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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **PROTECTED AREA BRIEFER FOCUSING ON
TEN KNOTS PHILIPPINES INCORPORATED**

Forwarded is the emailed documents regarding "PROTECTED AREA BRIEFER FOCUSING ON TEN KNOTS PHILIPPINES INCORPORATED" from the PASu of El Nido Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) through its CENRO Alan Valle.

Please find attached documents for information;

1. ENTMRPA Briefer
2. ENTMRPA Profile
3. Ten Knots Development Inc. FLAgT and SAPA Application Status

For your record, review and further instruction.



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El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) El Nido, Palawan

B R I E F E R

El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) was proclaimed protected area by virtue of Presidential Proclamation 32 issued on October 8, 1998. It covers the 18 barangays of El Nido, Palawan and 3 barangays of Taytay, Palawan. The protected area has an area of 91,749 hectares with 38,420 hectares terrestrial and 53,330 hectares marine area. ENTMRPA has an organized Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) as the policy making body and the Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) supervised by the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) who is responsible to the day-to-day operation of the office.

Being a protected area, the activities are all guided by Republic Act 11038 or the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 2018. The PAMB together with the PAMO conduct different activities and pass policy resolutions to ensure the protection and conservation of ENTMRPA.

El Nido as a municipality is hailed for being one of the prime tourist destinations in the country not only for local tourists but also for guests from different parts of the globe. In 2019, peak of tourist arrival reached up to 311,724. Thus, management became more complicated for this protected area category. However, initiatives and partnership with Local Government Units and other stakeholders are strengthened to balance the situation.

As the tourist arrival increases thru time, except during pandemic in year 2020 and 2021, number of tourists recorded were 72,503 and 27,912 only, the need for tourist facilities such as hotels, resorts, restaurants, also increases as tourism is one of the major economic activities within the protected area. And to address the demand, building structures or expanding the existing structures within ENTMRPA is the last option of the business sector. Because El Nido is a protected area, application for such developments has to go thru a process, and depending on the classification of the area to be developed, a PAMB endorsement or Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) has to be secured from the DENR thru the PAMO.

As stated in the ENTMRPA Protected Area Management Plan (PAMP), tourism within ENTMRPA has rapidly developed since it was initiated in 1983 by the Filipino-Japanese Ten Knots Development, Inc. (TKDI). The pioneering company was responsible for opening of a diver's resort in Miniloc Island and two resorts in Pangulasian and Lagen islands. Numerous establishments, big and small, became established in El Nido town in the succeeding years.

Ten Knots Philippines Inc (TKPI), to date, has four (4) approved Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism purposes (FLAgT) in Pangulasian, Lagen, Miniloc and Cadlao, and twelve (12) SAPA applications within ENTMRPA. Several communications since April 28, 2020 have been served for their compliance to the submission of requirements for the applied

tenurial instruments. Three (3) applied areas have been issued with Notice of Violation and Order to Vacate pursuant to Section 20 (o) (v) of RA 11038 and PD 1067.

Table shows the location, area and specific purposes indicated in their applications:

| FLAgT No. | Area (has) | Location | Date Approved | Remarks and Issues |
|--------------------------------|------------|---|--|---|
| DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0008 | 5 | Lagen Island Resort, Brgy. Aberawan, El Nido, Palawan | Dec. 27, 2005 Expiration: Dec. 30, 2030 | Uses: Bathing Establishment Some structures are within the 40-m easement zone Technical conference had been conducted with commitment to comply the policies |
| DENR IV-MIMAROPA-11302030-0005 | 4.87 | Miniloc Island Resort, Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan | Nov. 23, 2005 Expiration: Nov. 30, 2030 | Uses: Bathing Establishment Some structures are within the 40-m easement zone Compliance monitoring result disclosed that the resort had been issued Notice to Vacate last 2018 but non-compliance thereof was observed Technical conference had been conducted with commitment to comply the policies |
| DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0009 | 5 | Pangulasian Island Resort, Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan | Dec. 27, 2005 Expiration: Dec. 30, 2030 | Uses: Bathing Establishment Some Structures are within easement Construction of View Deck outside the approved area. Ground for suspension/cancellation of FLAgT. Reminded to apply for SAPA on the |

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| | | | | <p>expansion area but still no application submitted</p> <p>Technical conference had been conducted with commitment to comply the policies</p> |
| DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0010 | 5 | Cadlao Island Resort, Brgy. Buena Suerte, El Nido, Palawan | <p>Dec. 27, 2005</p> <p>Expiration: Dec. 30, 2030</p> | <p>No compliance in the submission of Annual Report</p> <p>No CDMP and TDP Submitted on the given 6 months upon receipt</p> <p>Approved FLAgT area falls on the water body</p> <p>Issued Notice of Violation and Order to Vacate pursuant to PD 1067 and RA 11038; they complied through removal of fence but land guard is still present in the area</p> <p>Conflict with titled property of Gomez spouses with structure owned by Lihim Resort</p> <p>Composite team from DENR conducted inspection and survey of the FLAgT area to resolve the conflict between TKPI and Israel Gomez</p> <p>Technical conference had been conducted with commitment to comply the policies</p> |

Application for Special Use Agreement in Protected Area (SAPA) of Ten Knots Philippines Inc. (TKPI) –Ayala Corporation

| PROJECT NAME | LOCATION | AREA (sq.m.) | STATUS and ISSUES |
|--|---|--------------|--|
| 1. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Entalula Island, Brgy. Bebeladan, El Nido | 9,219 | With Notice of Violation and Order to Vacate dated January 16, 2020 pursuant to Section 20 (o) (v) of RA 7586 (NIPAS Act of 1992) as amended by RA 11038 or ENIPAS Act of 2018, and Article 51 of Presidential Decree 1067 Applied area is within Strict Protection Zone (SPZ) Complied the removal of fence within easement but still with structure in the island and land guard |
| 2. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Masagana, El Nido | 11,519 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Terrestrial area, no beach this not suitable for bathing establishment, with TKPI land guard |
| 3. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Masagana, El Nido | 91,778 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Terrestrial area, no beach this not suitable for bathing establishment, with TKPI land guard |
| 4. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Dagal-Dagal, Bgy. Corong-corong, El Nido (11°8'16.92" 119°24'17.4") | 2,050 | With Notice of Violation and Order to Vacate dated May 4, 2021 pursuant to Section 20 (o) (v) of RA 7586 (NIPAS Act of 1992) as amended by RA 11038 or ENIPAS Act of 2018, and Article 51 of Presidential Decree 1067 Status: MRF of TKPI, within easement, with land guard |
| 5. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Dibuluan Island, El Nido | 445,870 | With Notice of Violation and Order to Vacate released March 9, 2021 pursuant to Section 20 (o) (v) of RA 7586 (NIPAS Act of 1992) as amended by RA 11038 or ENIPAS Act of 2018, and Article 51 of Presidential Decree 1067 Status: Within easement, with structure and TKPI land guard |
| 6. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Snake Island, El Nido | 10,015 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Status: with TKPI land guard and guard house. |
| 7. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Matinloc Island, El Nido (Bulalacao) | 10,000 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Status: Applied area within easement |
| 8. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Matinloc Island, El Nido (Calmong) | 15,000 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Status: Applied area within easement |
| 9. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Ilog, Miniloc Island, El Nido | 10,000 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Applied area is within Strict Protection Zone |

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| | | | (SPZ) Status: Within easement and with TKPI land guard |
| 10. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Natnat Beach, Cadlao Island, El Nido | 18,135 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Status: Within easement, with guard house and TKPI land guard. |
| 11. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Lagen Island El Nido (11°5'22.78" 119°23'22.71") | 5,558.88 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Status: Structure within easement with TKPI land guard |
| 12. Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Bayog, Miniloc Island, El Nido (Daggan) | 5,000 | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 Applied area is within Strict Protection Zone (SPZ) Status: Within easement, with land guard and fence |
| 13. Lio Jetty | Lio Estate, Barangay Villa Libertad, El Nido, Palawan | Area within PA= 1,000 sqm Within Foreshore Area =196 sqm | Portion within Protected Area Complete SAPA Application requirements not yet submitted With Certificate of Compliance on Allowable Easement issued on February 11, 2022 |

TKPI requested for extension on the submission of requirements for their SAPA applications per letter dated June 18, 2020 due to limited mobility of people brought about by the pandemic. In response to their request, they were given five (5) months without extension to comply said requirements per letter from the CENRO dated June 19, 2020.

On October 8, 2020, TKPI wrote to ENTMRPA PAMO requesting for Protected Area Zoning Certification for eight (8) properties including that of the Lio Jetty which is located in Brgy. Villa Libertad. Attached in the said letter are the Tax Declaration and Tax map. And the PAMO acknowledge and consequently requested for the technical description of maps prepared and approved by the DENR for PAMO's reference. They, again requested for PA zoning of Entalula Island and thru a letter, it was responded that the property being applied in Entalula island falls within Strict Protection Zone (SPZ).

On May 24, 2021, eleven (11) months after the given extension, the ENTMRPA PAMO reiterated it to TKPI the granted extension as they might have it overlooked the consideration given by the CENRO.

To date, complete requirements for TKPI SAPA application are not yet submitted to ENTMRPA PAMO.

Aside from the applications for tenurial instruments of TKPI, a number of applications from various individuals and corporations were also received by the PAMO.

Those establishments within the protected that are already operating were informed and advised to apply for SAPA. Otherwise, legal sanctions will be imposed.

Statistics below shows the Agreements and Status of SAPA applications within ENTMRPA

| MOA/SAPA | NO. | EVALUATE D | REMARKS |
|--|-----|---------------|---|
| Approved MOA | 2 | 2 | For review of Terms and Condition and for conversion to SAPA ENTMRPA PAMO communicated to proponent |
| Approved SAPA | 2 | 2 | 1. Marites Alen – issued 2019, paid SAPA fee 2. Royal Premier Development Corporation – issued in 2020, no payment of SAPA fee |
| SAPA Applications approved by ENTMRPA PAMB | 8 | 8 | Completing SAPA requirements |
| SAPA Applications approved by PAMB Project Eval. Committee | 5 | 5 | For PAMB endorsement |
| New SAPA Application | 49 | 40 | Evaluated and communicated with applicants to submit complete documents |
| Deferred SAPA Application | 2 | - | For reevaluation of sites |
| TOTAL | 68 | 57 | |

ACTIONS TAKEN BY CENRO TAYTAY, PALAWAN AND ENTMRPA PAMO:

1. Issuance of Notice of Violations and Order to Vacate
2. Issuance of Cease and Desist Order (CDO) and Show Cause order.
3. Installation of signages in the islands within timberland stating that “occupation on the island is unlawful without the approved tenurial instrument or SAPA from the DENR”
4. Conduct of Technical Conferences
5. Coordination with the Local Government Units regarding ENR issues in ENTMRPA
6. Deployment of field personnel to conduct regular monitoring and inspection
7. Submission of Complete Staff Work for filing of charges against violators
8. Support to PAMB in the creation of policies within the protected area.
9. Continuous Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign to communities and stakeholders

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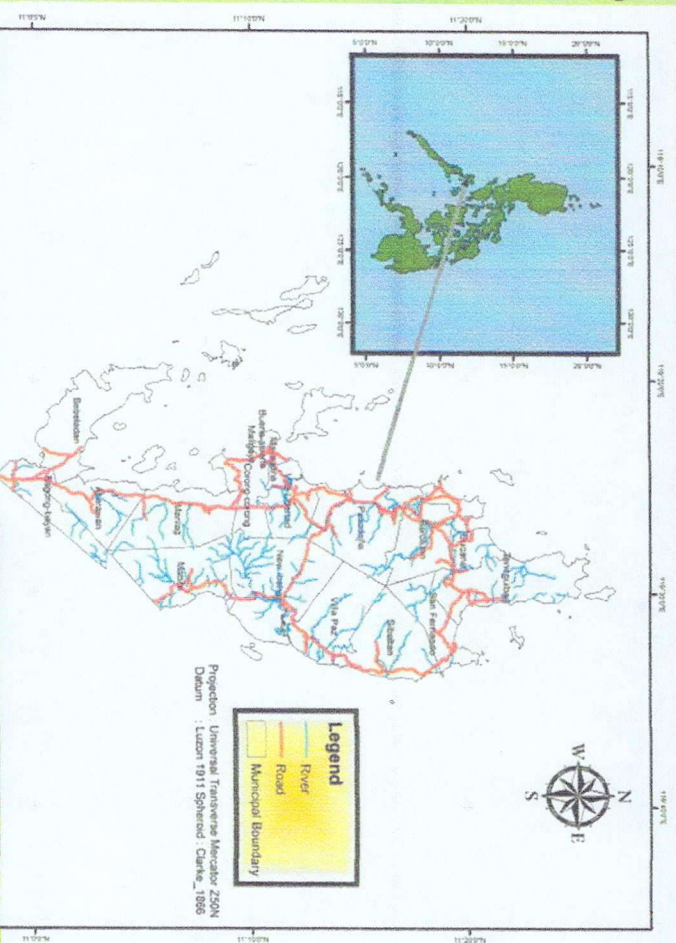
EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA

REPORT

Edited by: Natshiro-kun

BACKGROUND

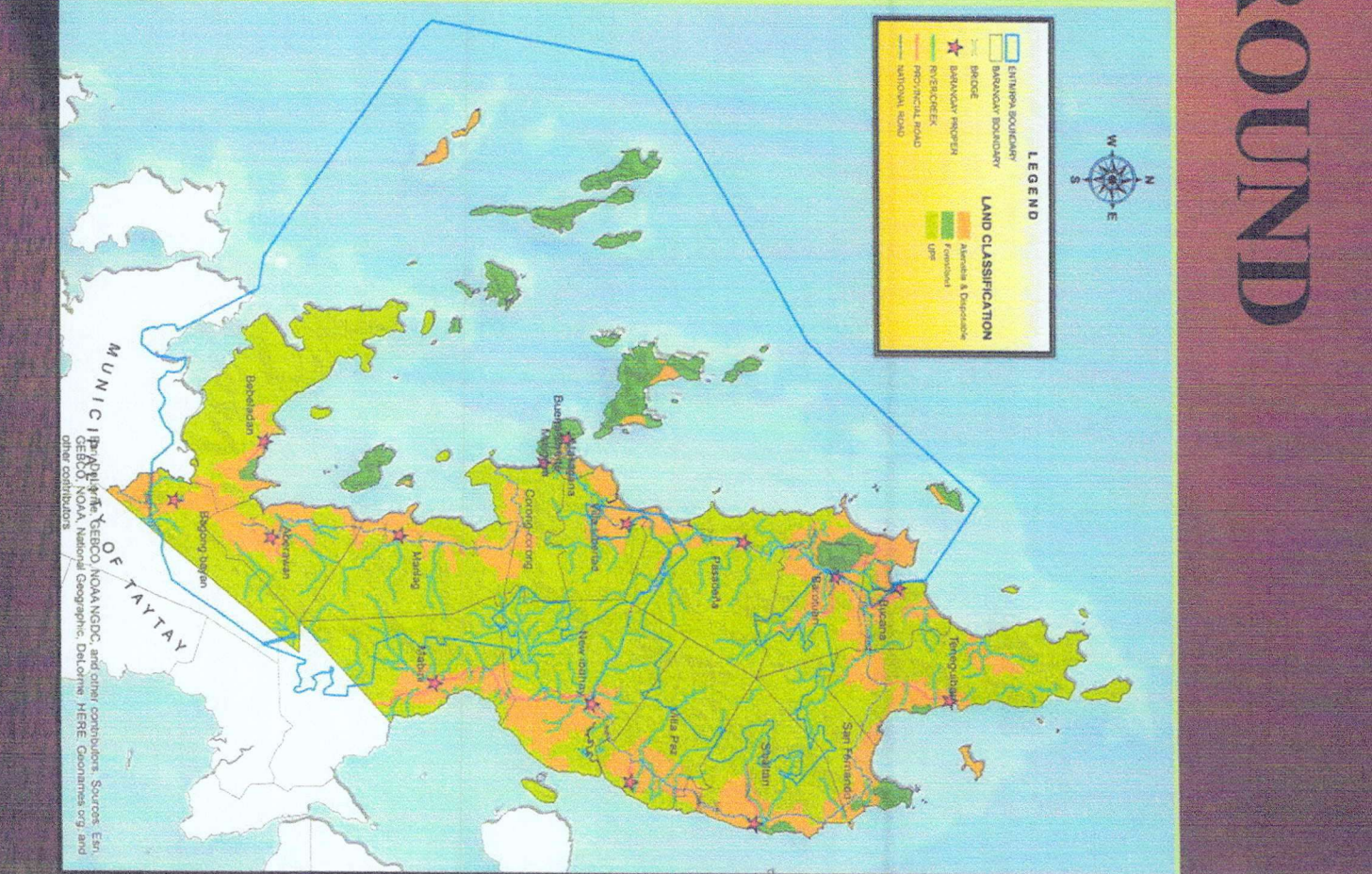
- El Nido is located at the northernmost part of Palawan.
- Famous for its towering marble cliffs, white beaches, crystal-clear waters and diverse marine life.
- Noted for its beautiful striking cliffs, rolling hills, exotic beaches, rivers lined with nipa palm, crystal clear waters, and diverse marine life

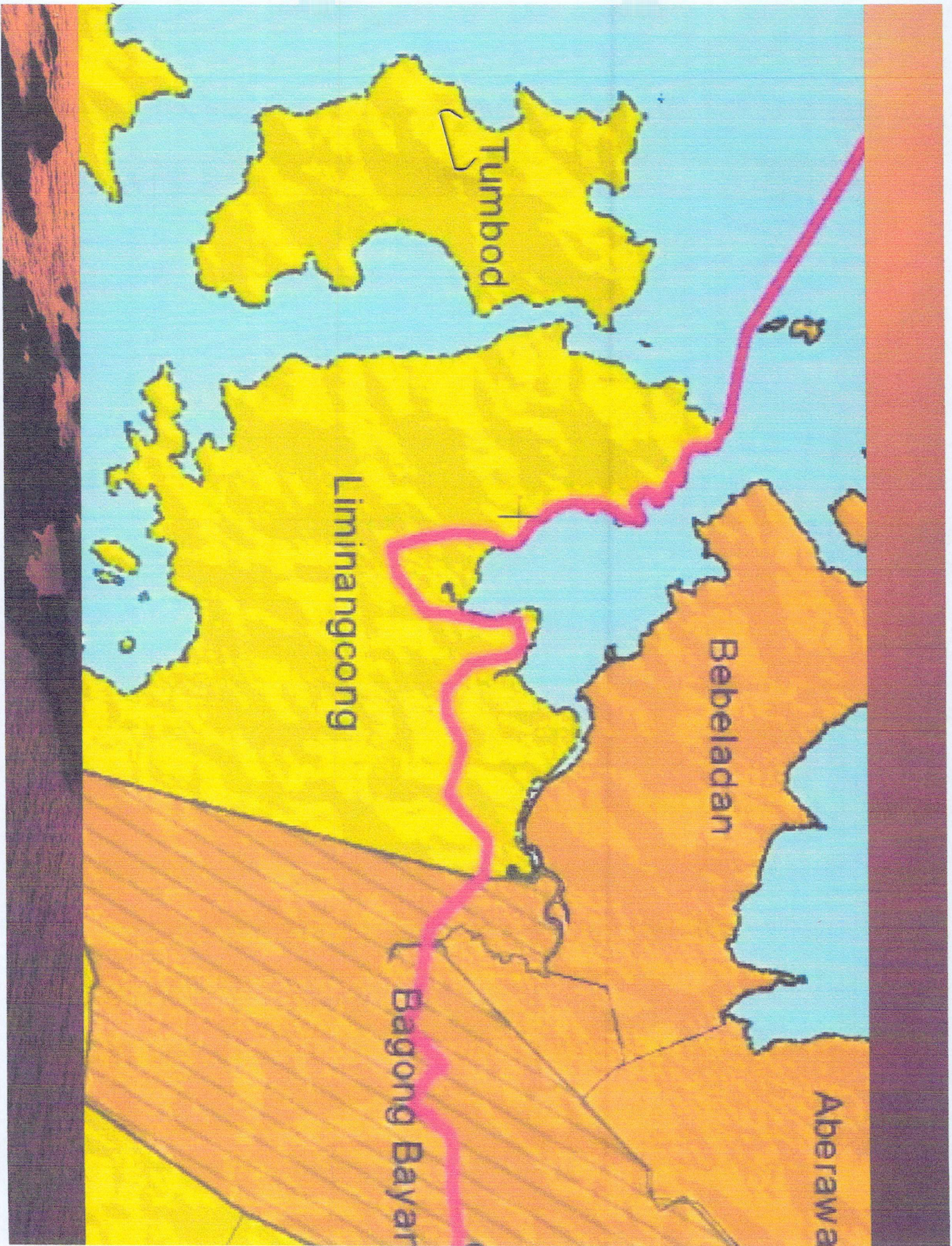


El Nido CLUP 2000; Cleland et. al 2010

BACKGROUND

- El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) is composed 18 barangays of El Nido and 3 barangays of Taytay.
- A total cover of **90,321 hectares**.
- 54,303 ha Marine areas
- 36,018 ha Terrestrial areas





| Component/Municipality with Jurisdiction | Hectares Covered | % of Total PA Area |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Land | 38420 | |
| El Nido | 33,848 | 37% |
| Taytay | 1,401 | 3% |
| El Nido/Taytay | 3,170 | 2% |
| Marine | 53330 | |
| El Nido | 53,330 | 58% |
| Grand Total | 91,749 | 100% |

LEGAL ESTABLISHMENT

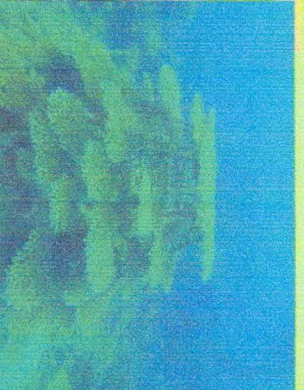
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| 1935 | Presidential Proclamation No. 785 | Establishment of Bacuit Watershed Forest Reserve with an area of 849 hectares |
| | Presidential Proclamation No. 786 | Establishment of Cadlao Forest Reserve with an area of 849 hectares |
| | Presidential Proclamation No. 799 | Establishment of Inabuyan Forest Reserve |
| | Presidential Proclamation No. 814 | Establishment of Bacuit Cliff Forest Reserve with an area of 265 hectares |
| 1984 | MNR A.O. No. 518 | Established the Northwestern portion of El Nido as Marine Turtle Sanctuary with an area of 36,000 hectares |
| 1998 | Presidential Proclamation No. 32 | Declared as Managed Resource Protected Area on October 8, 1998 |

“In 1999, the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) created a resolution changing the name of the PA to El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area or ENTMRPA to recognize the inclusion of three (3) barangays of Taytay, Palawan”.



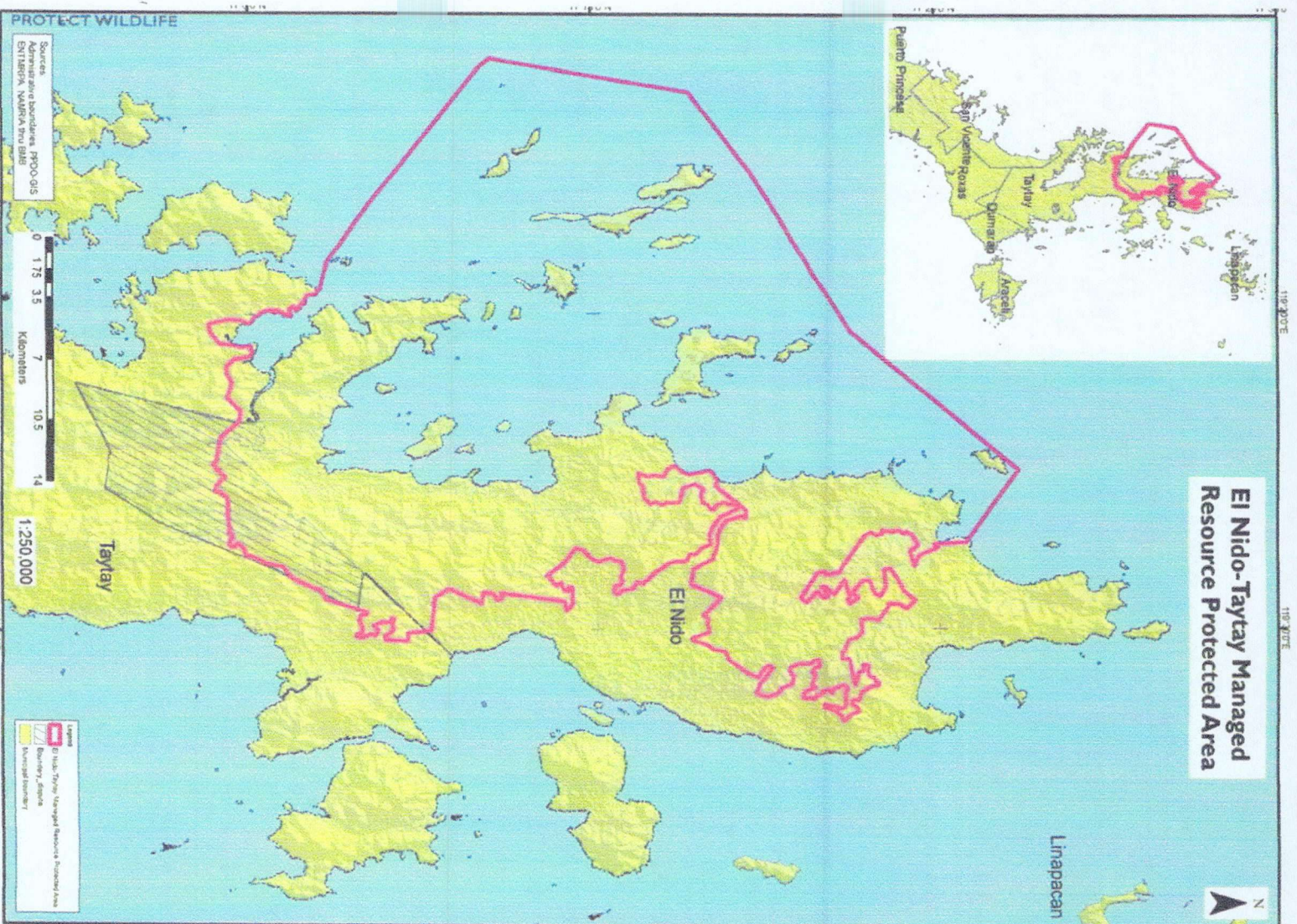
LOCATION

- **ENTMRPA** is located northwest of mainland Palawan, approximately 199° 24" E and 11° 11" N with a total area of 90,321 hectares, of which 40% are terrestrial and 60% marine.
- **Northern boundaries:** includes Lalutaya Island and the north portion of Bucana Bay.
- **Western boundaries** extends to the outer peripheries of Destacado Rocks.
- **Southern boundaries** from Destacado Rocks the boundary continues down to the Camago-Mabolo Islands until reaching the mainland in the Municipality of Taytay at Barangay Liminangcong, and including the Cataban estuary to Barangay Sandoval.
- **Eastern boundaries** follows the forest edge and avoids most of the alienable and disposable (A&D) lands along the eastern side of El Nido.



LOCATION

It is situated southwest of the **Calamian Group of Islands**. The **West Philippine Sea** lies on its western side while the **municipality of Taytay** lies on its south. It is bounded by the **Linapacan Strait** (Luzon Sea) in the north and by the **Sulu Sea** in the east.



LOCATION

| Municipality | Number of Barangays | Name of Barangay |
|--------------|---------------------|---|
| El Nido | 18 | Maligaya, Buena Suerte, Masagana, |
| | | Corong-Corong (classified as urban). Aberawan, Bagong Bayan, Barotuan, Bebeladan, Bucana, Mabini, Manlag, New Iba Jay, Pasadeña, San Fernando, Sibaltan, Teneguiban, Villa Libertad, Villa Paz (classified as rural). |
| Taytay | 3 | Cataban, Liminangcong, Sandoval |

Table showing Barangays covered by the

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

- Type I Climate:
 - Dry season from November to April
 - Wet Season from May to October
- Topographical characteristics of the terrestrial areas vary from rolling to the slightly rugged terrain of the Pagdanan Range on the PA's eastern periphery.
- On the western side of the town is the Palatore rock with an elevation of 470 meters above sea level (masl).
- The highest elevation in the PA is 640 masl in Cadlao Island.
- While the highest peak on the mainland is Sincocan Peak at 636 masl.
- The coastal areas are highly irregular, punctuated with sheer limestone cliffs with pockets of sandy beaches or rocky shorelines.
- Geology of El Nido is composed mainly of sedimentary and metamorphic rocks of the Paleozoic and Mesozoic eras.



PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY

| Name of River | Location | Influenced Area | Source | Drainage |
|---------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cataban | Cataban, Taytay | Forest Area in Cataban | Mt. Talogon, Bagong Bayan | Cataban Bay |
| Kaparayan | Aberawan (S) | Aberawan watershed | Aberawan Peak | Carnago Point |
| Aberawan | Aberawan (S) | Aberawan watershed | Aberawan Peak | Carnago Point |
| Manlag | Manlag (S) | Manlag watershed | Manlag watershed | Manlag Bay |
| Manlalic | Manlag (S) | Manlag watershed | Manlag watershed | Manlag Bay |
| Danat | Manlag (S) | Danat watershed | Danat watershed | Dagal-dagal Bay |
| Lio | Villalibertad (N) | Villalibertad watershed | Villalibertad watershed. | Bacuit Bay |
| Quinawangan | Pasadena (N) | Bulalacao watershed | Bulalacao watershed | Bacuit Bay |
| Nagkalitkalit | Pasadena (N) | Bacuit watershed | Sincocan Bay | Bacuit Bay |
| Barotuan | Barotuan (N) | Bucana watershed, Barotuan and happy vally | Sincocan Bay | |
| Taberna | Bucana (N) | Maranlao watershed Teneguiban | Maranlao watershed Teneguiban | Bucana Bay |
| New Ibajay | New Ibajay (N) | Cagbanaba watershed | Sincocan Peak | New Ibajay, Villa Paz |
| Batakalan | Villa Paz(N) | Villa Paz watershed | Sincocan Peak | Villa Paz (sea) |
| Sibaltan | Sibaltan (N) | Sibaltan watershed | Sibaltan watershed | Sibaltan (sea) |

Table showing Major River Systems within ENTMRPA

HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

| Barangay | Populati on census (1995) | Households census (1995) | PA Resident s (1999 SRPAO) | PA Household s (1999 SRPAO) |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| El Nido Barangays | | | | |
| Aberawan | 708 | 131 | 826 | 161 |
| Bagong Bayan | 635 | 130 | 671 | 131 |
| Barotuan | 1495 | 278 | 632 | 113 |
| Bebeladan | 1441 | 255 | 1330 | 236 |
| Bucana | 3094 | 570 | 2752 | 480 |
| Buena Suerte | 1328 | 240 | 1386 | 261 |
| Corong-corong | 598 | 121 | 648 | 124 |
| Mabini | 896 | 167 | 548 | 103 |
| Malgaya | 553 | 102 | 642 | 120 |
| Manlag | 1292 | 227 | 1262 | 242 |
| Masagana | 637 | 117 | 730 | 140 |
| New Ibalay | 1872 | 329 | 384 | 66 |
| Pasadeña | 1335 | 251 | 1254 | 234 |
| San Fernando | 1215 | 223 | 461 | 81 |
| Sibaltan | 1138 | 209 | 326 | 60 |
| Teneguidan | 1955 | 407 | 476 | 86 |
| Villa Libertad | 1025 | 202 | 864 | 172 |
| Villa Paz | 728 | 184 | 261 | 48 |
| Taytay Barangays | | | | |
| Cataban | 560 | 136 | 336 | 61 |
| Liminangcong | 4180 | 886 | 247 | 49 |
| Sandoval | 961 | 248 | 141 | 22 |
| Total | 27,649 | 5,393 | 16,177 | 2,990 |

Table showing results of the SRPAO for population statistics of the ENTMRPA

- One of the original settlers of El Nido are the **Tagbannas** with locality in Barangays Bucana, Liminangcong and Cataban.
- The other original settlers are the **Cuyunons**, who are an ethno-linguistic group originally from the Cuyo Group of Islands in the Sulu-Sulawesi Sea, northeast of Palawan.
- People from Luzon, Mindoro, Central and East Visayas, the Bicol Region, and Moslems from Mindanao are currently residing in the Poblacion and its adjacent barangays who have relocated for business, livelihood, and other sustaining purposes.

BIOLOGICAL ECOSYSTEM





There were five (5) forests formations in the ENTMRPA: Lowland evergreen rainforest, Semi-deciduous forests, Forest over limestone, Beach Forest and Mangrove forests.

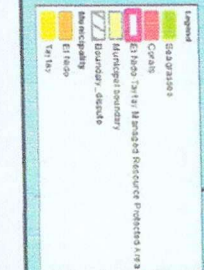


A total of 434 terrestrial flora species of which the native and IUCN-endangered dipterocarp, *Apitong* (*Dipterocarpus hasseltii*) dominates most of the terrestrial forests.

Six (6) species of large terrestrial mammals that are geographically restricted to the Palawan faunal region are found in the ENTMRPA..



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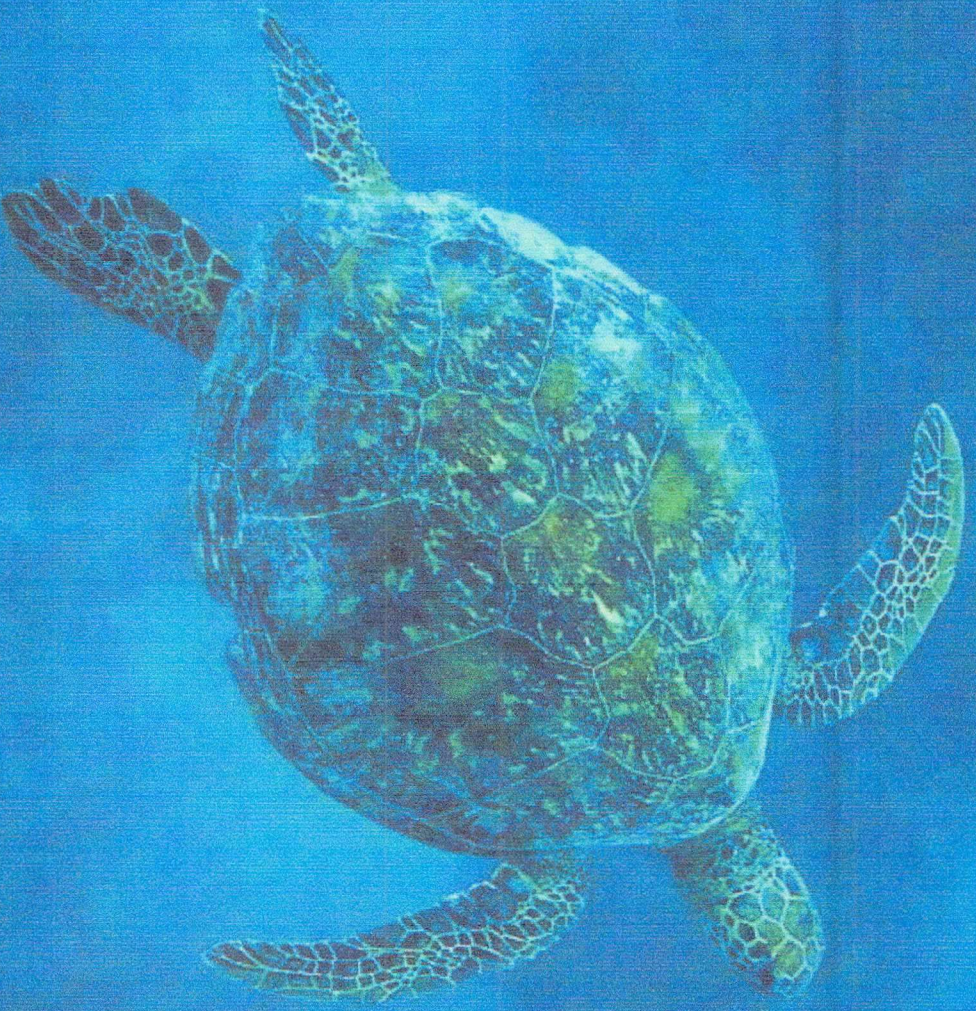


The ENTRMPA has eight species of seagrass recorded and identified in 1998 by a study conducted by UPMSI, some of which are the syringe seagrass (*Syringodium isoetifolium*), eel seagrass (*Enhalus acoroides*), and spoon seagrass (*Halophila ovalis*).

A total of 45 genera of hard corals and 197 fish species belonging to 28 families.



Four species of marine turtles are found in the PA: the Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), the Green Turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), the Olive Ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), and the Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*).



INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT

- DENR-Protected Area Management Office under the supervision of the Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer based at Taytay, Palawan.
- Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) composed of different agencies, associations and organizations: DENR, PCSD, MLGUs, BLGUs, NGOs, POs, FARMC and Academe.



INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT

RELEVANT POLICIES USED AS MANAGEMENT REFERENCES

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| Republic Act No. 7586. National Integrated Protected Areas System Act of 1992 | Principles in Determining Fees for Access to and Sustainable Use of Resources in Protected Areas |
| DENR-DAO No. 92-25. National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Implementing Rules and Regulations | DENR-DAO No. 2000-66. Rules and Regulations to Govern the DENR Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (PW RCC) |
| Republic Act No. 9593. Tourism Act of 2009 | Accreditation of Palawan Ecological Destination Guides |
| Republic Act No. 9710. Magna Carta of Women | DENR-DAO No. 99-24. Addendum to Section 19 (h) of Department Administrative Order (DAO) No. 25, Series of 1992 re: Composition of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) |
| DENR-DAO No. 2013-19. Guidelines on Ecotourism Planning and Management in Protected Areas | DENR-DAO No. 99-31. Ecological Destination Development Guidelines for Turtle Islands, Tawi-Tawi |
| DENR-DAO No. 2009-09. Standard Design and Specification of Signs, Buildings, Facilities, and other Infrastructure that may be installed and/or constructed within Protected Areas | DENR-DAO No. 99-39. Guidelines for the Development and Management of Ecological Destinations in the Philippines |
| DENR-DAO No. 2004-28. Rules and Regulations Governing Use of Forestlands for Tourism Purposes | |
| DENR-DAO No. 2000-51. Guidelines and | |

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RELEVANT POLICIES USED AS MANAGEMENT REFERENCES

- DENR-DAO No. 97-16. Addendum to the Guidelines on The Establishment and Management of the Integrated Protected Area Fund
- DENR-DAO No. 94-04. Establishing the Cave Management and Conservation Program (CMCP) and Providing Funds Thereof
- DENR-DAO No. 2004-32. Revised Guidelines on the Establishment and Management of Community-Based Program in Protected Areas
- DENR DAO No. 2003-29. Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Caves and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act (Republic Act No. 9072)
- Executive Order No. 192. Reorganization Act of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Executive Order No. 111. Establishing the Guidelines for Ecotourism Development in the Philippines
- National Ecotourism Strategy and Action Plan (2013-2022)





Ten Knots Philippines Incorporated

Approved Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism Purposes (FLAgT) and Special Use
Agreement in Protected Area (SAPA) Applications



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MIR. ALBERTO A. LIM

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Dear Mr. Lim:

In view of the on-going activities of the department particularly clean-up and rehabilitation of beaches within our area of responsibility, including the evaluation and assessment on the performance of all tenement instrument holders, please be informed that based on the findings of the Monitoring and Assessment Team created per Regional Special Order No. 44 dated January 30, 2017, you are compliant with the terms and conditions of your lease contract, except the submission of Annual Report and Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP) to the DENR, which this Office has reminded your representative Anthony Argana.

In connection to this, you are hereby reminded to submit the CDMPs and Annual Reports to DENR upon receipt hereof.

Enclosed is the returned mail dated November 2, 2017 which reminds you of the existing Administrative Order 2009-16 dated November 25, 2009 regarding such.

Very truly yours,

NATIVIDAD Y. BERNARDINO, CSE
OIC, Regional Director

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Dear Mr. Lim:

Greetings!

This pertains to the following Forest Land Use Agreement for Tourism (FLAGT) issued to Ten Knots Philippines Inc.:

- FLAGT No. DENR IV-MIMAROPA-13302030-0005 situated at Minilo Island, Barangay Babaldan, El Nido, Palawan approved on November 23, 2005;
- FLAGT No. DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0008 at Lagen Island, Barangay Aburawen, El Nido Palawan dated December 27, 2005;
- FLAGT No. DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0009 at Pangulasian Island, Barangay Babaldan, El Nido, Palawan dated December 27, 2005; and
- FLAGT No. DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0010 at Cadiao Island, Barangay Buena Suerte, El Nido, Palawan dated December 27, 2005.

Based on the findings of the Monitoring and Assessment Team created per Regional Special Order No. 44 dated January 30, 2017, be informed that you are compliant with the terms and conditions of your lease contract, except the submission of Annual Report and Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP) to the DENR, which this Office has reminded your representative Anthony Argana. However, up to now, not one thereof has been received by this office.

Further, all lessees of FLAGT are required to submit their respective CDMP to the DENR, within six (6) months from the issuance of the agreement, pursuant to DMO 2009-16 dated November 25, 2009.

In this connection, you are hereby reminded to submit the CDMPs and Annual Reports to the DENR upon receipt hereof.

Very truly yours,

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OIC, Regional Director

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FLAgT in Lagen Island Resort of Ten Knots Philippines Inc.

- Located at Barangay Aberawan, El Nido, Palawan

FLAgT No. **DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0008**

Date approved: **December 27, 2005**

Date expires: **December 30, 2030**

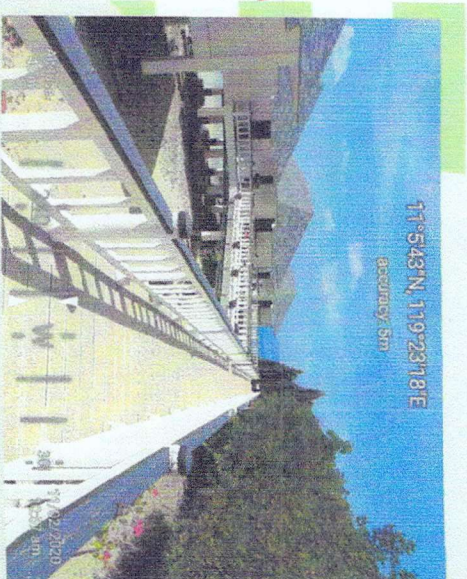
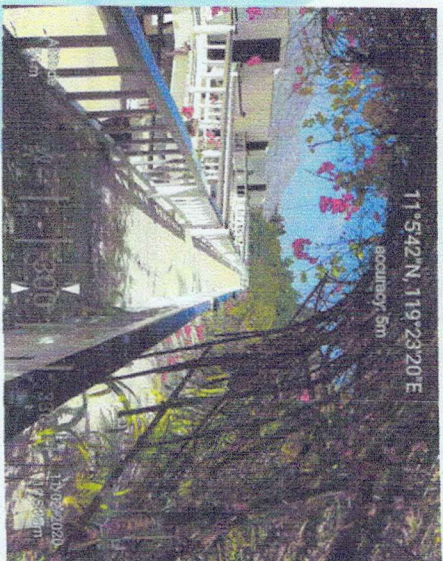
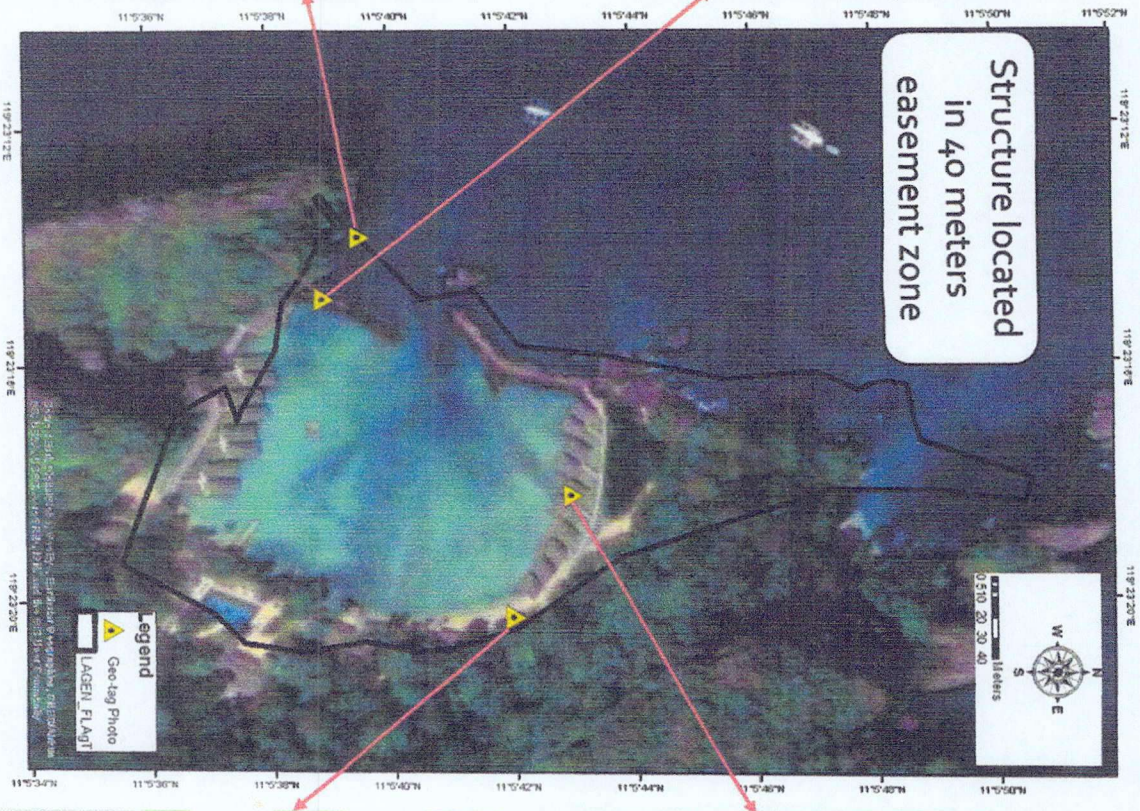
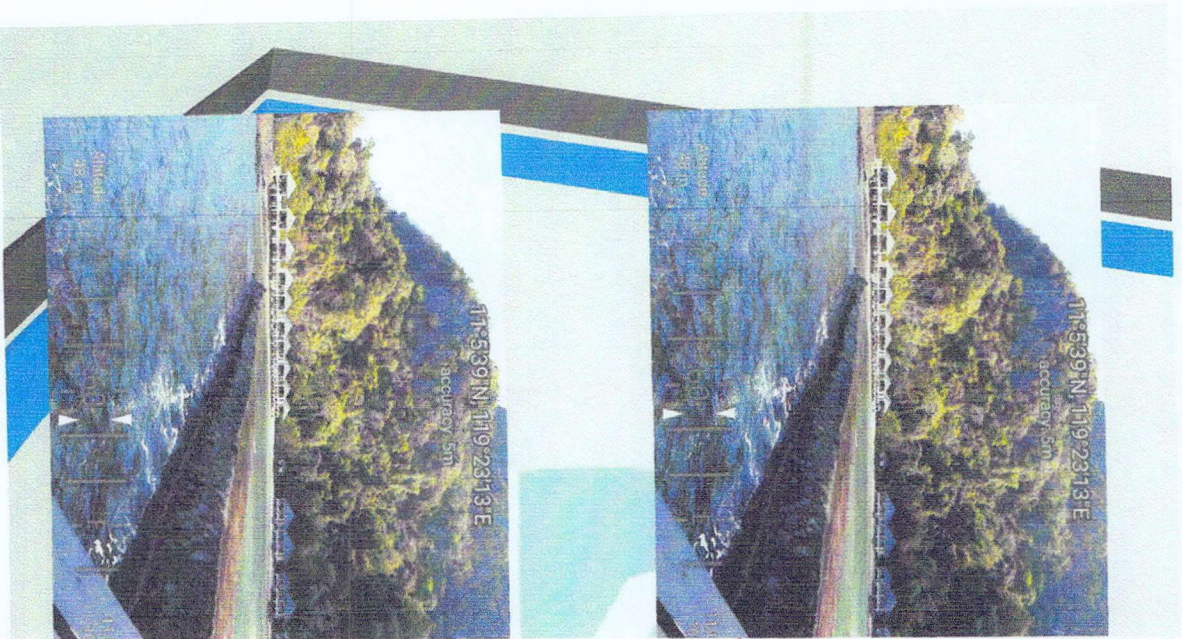
Uses: **Bathing Establishment**

Area: **Five (5) hectares**

Observation and Findings

- ✓ Updated in payment of Government Rental
- ✓ Complaint in operating facilities
- ✓ structure are in 40 meters easement zone
- ✓ No CDMP and TDP submitted on the given 6 months upon received
- ✓ No compliance in submission of Annual Report





FLAgT in Miniloc Island Resort of Ten Knots Philippines Inc.

- Located at Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan

FLAgT No. **DENR IV-MIMAROPA-11302030-0005**

Date approved: **Nov. 23, 2005**

Date expires: **Nov. 30, 2030**

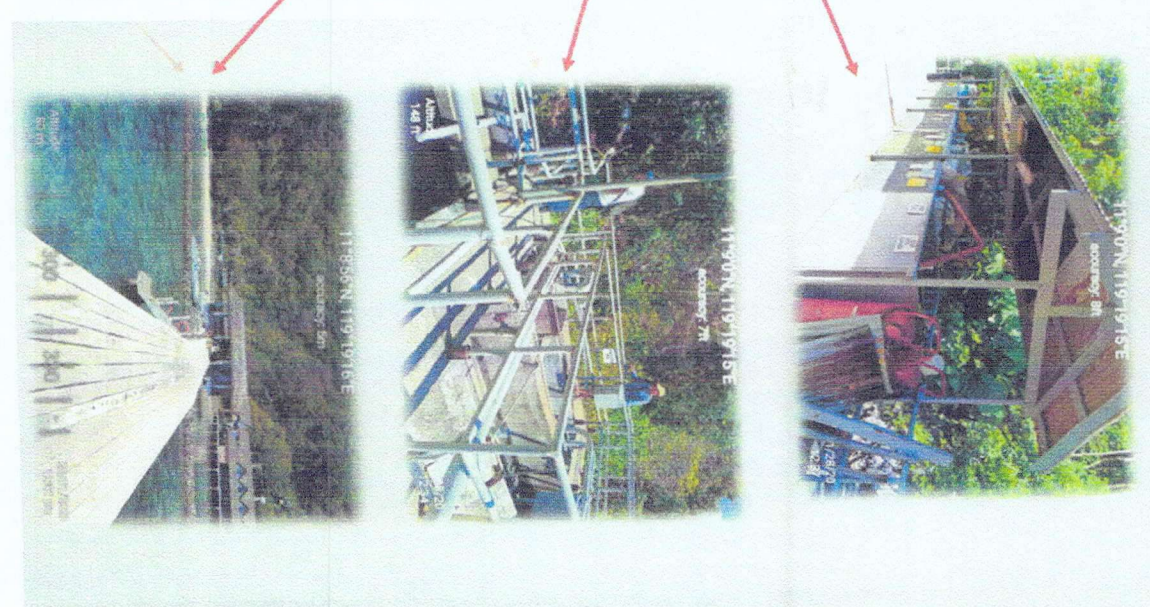
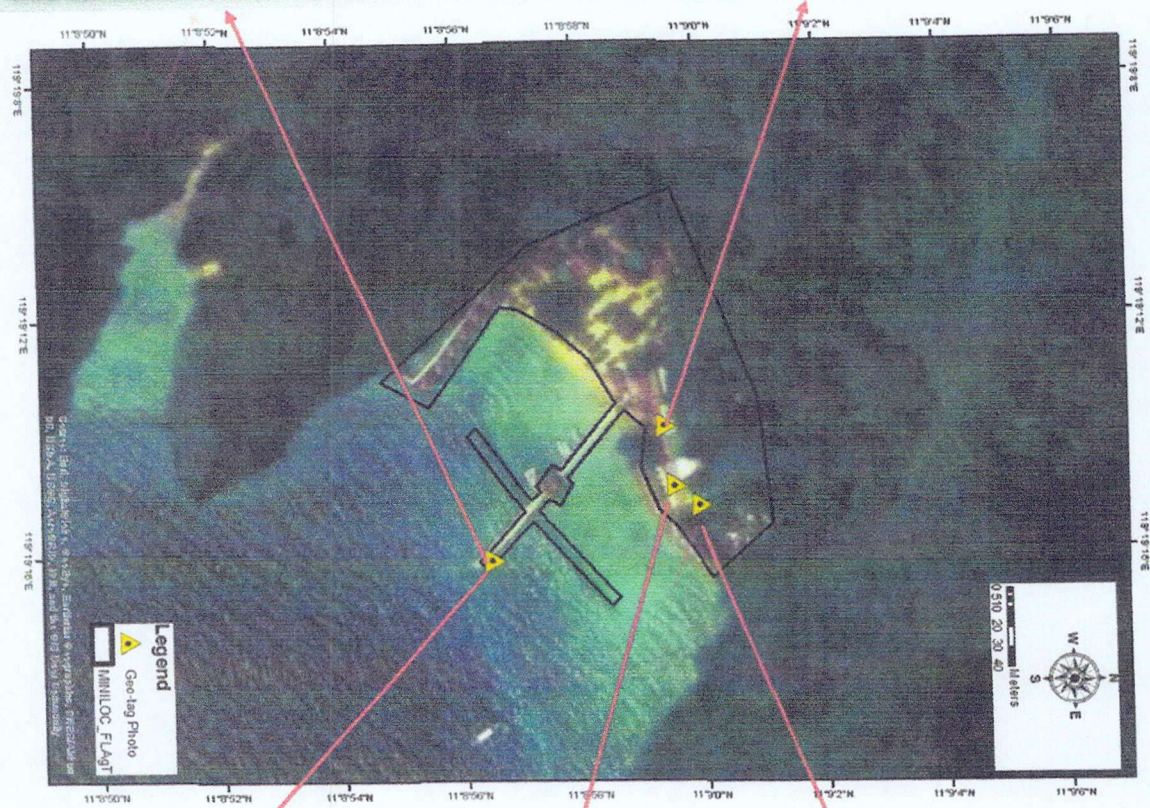
Uses: Bathing Establishment

Area: **4.87 hectares**

Findings:

- ✓ Updated in payment of Government Rental
- ✓ Complaint in operating facilities
- ✓ structure are in 40 meters easement zone
- ✓ No CDMP and TDP submitted on the given 6 months upon received
- ✓ **Not** complaint in submission of Annual Report



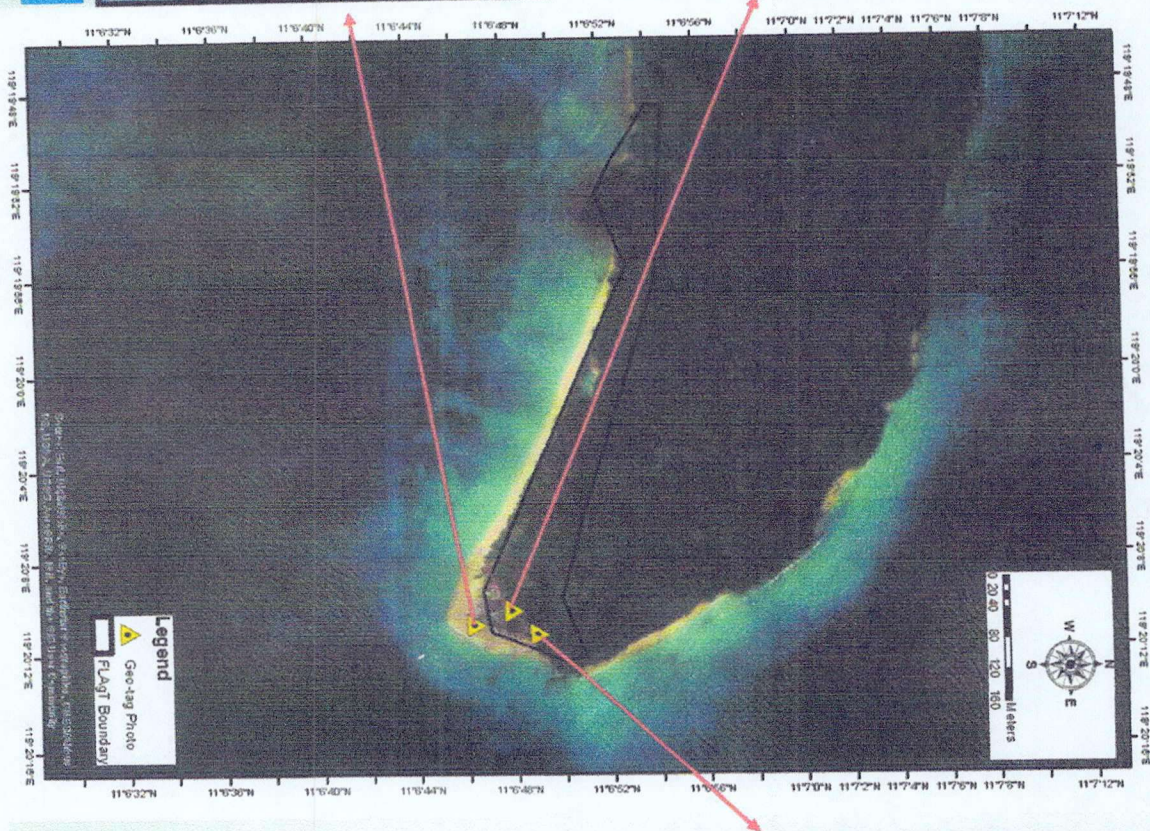




Waste Recovery Area



Structure within easement zone



Sludge Treatment Plant (STP)

FLAgT in Cadlao Island Resort of Ten Knots Philippines Inc.

- Located at Barangay Buena-suerte, El Nido, Palawan

FLAgT No. **DENR IV-MIMAROPA-12302030-0010**

Date approved: **Dec. 27, 2005**

Date expires: **Dec. 30, 2030**

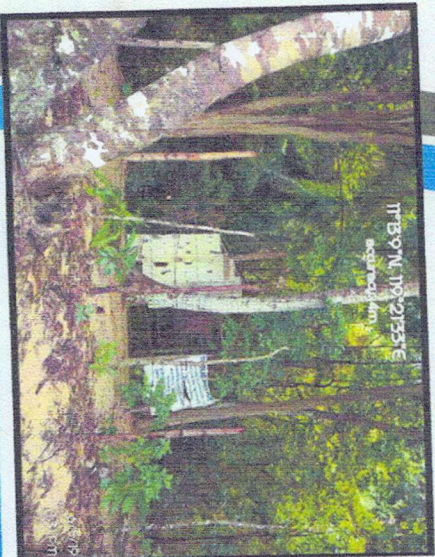
Uses: **Bathing Establishment**

Area: **Five (5) hectares**

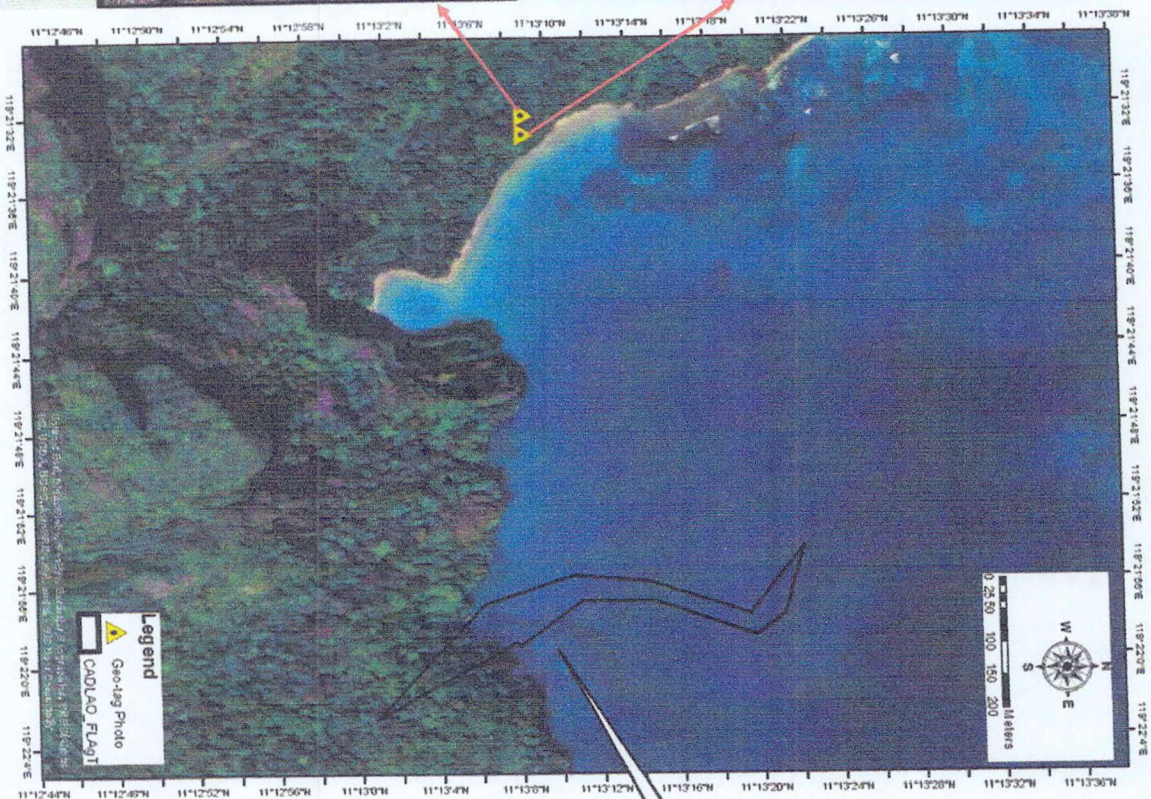
Observation and Findings:

- ✓ No compliance in the submission of Annual Report
- ✓ No CDMP and TDP Submitted on the given 6 months upon received
- ✓ No structure introduced in the area





This area is occupied by Ten Knots as there Approved FLAGT



Location of the Approved FLAGT Area

SAPA APPLICATIONS OF TKPI

| APPLICANT | PROJECT NAME | LOCATION | AREA | ENDORSEMENT | STATUS |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------------|-------------|---|
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Matinloc Island, El Nido | 10,000 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Matinloc Island, El Nido | 15,000 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Ilog, Miniloc Island, El Nido | 10,000 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Natnat Beach, Cadlao Island, El Nido | 18,135 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Lagen Island El Nido (11° 5' 22.78" 119° 23' 22.71") | 5,558.88 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Bayog, Miniloc Island, El Nido | 5,000 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |

SAPA APPLICATIONS OF TKPI

| APPLICANT | PROJECT NAME | LOCATION | AREA | ENDORSEMENT | STATUS |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|-------------|---|
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Entulula Island, El Nido | 9,219 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Masagana, El Nido | 11,519 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Masagana, El Nido | 91,778 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Dagal-Dagal, Bgy. Corong-corong, El Nido (11°8'16.92" 119°24'17.4") | 2,050 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Dibuluan Island, El Nido | 445,870 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |
| Ten Knots Phil. Inc. | Bathing Establishment/ Resort | Snake Island, El Nido | 10,015 sq.m | | With letter to the proponent informing of the lacking requirements on July 10, 2020 |

Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) Applications

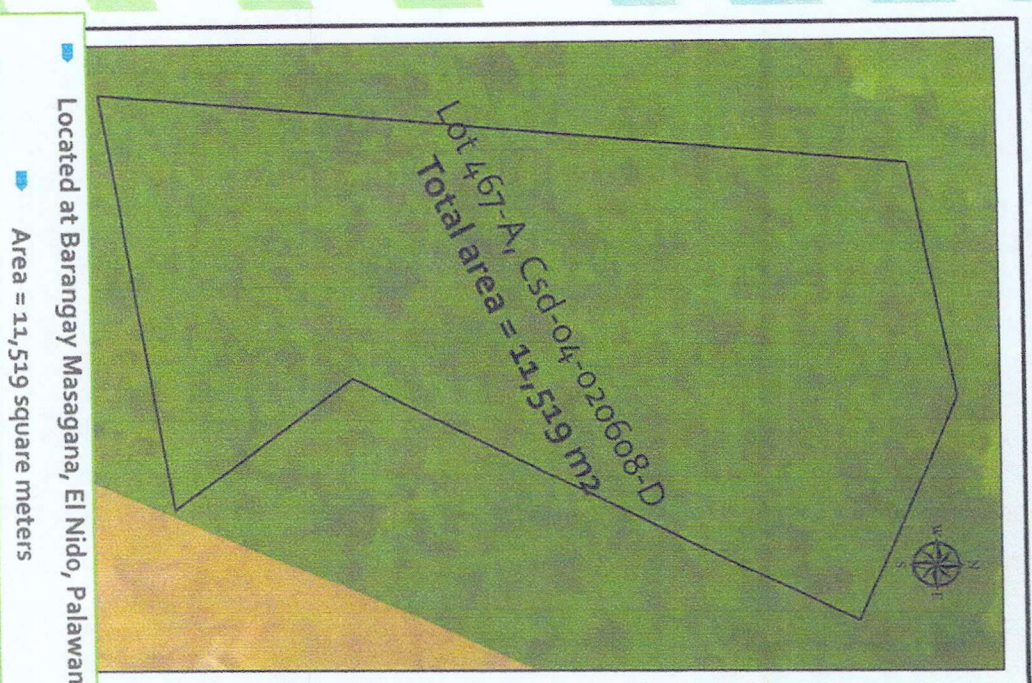


- Located at Barangay Corong-corong, El Nido, Palawan
- Area = 234,171 square meters

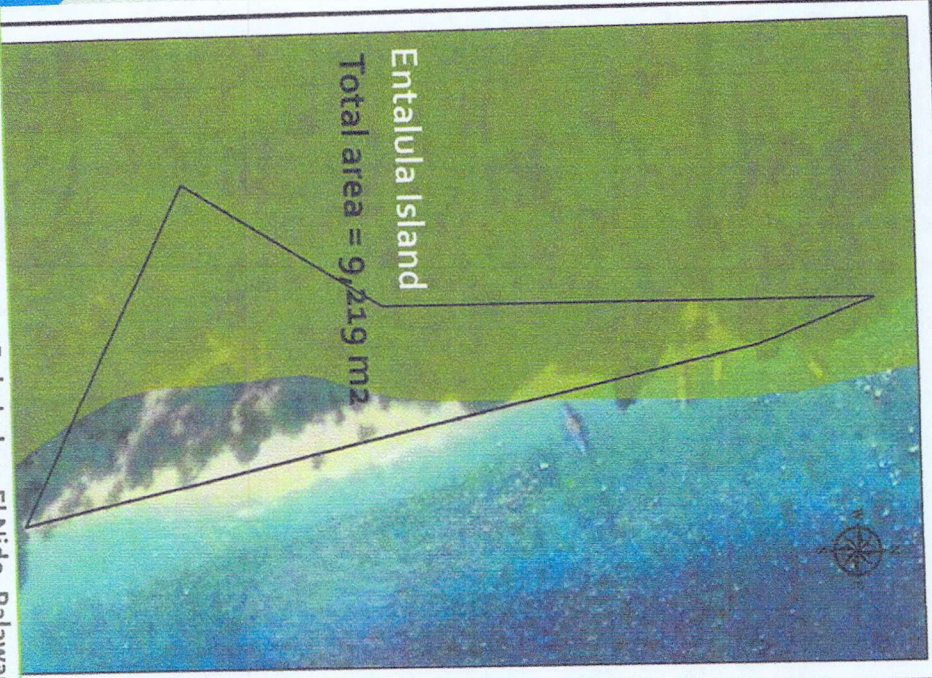


- Located at Dibuluan Island, Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan
- Area = 445,870 square meters

Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) Applications



Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) Applications



Entalula Island

Total area = 9,219 m²

- Located at Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan
- Area = 9,219 square meters

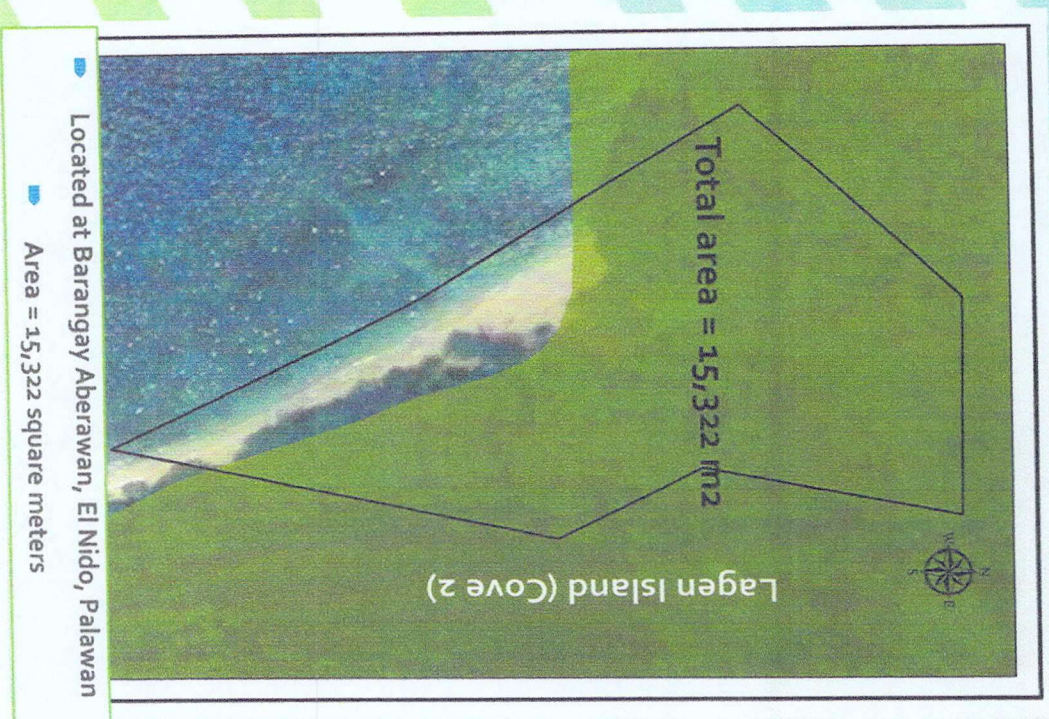


Snake Island

Total area = 10,015 m²

- Located at Barangay Bebeladan, El Nido, Palawan
- Area = 10,015 square meters

Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) Applications





Mangrove species found therein are **Rhizophora**, **Bruguiera**, and **Xylocarpus** but not limited to other beach forest species such as Bani, Ipil and Lanutan. **Total of 634 trees**—free from Defect and considered as old growth.

50% are ranging from 15-50 centimeters diameter at breast height (DBH)

No existing application on two (2) docking facilities

No Mass Cutting of Mangrove during the activity

Thank you!

