,912	

Figure 5. Summary of Patented/Titled lots within Timberland

Relative the issues of Pending Public Land Applications particularly the 2,912 issued titled lots within the timberland area, the following recommendations were given to wit:

- 2.1 Rejection of Public Land Applications (PLAs) if not Patented; void prepared judicial;
- 2.2 Recommend cancellation of signed patents by the Regional Executive Director;
- 2.3 Submission of Completed Staff Work (CSW) for registered patent complete of documents to support cancellation through Office of the Solicitor General (OSG);
- 2.4 Submission of separate Completed Staff Work (CSW) to cover areas proposed for classification or reclassification;
- 2.5 Submission of terminal report recommending disestablishment Proclamation 219 “Declaring the province of Palawan as Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary”.



3. Disestablishment of Proclamation 219

Forest Technician I Marjorie Joy M. Ortega delivered a presentation on the context of Disestablishment of Presidential Proclamation 219.

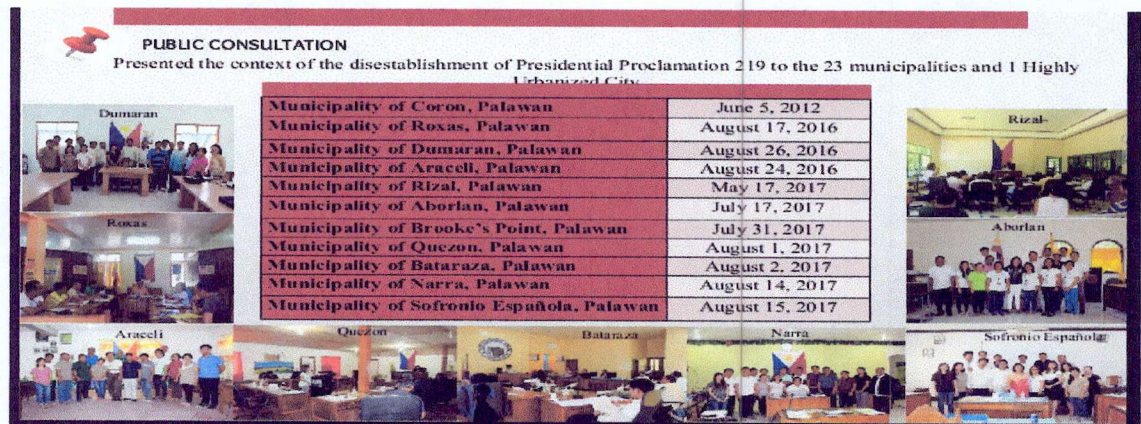
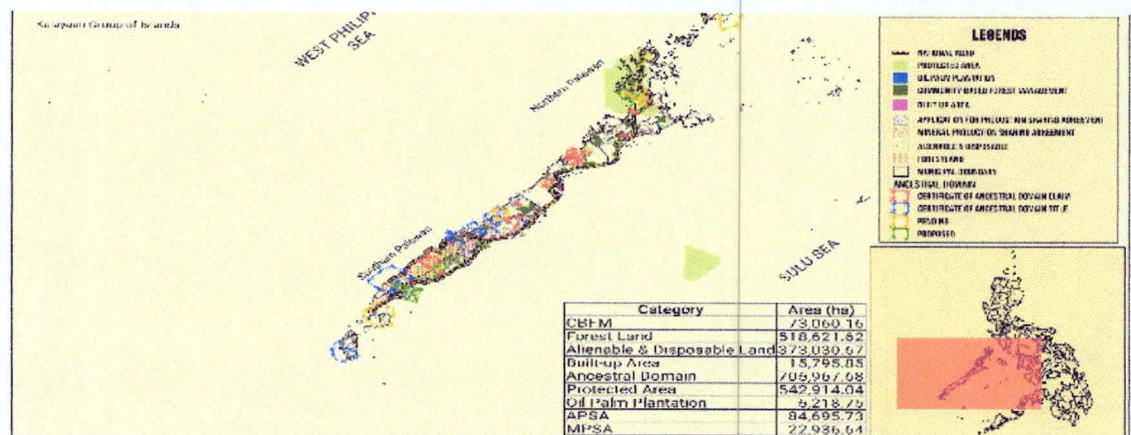


Figure 6. Showing the Public consultations conducted on disestablishment of PP 219 in some municipalities of Palawan



Map reflecting all A&D, Built-up Areas and other tenurial instrument in the Province

Figure 7. Sample map showing A&D, build up areas and other tenurial instrument in Palawan

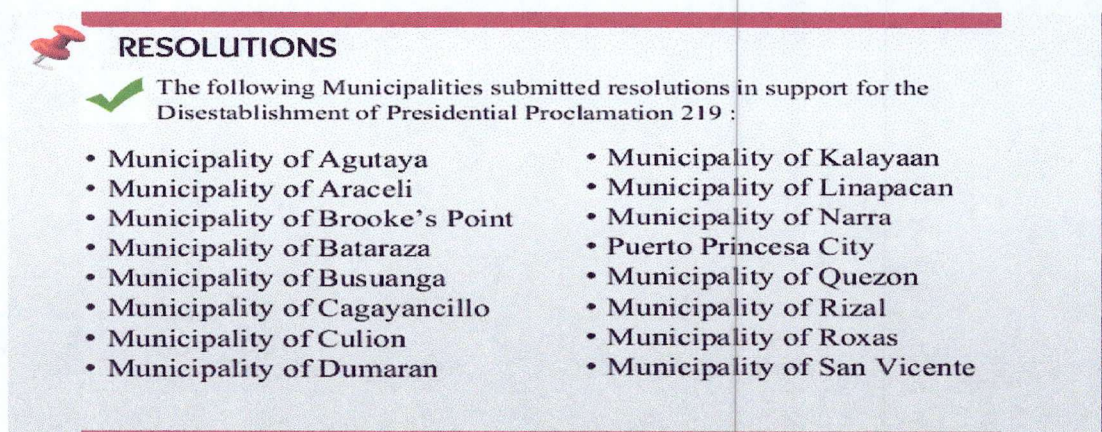


Figure 8. Showing the municipalities that corroborate the disestablishment of PP 219 by way of resolutions

Major issues surfaced are:

- Presidential Proclamation 219, apparently, has been superseded by the other national policies and regulations that have complementing intentions for the province of Palawan. The absence of defined guidelines on how said policy should be carried out has made it a weak strategy to protect and conserve the province's resources and
- Majority of the Municipalities believe that PP 219 is not a suitable policy anymore for the province given Palawan's present population growth, the pacing and direction of the province's economy and its current land use pattern. Management of forested areas in the municipalities are reflected in their Forest Land Use Plan.

Above considered, the recommendation is:

3.1 Total Disestablishment of Proclamation 219

4. National Greening Program

Senior Forest Management Specialist Angelica D. Verian discussed the matter. Issues and concerns surfaced were the following:

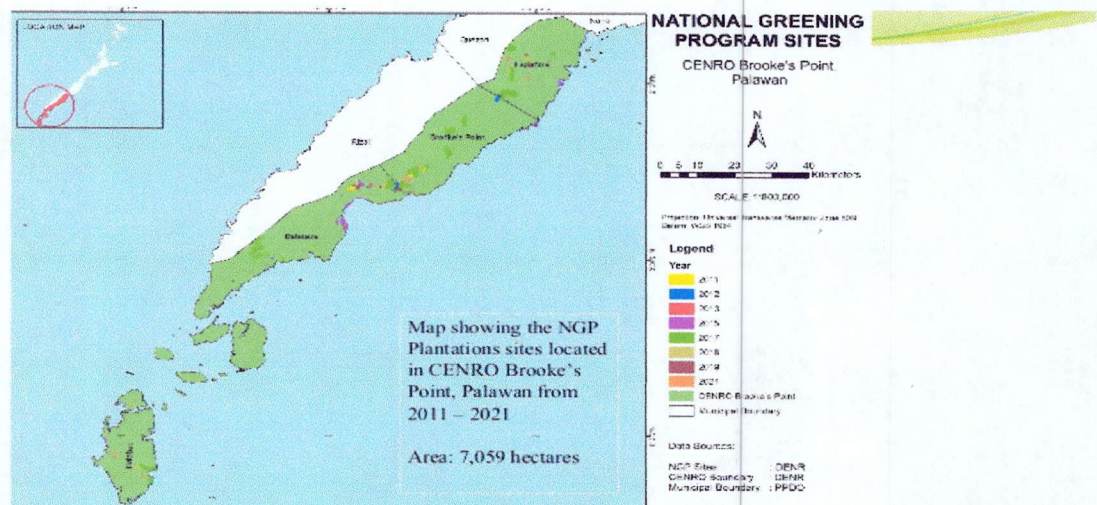


Figure 9. Showing National Greening sites in municipality of Brooke's Point, Palawan



Figure 10. Map showing the NGP site in Brooke's Point, Palawan with corresponding survival rating



The following are the major issues and concerns surfaced to wit:

- For mangroves (2015) – species matching, occurrence of strong wind and current in the area, pest and diseases (barnacles)
- Threat to Peace and Order in the uplands (NPA)
- Typhoon Odette
- Low Budget allocation for the Maintenance and Protection (5,000 per hectare, 2nd and 3rd year maintenance)
- Lack of Maintenance and Protection after the 3-year contract and
- Insufficient Personnel

Above considered, the following recommendations was given to wit:

- 4.1 Assessment of NGP areas affected by the typhoon Odette and
- 4.2 Mapping of NGP areas for rehabilitation activities

5. Foreshore Management and Development Plan of Palawan

Retired SEMS Johnny P. Lilang presented the context of Foreshore Management and Development Plan of Palawan.

PROBLEMS IN FORESHORE AREAS IDENTIFIED BY STAKEHOLDERS																			
MUNICIPALITIES / CITY	POLLUTION				SEDIMENTATION			HABITAT DEGRADATION					NATURAL HAZARDS				OTHERS		
	SOLID WASTE	DOMESTIC WASTE	OIL SPILL	MINING TAILINGS	SHORELINE EROSION	MINING TAILINGS	SAND QUARRYING	INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS	CONSTRUCTION OF FAIRWAYS	CUTTING OF MANGROVES	RESCUE TOWERS	DESTRUCTIVE FISHING	FLOODING	SEA LEVEL RISE	STORM SURGES	GEOLOGICAL FAULTS	ACCESS TO SHORE	NON-DEVELOPMENTAL ACTIVITIES	ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTION
EL NIDO	4	4	3	0	0	0	5	16	2	16	5	0	10	15	14	1	17	17	5
ROXAS	10	10	0	0	11	1	5	11	1	1	3	0	9	14	12	1	0	9	1
SAN VICENTE	5	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	2	11	11	0	11	0	0
SOFRONIO ESPANOLA	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
ARACELI	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
BATAKAZA	2	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	0
BROOKES POINT	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	0	0	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUMARAN	12	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3
CULION	14	14	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	12	13	0
RIZAL	1	2	0	0	10	0	0	10	0	0	0	11	0	11	11	0	0	11	0
QUEZON (RESPONDER 1)	11	11	0	2	6	2	3	9	5	4	1	0	4	11	11	0	0	11	1
QUEZON (RESPONDER 2)	11	11	9	5	0	11	5	10	0	11	0	11	11	11	10	0	1	11	2
QUEZON (RESPONDER 3)	12	12	9	4	0	12	12	0	0	1	0	7	3	12	0	0	1	10	2

Figure 10 showing the issues identified on Foreshore area

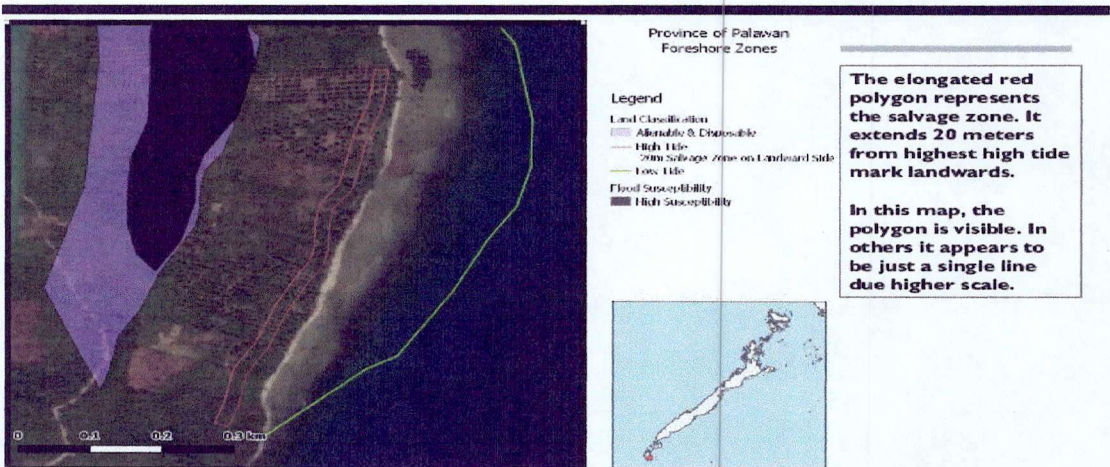


Figure 11 Sample map showing the flooding hazards that impacts on foreshore areas and salvage zones

The issues that came into view during presentations are:

- Conflicts of interest regarding access to resources
- Lack of good market for fish in local communities and
- Degradation of coral reefs throughout the province

Based on the aforementioned issues and concerns, the following was recommended:

- 5.1 Endorsement of the FADMP through Provincial Board resolution and adoption by the Office of the Governor.
- 5.2 Crafting of respective municipal FADMPs per Provincial Ordinance.
- 5.3 Integration of FADMP in the updating of the M/C LGUs'
- 5.4 Comprehensive Land and Water Use Development Plans and Zoning Ordinances.

Photo documentations



Engr. Donna Belle E. Luengo presenting the land reclassification and erroneous cadastral surveys



Special investigator I Maria Laura M. Ortega presenting the status of Public Land Applications in Palawan



Senior Forest Management Specialist Angelica D. Verian discussing the National Greening program



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Retired SEMS Johnny P. Lilang discussing the Foreshore Management and Development Plan of Palawan.



PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc addressing some issues and concerns based on the topics presented.



(September 21, 2022)



(September 28, 2022)

The Team and the Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources

Way Forward

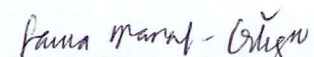
It is recommended that working hand in hand with the stakeholders such as the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Palawan through the Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources shall maintain to promote in-depth environmental responsibility that will encourage greater adoption of environmentally beneficial practices.

Further, this Office shall submit the request on the anticipation to the provincial resolutions as committed by the Chair of the Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Committee Chair Ryan D. Maminta to wit:

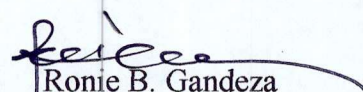
- Resolution requiring all barangays in Palawan to identify zoning of foreshore areas according to its uses
- Resolution to include the south municipalities of Palawan as NGP sites and to study the possibilities to adopt the fast growing fruit trees as commodity plant to reduce poverty; promote food security, environmental stability, and biodiversity conservation;
- Resolutions to amend and or support the propose Alienable and Disposable area per barangay of every municipality in the province of Palawan and
- Resolutions to amend and or support the disestablishment of Presidential Proclamation 219 to avoid erroneous survey that leads to the issuance of title to lots within timberland areas.

Signatories


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Special Investigator I

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Ronie B. Gandeza
OIC Chief, Technical Services Division

Approved:


Felizardo B. Cayatoc
PENRO

Attachments

1. Letter from the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated September 14, 2022;
2. Letter from the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan dated September 22, 2022 and
3. Letter to Hon. Ryan D. Maminta dated October 10, 2022

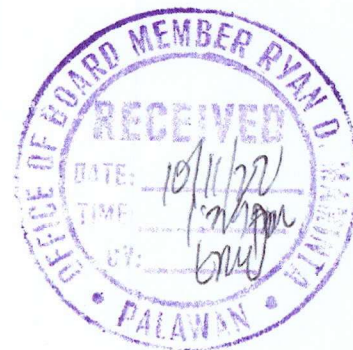


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October 10, 2022

HON. RYAN D. MAMINTA

Committee Chair
Environmental Protection and Natural Resources
Legislative Bldg., Capitol Complex
Fernandez Street, Puerto Princesa City




Dear Hon. Maminta,

Submitted is another copy of the Provincial Foreshore and Development Management Plan of Palawan consisting one (1) volume. The original copy of the same is submitted to the Office of then Governor Jose Chavez Alvarez after the presentation before the Committee of the Provincial Board sometime December 2019. As presented the second time before your Committee, this office earnestly request the following way forward to wit:

1. Favorable endorsement of the plan by way of board resolution and implementation by way of covering Ordinance particularly:
 - Directing MLGU to craft and come up with their respective Municipal Foreshore and Development and Management Plan (FADMP);
 - To update/amend their Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP) integrating the foreshore plan and the
 - Issuance of municipal ordinance for implementation of Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan (CLWUP) as amended.

Thank you and Mabuhay!

Very respectfully yours,


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September 14, 2022

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Sir,

The Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan chaired by the Honorable Ryan D. Mamiata will conduct a meeting to discuss the following matters as agreed upon last meeting - September 7, 2022, to wit:

- ✓ 1. Foreshore Management Plan of the entire Province - *GR JNL*
2. National Greening Program
3. The Disestablishment of Presidential Proclamation 249
4. Issues on Land Reclassifications; and
- ✓ 5. The issues on erroneous Cadastral Survey - *Engr. Doming*

In view hereof, your presence is requested during the said meeting on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Committee Room, Legislative Building, Puerto Princesa City, to enlighten the Body on the said issues, among others, in aid of legislation.

Thank you

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR,

Margie G. Ondrong
MARGIE G. ONDRONG
Board Secretary IV
Committee Supervisor

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September 22, 2022

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Sir:

As agreed upon last meeting September 21, 2022, the meeting of the Committee on Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan will continue to discuss the following matters:

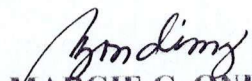
1. Foreshore Management Plan of the entire Province;
2. National Greening Program;

In view hereof, once again your presence is requested to the scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon at the Committee Room, Legislative Building, Puerto Princesa City, to enlighten the Body on the said issues, among others, in aid of legislation.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

BY AUTHORITY OF THE CHAIR:


MARGIE G. ONDIONG
Board Secretary IV
Committee Supervisor

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Ms. Lac,
Attachment to our report. - N/A to for
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