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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** 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 :** **REPORT ON THE ATTENDED WORKSHOP AS RESOURCE  
SPEAKER: TRAINING ON LOBBY AND ADVOCACY OF IPS  
OF BROOKE'S POINT AND TRAINING FOR BANTAY  
LUPAING NINUNO OF ARIBUNGOS, BROOKE'S POINT,  
PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated September 6, 2022 from CENRO Quezon along with the Report on the attended Training Workshop on Lobby and Advocacy of IPs of Brooke's Point, Palawan and Training for Bantay Lupaing Ninuno of Aribungos.

Please be informed that a staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL)-Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) serves as resource speaker on the said training workshops. It was conducted on August 22, 2022 and August 23, 2022 at the Maruyog Farm Resort, Pangobilian Brooke's Point and at Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines-Indigenous People Center, Aribungos, Brooke's Point, Palawan respectively.

For information and record.



"For the PENRO"

*[Signature]*  
**RONIE B. GANDEZA**  
OIC Chief, Technical Services Division  
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September 6, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

**FROM :** The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **REPORT ON THE ATTENDED WORKSHOPS AS RESOURCE SPEAKER: TRAINING ON LOBBY AND ADVOCAY OF IPS OF BROOKES POINT DATED AUGUST 22, 2022 AT MARUYOG FARM RESORT, PANGOBILIAN, BROOKES POINT AND TRAINING FOR BANTAY LUPAING NINUNO OF ARIBUNGOS, BROOKES POINT, PALAWAN**

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Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated September 2, 2022 of the Staff of Protected Area Office of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape re: above subject with attachment.

Please be informed that in relation to the implementing projects entitled "Community, Conservation and Natural Climate Solutions Initiative in Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL)" of NTFP EP Philippines the staff of MMPL attended as resource person for the Training on Lobby and Advocacy of IPs of Brookes Point on August 22, 2022 at Maruyog Farm Resort, Bgy. Pangobilian, Brookes Point, Palawan.

In addition, the Indigenous Community Partners of Barangay Aribungos and Ipilan, Brookes Point requested the support of CI to conduct a training for the volunteer group as their *Bantay Lupaing Ninuno* to help conserve not only their ancestral domain, but also the MMPL. The PAMO Staff attended the training for Bantay Lupaing Ninuno of Aribungos on August 23, 2022 at Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines-Indigenous People Center, Bgy. Aribungos, Brookes Point, Palawan.

Further, the two (2) above-mentioned learning event/trainings were attended/participated by the IP Key leaders, Barangay IPMRs, IP Women and Youth Representatives and were supported by the Conservation International (CI)-Philippines in partnership with NTFP-EP and the Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines-Indigenous People (AMP-IP).

For your information and record.



For the CENRO:

  
ENGR. ROSITA E. CASTULO  
DMO IV  
Office-In-Charge





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September 2, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

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*P 9/3/22*

**FOR :** The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
Quezon, Palawan

**FROM :** Staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape  
Protected Area Management Office

**SUBJECT :** **REPORT ON THE ATTENDED WORKSHOPS AS RESOURCE SPEAKER: TRAINING ON LOBBY AND ADVOCACY OF IPS OF BROOKE'S POINT DATED AUGUST 22, 2022 AT MARUYOG FARM RESORT, PANGOBILIAN, BROOKE'S POINT AND TRAINING FOR BANTAY LUPAING NINUNO OF ARIBUNGOS DATED AUGUST 23, 2022 AT AUGUSTINIAN MISSIONARIES OF THE PHILIPPINES-INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CENTER, ARIBUNGOS, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN.**

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This is to inform that the undersigned staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) attended as resource persons for the Training on Lobby and Advocacy of IPs of Brooke's Point dated August 22, 2022 at Maruyog farm resort, Pangobilian, Brooke's Point and the training for Bantay Lupaing Ninuno of Aribungos dated August 23, 2022 at Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines-Indigenous People Center, Aribungos, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Both of the above-mentioned trainings were supported by Conservation International (CI) - Philippines in partnership with Non-Timber Forest Products Extension Program Philippines (NTFP-EP) and the Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines-Indigenous People (AMP-IP) and were attended by the undersigned as per formal request to act as resource speaker.

The PAMO staff thru the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) acted as resource speaker for both trainings with the subject Expanded National Integrated Protected Area System (ENIPAS) Act of 2018 with the following discussions:

- Amendment of RA 7586 or NIPAS Act
- Discussed what is a protected area under ENIPAS
- Discussed what is NIPAS under ENIPAS
- Discussed the Declaration of Policy of ENIPAS
- Salient features of RA 11038
- Implementing Agencies of RA 11038
- Some key Terms of RA 11038
  1. Biological Diversity
  2. Ecosystem Goods and Services
  3. Exploration
  4. Hunting
  5. Kaingin



6. National Park and Natural Park
  7. Protected Area Occupants
  8. Protected Species
  9. Wildlife Sanctuary
- Section 11. The Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) Composition
  - Section 11-a. The Power and Functions of the PAMB
  - Section 11-b. The Protected Area Management Office (PAMO)
  - Section 20: Prohibited Acts under RA 11038
  - Section 21: Penalties under RA 11038

After the discussion of RA 11038 or ENIPAS Act of 2018, a dialogue on both trainings were conducted with the IPs/participants and discussed the following issues and concerns:

| Training attended as resource speaker   | Issues and Concerns   | Response from PAMO staff  |
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| Training on Lobby and Advocacy of IPs of Brooke's Point dated August 22, 2022 at Maruyog farm resort, Pangobilian, Brooke's Point | NCIP acting slow on requests and queries from the IP community.   | PASu suggested to not get tired of following up on their requests and queries for there could be valid reasons on the delay of response. PASu also suggested to secure receiving copies of their requests to have proof if needed to call the attention of CSC. |
|   | <p>Pag-uuma being a proper description of cultural farming of IPs rather than kaingin.</p> <p>The term kaingin according to one of the participants is a term applied to a farming activity wherein slash and burn is applied to an old growth forest affecting large trees and planting upland rice only while pag-uuma is still a slash and burn farming but is applied to second growth forest using intercrop system. Usually, the IPs leave these areas for 7 to 8 years before being use again.</p> | The PAMO staff was enlightened and acknowledge the distinction made by the participants.  |
|   | <p>Other IP members who were unable to attend meetings set by the government due to living too far and deep in the forest.</p> <p>One of the participants said that the elders request for meetings to be set near their community or Villages.</p>   | PASu said that this is already being practiced by the PAMO and will continue to do so in order to meet, impart knowledge and hear the sentiments and problems of the IP community.  |




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|   | Schools inside the protected area  | <p>APASu said that it is okay for a school to operate inside the protected area as long as the following are complied:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PAMB clearance</li> <li>2. Support of the BLGU and MLGU thru a resolution</li> <li>3. Support of the IP community</li> <li>4. If donation of area is done by an IP prior to school establishment, the donation should be notarized.</li> <li>5. Infrastructures should be aligned to the cultural materials and design of the IPs.</li> </ol>      |
|   | Selling portions of the ancestral land   | <p>PASu said that selling portion of ancestral land is <del>not</del> strictly prohibited, <del>as long as it is sold to or given to the nearest kin.</del> It does not apply to non-members of the IP community.</p>   |
| <p>Training for Bantay Lupaing Ninuno of Aribungos dated August 23, 2022 at Augustinian Missionaries of the Philippines-Indigenous People Center, Aribungos, Brooke's Point, Palawan.</p> | Seizing timber forest products inside a private property   | <p>Environmental enforcers are not allowed to seized/apprehend timber forest product inside a private property without search warrant/order from the court.</p>   |
|   | <p>One of the participants ask if the law could allow the IPs to hunt/gather wild fauna and flora for home consumption and other cultural activities</p> | <p>PASu and CEPA officer replied that it is allowed under to 8371 or Indigenous Peoples Rights Act, however it is also stated in the same law and in RA 9147 or the wildlife act that flora and fauna recorded as endangered or considered as highly protected species are exempted from this rule.</p> <p>The PAMO staff also informed that aside from explanation above, hunting/gathering of wildlife would only be prohibited if being economically used without or are being studied without proper documents.</p> |

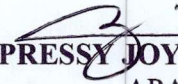
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|  | <p>One of the participants ask about the next schedule for the conduct of SEAMS at MMPL</p> | <p>The CEPA Officer answered that if the SEAMS manual is followed, it should be next year 2023 being the SEAMS activity conducted on year 2018 and as prior consideration to the 5 year SEAMS revalidation.</p> <p>The PAMO added that SEAMS will be conducted next year once the DENR higher office ordered the PAs to do so.</p> |
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Further, the PAMO staff also privately conferred with IP leaders who participated the trainings regarding future collaboration and partnership activities in their respective areas.

Moreover, attached in this report are geo-tagged pictures and invitation letters, to wit.

For his information and record.

  
**MICHAEL JOHN D. CANTUBA**  
 CEPA Officer

  
**PRESSY JOY S. COCJEN**  
 APASu

  
**RENATO S. GONZAGA**  
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**GEO-TAGGED PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE TRAINING ON LOBBY AND  
ADVOCACY OF IPS OF BROOKE'S POINT DATED AUGUST 22, 2022 AT MARUYOG  
FARM RESORT, PANGOBILIAN, BROOKE'S POINT**



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**GEO-TAGGED PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE TRAINING FOR BANTAY  
LUPAING NINUNO OF ARIBUNGOS DATED AUGUST 23, 2022 AT AUGUSTINIAN  
MISSIONARIES OF THE PHILIPPINES-INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CENTER,  
ARIBUNGOS, BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN.**



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02 August 2022

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Barangay Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa, Palawan



Attention:

**LEONARD CALUYA**

Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
CENRO Quezon  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Alfonso XIII, Quezon, Palawan

**RENATO GONZAGA**

Protected Area Superintendent  
Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape  
Protected Area Management Office, Quezon, Palawan

Dear **PENRO Cayatoc**,

We are thankful for your continuing support for CI's Community Conservation and Natural Climate Solutions (CCNCS) project in Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL). As part of our engagements and partnerships with the communities, LGUs, the DENR, and the PCSDS, Conservation International will be supporting the forestry law enforcement training of our indigenous community partners in the ancestral domain (AD) of Aribungos and Ipilan, Brooke's Point. They have requested CI's support in building a community volunteer group as their *Bantay Lupaing Ninuno* to help conserve not only their ancestral domain, but also the MMPL.

Nineteen (19) members of the Pala'wan AD community were recommended by the Organization of Indigenous People for Actions in Palawan, Inc. (list of potential trainees attached as Annex A) and their backgrounds are being vetted with the help of the PCSDS. The results of the evaluation will be one of the basis for inclusion in the training. Trainees who will qualify hope to be deputized either as PA Rangers under the ENIPAS Law or as Wildlife Enforcement Officers (WEOs) under the Wildlife Act.



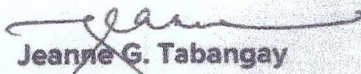
This training will take place at the **Community Training Center in Aribungos, Brooke's Point** from **August 22-25, 2022**. As a major partner for CI's CCNCS Project in the MMPL, we would like to request for resource persons from the DENR to cover the following topics:

1. The Philippine Forestry Code (August 22, 2002)
2. The Expanded NIPAS Act (August 23, 2022)
3. Basic Skills on Scaling and Measuring Timber (August 24, 2022)

For more detailed information, please see the attached training program. Should you have any questions, please contact our Law Enforcement Coordinator, **Ms. Aira Bayron** at **0967 7908308** or you may email her at [abayron@conservation.org](mailto:abayron@conservation.org).

We look forward to your favorable response to our request.

Very truly yours,

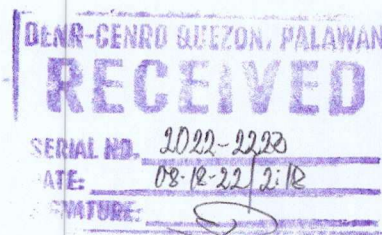
  
**Jeanne G. Tabangay**  
Director  
Paiawan Program





August 16, 2022

**Mr. Reynato S. Gonzaga**  
PASu- MMPL  
Quezon, Palawan



Dear Sir Gonzaga,

Isang makakalikasang pagbati!

NTFP EP Philippines is a network of NGOs and POs working towards the empowerment of indigenous peoples and local communities to strengthen, develop, promote NTFP-based forest management strategies that are sustainable, culturally-appropriate, and gender transformative, for future generations.

In partnership with Conservation International Philippines (CI Philippines), a non-government organization working with government and local communities to protect the country's natural assets, NTFP EP Philippines is implementing the project entitled, "Community, Conservation and Natural Climate Solutions Initiative in Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape." As part of the project, NTFP EP Philippines we are conducting a training on **Lobby and Advocacy on August 23, 2022** in Maruyog Farm, Barangay Pangobilian, Brooke's Point, Palawan.

We are inviting you to be one of our resource persons to talk on the roles and functions of the Indigenous Peoples representatives in the Protected Area Management Board and how indigenous cultural communities whose Ancestral Domains overlap with the Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape can participate meaningfully in managing the protecting MMPL. The training will be attended by IP key leaders, Barangay IPMRs, IP Women and Youth representatives.

For questions or concerns, please contact our Advocacy Officer, Ms. Loreta Alsa, at 09676055356, or email [agathis.phil@gmail.com](mailto:agathis.phil@gmail.com).

We look forward to having you as one of our speakers. Thank you!

Sincerely,

*Ruth P. Canlas*

**Ruth P. Canlas**  
Executive Director  
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