



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
MIMAROPA Region
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Brooke's Point, Palawan

September 16, 2022

MEMORANDUM

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

THRU : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **ACCOMPLISHMENTS RE: ACTION PLAN TO MINIMIZE
ILLEGAL LOGGING IN THE IDENTIFIED HOTSPOT AREA
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CENRO BROOKE'S POINT [P-
2022-86489]**

This is in reference to her memorandum instruction dated May 30, 2022 acknowledging receipt of the report of this Office relative to the aforementioned subject and concurring with the proposal to delist the Municipality of Bataraza as an illegal logging hotspot provided that the LGU shall issue a Resolution to this effect with further recommendation that it will contain detailed activities to sustain the drive against illegal logging within the AOJ of Bataraza. This is considering that the issue/concern identified is the limited involvement/support of the LGU in forest protection activities.

In compliance therein, this Office coordinated with the Municipal LGU particularly with the Office of the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources (MENRO) to schedule for the created Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (MFPC) in the Municipality to convene for a meeting so as to discuss the issuance of the required LGU Resolution to support the request for the delisting of Bataraza as an illegal logging hotspot. During the meeting held on August 31, 2022, the Municipal LGU presented its plan activities/forward actions to continuously minimize/neutralize illegal logging and illegal charcoal making activities within the AOJ of the Municipality of Bataraza. Said Municipal LGU plan is then adopted and endorsed by the Bataraza MFPC through the issuance of Resolution No. 2022-002 entitled "*A Resolution adopting and endorsing the plan activities/forward actions of the Municipal Local Government Unit of Bataraza to neutralize illegal logging and illegal charcoal making activities in the municipality to*

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further support the request for its' delisting from the list of identified illegal logging hotspot areas in DENR MIMAROPA Region".

Moreover, it is likewise informed that a prior Resolution No. 2022-001 entitled "A Resolution requesting for the Sangguniang Bayan to issue a Resolution for the Delisting of the Municipality of Bataraza from the list of identified illegal logging hotspot areas in DENR MIMAROPA Region" has been adopted and approved by the Bataraza MFPC during the previous meeting held on May 4, 2022 wherein this Office presented and discussed the accomplished activities per the submitted action plan.

In line thereof, it is further informed that per commitment of the Municipal LGU during the MFPC Meeting on August 31, 2022, the securing/issuance of Sangguniang Bayan Resolution/LGU Certification to support request for the delisting of the municipality is tentatively scheduled on the 3rd week of September 2022. Copy of said Sangguniang Bayan Resolution/LGU Certification will be furnished/forwarded soonest.

Please find attached copy of Bataraza MFPC Resolution (No. 2022-001 and 2022-002) and the Municipal LGU Plan Activities/Forward Actions to serve as basis for further action/s.

For information, record and further evaluation/instruction.


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BATARAZA MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE (BMFPC)

AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF BATARAZA MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD AT THE MUNICIPAL FUNCTION HALL, BATARAZA, PALAWAN ON MAY 4, 2022 WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS (*8 out of the 13 regular members were present*)

1. For. Reynaldo C. Rivera, <i>Enp</i>	-	MENRO/Acting Presiding Officer
2. Gardan M. Ibba	-	Executive Assistant/Representative, Office of the Municipal Mayor
3. For. Conrado M. Corpuz	-	CENRO, Brooke's Point, Palawan
4. Renato S. Gonzaga	-	PASu, MMPL
5. Emma V. Gonzales	-	SFO3/Bataraza Fire Station
6. Michelle S. Botavara	-	Admin Aide VI/Representative, Sangguniang Bayan Office
7. Ana Maria G. Acosta	-	PDO I/PCSDS
8. Analyn Hasim	-	Envi. Compliance Officer/Representative of RTNMC OIC-Resident Mine Manager

RESOLUTION No. 2022 - 001

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN TO ISSUE A RESOLUTION FOR THE DELISTING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA FROM THE LIST OF IDENTIFIED ILLEGAL LOGGING HOTSPOT AREAS IN DENR MIMAROPA Region

WHEREAS, per the list released by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Municipality of Bataraza has been identified as one of the two (2) municipalities in the Province of Palawan declared as an illegal logging hotspot due to high incidence of apprehensions of undocumented forest products;

WHEREAS, in CY 2020, CENRO Brooke's Point submitted an Action Plan aiming to minimize and neutralize the illegal logging, charcoal making and other forestry related illegal activities through capacitation, strengthening of linkages and coordination with the different agencies and stakeholders in the municipality of Bataraza, Palawan covering the period of September 2020 to February 2021 which was then further extended considering the challenges brought about by the health crisis and global pandemic (Covid-19) wherein limited movement of personnel and individuals had impeded the implementation of the proposed and identified programs and activities;

WHEREAS, coordination with the DILG, MULGOO personnel and MENRO of LGU Bataraza re: MFPC creation/ reactivation was conducted on September 02-04, 2020 to discuss the proposed action plan and activities to address the issues on illegal logging, charcoal making and other illegal forest related activities in the municipality;

WHEREAS, On October, 2020, the Local Chief Executive of Bataraza, Mayor Abraham M. Ibba issued an Executive Order No. 17 "An Order Creating the Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (MEPC) in municipality of Bataraza. It has 15 regular members composed of representatives from this Office, PCSD, DENR, SB, PNP, Maritime, PGC, MENRO, MMPL, PASu, and RENMC (private sector).

WHEREAS, the created MEPC then adopted the proposed plan activities to address the aforementioned issues on illegal logging, charcoal making and other illegal forest related activities in the municipality;

WHEREAS, the impact and results of collaboration, coordination and implementation of activities for the action plan can be verified on records and reports and directly relate on the accomplishments related to conduct of apprehensions specifically operated incidence in the municipality;

WHEREAS, current data trend on apprehension in the municipality show decreasing incidences but varying volume of apprehended undocumented forest products, nonetheless, the volume of reported undocumented forest products in each operations only ranges from above fifty (50) board feet but less than 1,000 board feet which reports also includes the joint and single operation activities of other apprehending agencies;

WHEREAS, as reflected on records of CENRO Brooke's Point, since the incidence of apprehension in CY 2015 in which a total of 32,000 board feet of assorted lumber and flitches was apprehended in Barangays of Tabud and Tagnato (in boundary area of Municipality of Rizal at So. Wangle) and 135.42 cubic meters of different lesser used species apprehended in Barangay Igang-Igang, no other apprehensions exceeding 2,000 board feet (which is the indicator to set an area into hotspot) was recorded and reported. Moreover, the number of incidences and volume of apprehended lumber had since then decreased significantly;

WHEREAS, although, in most cases, the apprehended forest products were naturally grown species of forest trees mostly Bubog, Bangkal and Panasan species, these were only intended for construction of houses and furniture and not necessarily for commercial purposes;

WHEREAS, the activities and accomplishments indicated in the action plan is 100% implemented but not yet enough to be considered that illegal logging, charcoal making and other forestry related illegal activities in the municipality is completely eradicated rather it is 100% successfully neutralized and minimized;

WHEREAS, with the objective of delisting the municipality of Bataraza in identified hot spot areas of MIMAROPA, the reported incidence and volume of apprehended timber and non-timber forest products can be considered as justifications;

WHEREAS, further, the commitments of the Municipal LGU and other partner agencies to support the activities to continue and keep neutralizing and minimizing the incidence can also be measured and deliberated;

WHEREAS, upon motion of PASu Renato S. Gonzaga of MMPL, the Committee unanimously agreed and signifies to the passage of a MEPC resolution requesting for the Sangguniang Bayan to issue a resolution for the Delisting of the municipality of Bataraza from the list of identified illegal logging hotspot areas in DENR MIMAROPA Region;

WHEREFORE, be it resolve as it is hereby resolved that the Bataraza Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (BMEPC) hereby passes a resolution requesting the Sangguniang Bayan to issue a resolution for the Delisting of the municipality of Bataraza from the list of identified

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of this Resolution be forwarded immediately to the Sangguniang Bayan (SB) for assessment, evaluation and consideration.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 4th day of May 2022 in the Municipality of Bataraza, Palawan.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Ronita
ROSEVILLE L. MITRA
Forest Technician I
Member, Secretariat

ATTESTED BY:

Reynaldo C. Rivera
FOR. REYNALDO C. RIVERA, EnP
MENRO, Bataraza
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

Abraham M. Iba
HIL. ABRAHAM M. IBBA
Municipal Mayor
BMEPC Chairman

BATARAZA MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE (BMFPC)

AN EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF BATARAZA MULTI-SECTORAL FOREST PROTECTION COMMITTEE HELD AT RIN CLUBHOUSE, BARANGAY RIO TUBA, BATARAZA, PALAWAN ON AUGUST 31, 2022 WITH THE PRESENCE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS (*7 out of the 13 regular members were present*):

1. For. Reynaldo C. Rivera, <i>EnP</i>	- MENRO/Acting Presiding Officer
2. For. Conrado M. Corpuz	- CENRO, Brooke's Point, Palawan
3. For. Apollo V. Regalo	- PDO IV/PCSOS
4. Jaimee M. Tupas	- MEPEO/Representative of RTNMC OIC-Resident Mine Manager
5. CG SNEJP Tuse	- Marpol Inspector/Coast Guard Sub-Station Rio Tuba
6. 1Sgt Bonchi A. Decreto PN(M)	- Platoon Sergeant/4 th Marine Company – Sandoval, Bataraza
7. PSSg Dennis L. Peria	- Warrant PNCO/Bataraza MPS

RESOLUTION No. 2022 – 002

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND ENDORSING THE PLAN ACTIVITIES/FORWARD ACTIONS OF THE MUNICIPAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT OF BATARAZA TO NEUTRALIZE ILLEGAL LOGGING AND ILLEGAL CHARCOAL MAKING ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE REQUEST FOR ITS' DELISTING FROM THE LIST OF IDENTIFIED ILLEGAL LOGGING HOTSPOT AREAS IN DENR MIMAROPA REGION

WHEREAS, the Municipal Local Government Unit of Bataraza presented its proposed plan activities/forward actions covering the period from September 2022 onwards during the scheduled Bataraza Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee Meeting;

WHEREAS, said proposed plan activities/forward actions are in line with the objective to minimize and neutralize the illegal logging, illegal charcoal making and other forestry related illegal activities in the Municipality of Bataraza and further support the request for its delisting from the list of identified illegal logging hotspot areas in DENR MIMAROPA Region;

WHEREAS, the plan includes various programs, projects and activities of the Municipal LGU to be conducted/implemented through capacitation, strengthening of linkages and in coordination with the Barangay LGUs, other Forest Protection and Law Enforcement agencies and stakeholders within the Municipality of Bataraza;

WHEREAS, per review, assessment and evaluation, the Committee find and concur that the identified activities are geared towards the attainment of the objective to minimize neutralize illegal logging and other illegal activities within the municipality and support the request for its delisting as an illegal logging hotspot area;

NOW THEREFORE, on the motion of Forester Apollo Regalo of PCSDS duly seconded and upon unanimous vote, be it:

RESOLVED, that the Bataraza Multi-Sectoral Forest Protection Committee (BMFPC) hereby adopt and endorse the subject plan activities/forward actions of the Municipal Local Government Unit;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copy of this Resolution be furnished to the members of Bataraza MFPC and other concerned agencies for their information and appropriate action.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 31st day of August 2022 in the Municipality of Bataraza, Palawan.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

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ROSEVILLE I. MITRA
Forest Technician I
Member, Secretariat

ATTESTED BY:

R. Rivera
FOR. REYNALDO C. RIVERA, *EnP*
MENRO, Bataraza
Acting Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY:

H.J. Abraham
H.J. ABRAHAM, IBBA
Municipal Mayor/
BMFPC Chairman



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MUNICIPAL LGU PLAN ACTIVITIES/FORWARD ACTIONS

Objective: To minimize/neutralize illegal logging and illegal charcoal making activities in municipality of Bataraza

Activities	Objective	Schedule	Responsible Agency/ies	Remarks
1. Securing/Issuance of Sangguniang Bayan Resolution/LGU Certification requesting/supporting the request for the delisting of the Municipality of Bataraza from the list of identified illegal logging hotspot areas in MIMAROPA Region	• To support request for the delisting of the Municipality from the list of identified illegal logging hotspot areas in MIMAROPA Region	3 rd Week September 2022	MLGU/Sangguniang Bayan	MFPC Bataraza had approved and adopted Resolution No. 2022 001 entitled "A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN TO ISSUE A RESOLUTION FOR THE DELISTING OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BATARAZA FROM THE LIST OF IDENTIFIED ILLEGAL LOGGING HOTSPOT AREAS IN DENR MIMAROPA REGION"

<p>2. Evaluation, Finalization and implementation of livelihood programs for the qualified beneficiaries of five (5) pilot/selected coastal barangays identified as illegal logging hotspot areas in municipality of Bataraza</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide livelihood opportunities to communities/residents and hire/employ recipients as caretaker to protect, rehabilitate and maintain the mangrove forest in their respective area and/or barangay 	September 2022	MLGU/CRMP TWG	The LGU already have a copy of the list of beneficiaries per EMS I Jerome Genilan.
<p>3. Meeting with Barangay Officials during Council Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To present and discuss the issue of timber poaching and illegal charcoal making activities in their respective Barangays and come up with collaborative plan to address the issue 	September 2022	MLGU (MENRO) DENR PCSDS BFAR Other concerned forest protection and law enforcement agencies and stakeholders	
<p>4. Continuous monitoring and patrolling in coordination with concerned Government and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To strengthen the monitoring and patrolling activities of Bantay Bayan ng Bataraza • To conduct regular 	September 2022 onwards	MLGU/Composite Team		

		partner agencies and stakeholders in the municipality of Bataraza	monitoring/surveillance within the identified illegal hotspot areas
5. Deputation of barangay representative to assist in forest protection and conservation activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To join during LAWIN Patrolling of the DENR • To prevent/stop the movement/transport of illegal forest products from the forest/mangrove areas • To apprehend violators and file appropriate charges (in coordination with the DENR) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For barangay representatives to be capacitated/provided with technical knowledge and Paralegal aspect on how to implement existing environmental/forestry laws and assist the MLGU to handle or minimize illegal activities within their respective 	<p>July 2022</p> <p>MLGU DENR</p>

<p>6. Continuous IEC in coordination with other national agencies and private companies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> areas/barangay To persist the capacitation, strengthening of linkages and coordination with Barangay LGUs, NGAs and stakeholders in the municipality of Bataraza, Palawan for the protection and management of environment and natural resources of the municipality 	<p>October 2022</p>	<p>MLGU Other concerned forest protection and law enforcement agencies and stakeholders</p>	
<p>7. Deputation of LGU- Municipal Bantay Bayan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To have additional manpower/team which is/are deputized to assist in the forest protection and conservation activities of the MLGU 	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>MLGU DENR</p>	

Prepared by:

FOR. REYNALDO C. RIVERA, EnP
MENRO

Noted by:


Hh. ABRAHAM M. IBBA
Municipal Mayor