

September 26, 2022

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region

THRU : The ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The In-charge, PENR Officer
Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MPA NETWORK WITHIN
THE PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR THE THIRD
(3RD) QUARTER OF CY 2022**

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Other activities conducted on the provision of technical assistance to MPAN is the participation to the review of Executive Order 009-2009 "*An Executive Order Creating the Provincial Bantay Dagat Task Force, for Coastal Marine and Inland Waters Environmental Protection*" and drafting of Provincial Bantay Dagat Operational Plan.

Further, monitoring of activities included in the VIP MPAN and LEN Strategic Management Plan was also done. As a result, most of the activities/programs in the thematic area are on-going while others were already implemented.

For information and record.


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THRU : The Chief, Conservation and Development Section

FROM : Forester I/CDS Personnel

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Please be informed that this Office is a regular member of the Oriental Mindoro MPA and Fisheries Law Enforcement Network (OMMPA-FLEN). Its task is to provide technical assistance related to coastal and marine resource management of each municipality.

The OMMPA Network conducts a quarterly regular meeting in which this Office, through the Conservation and Development Section (CDS) participates. Two (2) meetings have been conducted on June 28, 2022 at Vencio's Garden Hotel and Restaurant in Calapan City and September 24, 2022 at Parang Beach Resort, Parang, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro, for the second and third quarter, respectively. The said network meeting was spearheaded by the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro – Agriculturist's Office Fisheries Management Division and the DENR. It was participated by regular members composed of all municipalities within the province through its Coastal Resource Management Coordinators, Municipal Agriculturists, Provincial Legal Office, and national agencies such as Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, PNP-Maritime, Philippine Coast Guard and Department of Environment and Natural Resources Office thru the PENRO.

During meetings, network members provide update on the fishery and CRM Programs and Implementations and also the issues and concerns encountered within the quarter. Each municipality have presented their reports, and good feedbacks and results were raised. All of them were also already preparing for the seasonal fishery closure which will start on November. These members are proactive in such kind management activity, wherein positive impacts are seen throughout the years of implementation of the strategy. This means that consistent enforcement, improved cooperation and communication between fisheries managers and stakeholders, fish size and gear restrictions, and identification and conservation of key habitats are needed to restore overexploited species.



This Office have also presented previous activities related to the coastal management within the province. Based on the last meeting's agreement, the Office expressed its willingness to provide technical assistance on the formulation of the Integrated Coastal Management Plans of the municipalities. However, the municipality of Bulalacao was the only municipality that started the formulation of its ICM Plan. Though the said municipality is outside the VIP, this office has assisted in the first (1st) phase of planning workshop, provided inputs and proposed activities of this Office for the following years. Further, this Office still encourages other municipalities to prepare the said plans especially for the northern part of the province, which are the initial MPA component for the VIP MPA and LEN.

On September 22, 2022, this Office have also attended in the Provincial Bantay Dagat Operational Planning. It was conducted in Parang Beach Resort, Calapan City, prior to the conduct of the third quarter network meeting. The Chief, CDS Forester Amor D. Asi participated in review/presentation of Executive Order 009-2009 "*An Executive Order Creating the Provincial Bantay Dagat Task Force, for Coastal Marine and Inland Waters Environmental Protection*" and provided comments and corrected some points in the EO. Likewise, in the drafting of Provincial Bantay Dagat Operational Plan, some points highlighted were the strict implementation of law enforcement within the MPAs. Linkages and strong coordination with the barangay LGUs as well as other agencies concerned such as PNP Maritime, BFAR and DENR should also be strengthened. Bantay Dagats shall also be fully capacitated on their functions.

Moreover, based on the VIP MPAN and LEN Strategic Management Plan, as of this date, most of the activities in the thematic areas for the 5 MPAs listed were implemented and are on-going implementation. The MPAs has a recorded increase on fish catches after the seasonal closure and sustained during normal fishing season. There is also semi-annual monitoring and assessment of the coral, mangrove and seagrasses with the assistance of the PAgo thru the Oriental Mindoro Resource Monitoring Team (ORMT), in which the PENRO have expressed its assistance also and provision of technical personnel/divers. The said MPAs are a regular and active member of the OMMPA-FLEN in which issues and concerns are quarterly resolved and are discussed. There are also approved City and Municipal Ordinances about the ban/regulation of the use of plastics within these areas. It is strengthened thru strict implementations of the Barangay LGUs. For socio-economic and sustainable financing, the PGOM and each MLGU has a yearly budget allocation for the biodiversity conservation and fisheries management. Though it is not enough, partnerships from different non-government agencies were established, which sustains the management efforts of the MPAs. The DENR also provides and encourages People's Organizations within the VIP to enter into Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) as their alternative livelihood. In addition, all activities are inclined to the climate change resiliency program of the agency.

The progress of the activities within the VIP MPAN is monitored and evaluated by this office. The regular attendance/participation of this office to the OMMPA – FLEN could track down the progress of the management strategies and activities for the VIP.

Attached is the photo documentation of the activity.


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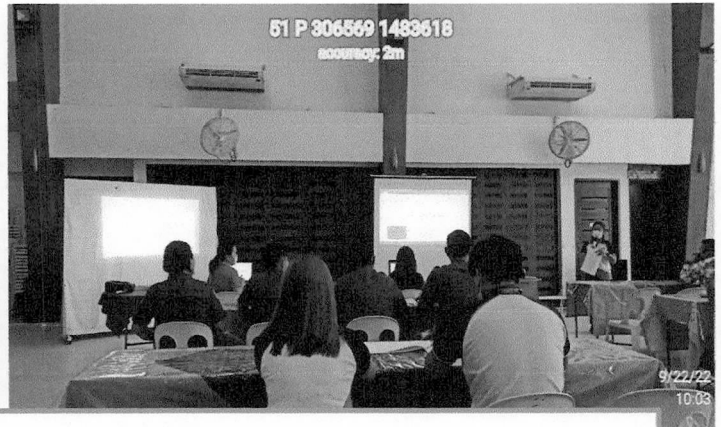
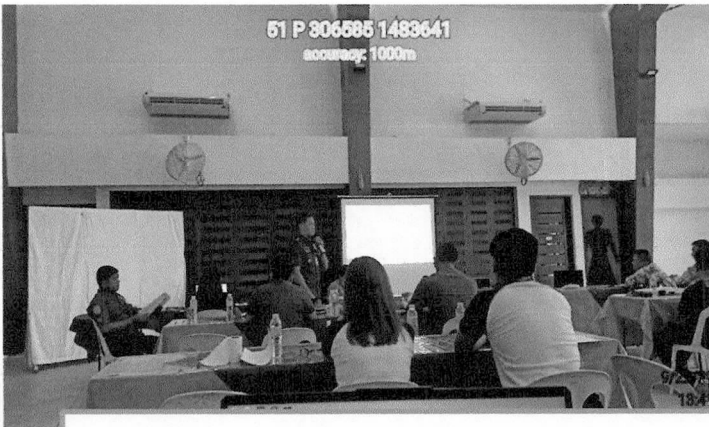


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Photos showing Forester Amor D. Asi, Chief of CDS, presenting updates on the activities of PENR Office under coastal and marine resource management to the second (2nd) Quarter Meeting of OMMPA-FLEN in Vencio's Garden Hotel, Calapan City.



Photos showing agencies expressing their inputs in the drafting of Provincial Bantay Dagat Operational Plan held on September 22, 2022 at Parang Beach Resort, Calapan City.

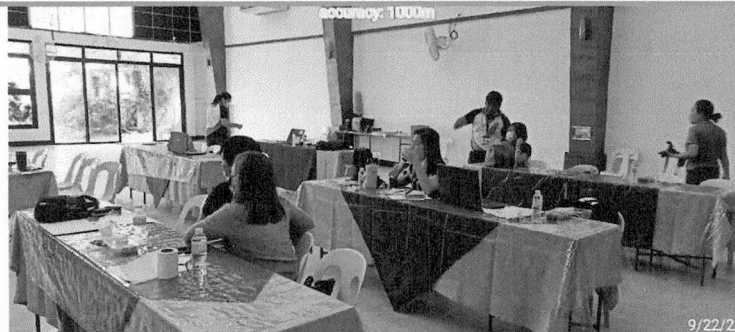
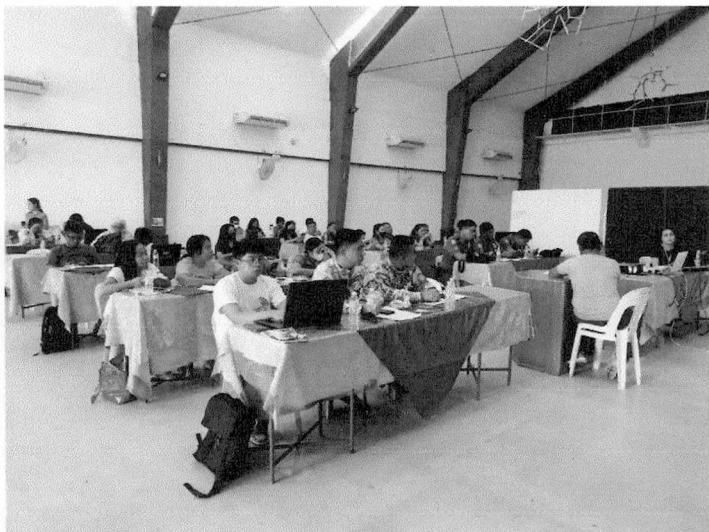


Photo above showing Forester Amor D. Asi, Chief CDS participating in the drafting of Provincial Bantay Dagat Operational Plan held on September 22, 2022 at Parang Beach Resort, Calapan City.



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Photos showing Movin L. Tandang, CMEMP Extension Officer of PENRO CDS, presenting updates on the activities of PENR Office under coastal and marine resource management to the third (3rd) Quarter Meeting of OMMPA-FLEN at Parang Beach Resort, Calapan City.



Photos showing CRM Coordinators of the City of Calapan and municipality of Naujan during the presentation of updates on the fishery activities and other coastal and marine resource management activities on the third (3rd) Quarter Meeting of OMMPA-FLEN at Parang Beach Resort, Calapan City.