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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

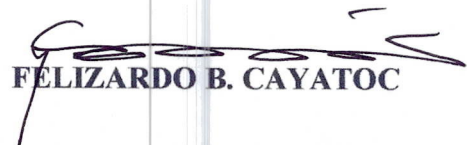
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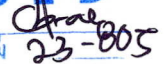
Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum from CENRO Coron, Palawan dated January 26, 2023 relative to the above subject.

Per memorandum, CENRO Coron submitted the updates and concerns emerged on the reclaimed zone/area project by Provincial Government of Palawan and Municipal Government of Coron. Attached are the narrative report, summarized status, maps showing the reclamation site, drone photographs and geotagged photos of the reclamation area.

For information and further instruction.

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January 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

**DENR PENRO
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BY: [Signature]
DATE: 02-10-2023 CN 23-1128

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

FROM : The Community Environment and
Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

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ZONE/AREA PROJECT BY PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF
PALAWAN AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CORON
SITUATED AT MUNICIPALITY OF CORON, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the updates and concerns emerged on the reclaimed zone/area project by Provincial Government of Palawan and Municipal Government of Coron situated at Municipality of Coron, Palawan.

Attached herewith are the following:

- Narrative report
- Summarized status
- Maps showing the reclamation site
- Drone photographs
- Geotagged photos of reclamation area

For his information, record and further instruction.



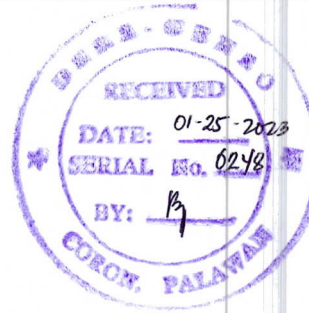
“for and in the absence of the CENRO”

[Signature]
EDWIN L. CAC
Officer In-Charge/ DMO IV



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January 16, 2023



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **RODNEY G. VERIAN**
OIC-CENRO, Coron

FROM : Undersigned Forest Personnel

SUBJECT : **UPDATES AND CONCERNS EMERGED ON THE RECLAIMED ZONE/AREA PROJECT BY THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PALAWAN AND MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF CORON SITUATED AT MUNICIPALITY OF CORON, PALAWAN.**

In Compliance with the stated instruction of OIC- CENR officer of the above-mentioned subject, please be informed that the undersigned/s forest personnel conducted ocular inspection on the subject area and here under are findings and related information's gathered to wit;

(CORON BAY RECLAMATION PROJECT): PHASE-I

That the reclaimed area enclosed of Phase – I containing an estimated **ten (10) has.** land area under the supervision and management of Provincial Government of Palawan.

1. That the same, were presently used and operated by the old Municipal public market of Coron and other similar activities thereat and completed in the year of 2011.
2. That the same, the said reclaimed area were situated in front of Barangay Coron, Palawan and several structures/establishment and residential house (light materials) were in-put since it was started on back filling of earth materials by 2011.
3. That the Barangay Captain notify on this project initiated by the Provincial Government of Palawan thru the assistance of Municipal Government of Coron.

(CORON BAY RECLAMATION PROJECT): PHASE-II.

1. That Phase –II of the same project contains an area of **40.0 has.** In land area which is much larger and wider than the area of Phase-I, and implemented by the Provincial Government of Palawan and Sub-contracted by BCT trading and Construction and 428 Hi-Tech. group, Incorporation.
2. The reclaimed area (Phase-II) is situated in front of Barangay V, Coron, and Palawan.
3. Currently, the Phase-II reclaimed area were forfeited in favor of the Government (Philippine Reclamation Authority) PRA thru resolution # 5541-2022 on June 16, 2022 pertaining to Non- compliance of Area Clearance prerequisite from the DENR and subject for *Status - Quo Order* of On- going reclaimed area by the Sub-contractors.
4. That the same, the FPMS-Coron chokepoint station, is conducting weekly monitoring and surveillance activity on the area if there is newly construction of structures and other facilities.
5. That the uncompleted reclamation project were temporarily used as docking area of tourist boat and fish landing for fishermen and among others.



PROPOSED CORON NEW PUBLIC MARKET:

1. That the proposed Coron public market have an aggregate land area of **4.58 has.** Located at So. Dipulao, Coron, Palawan.
2. February 14, 2020 – an 8888's citizens' complaint was received by CENRO Coron pertaining to alleged reclamation activities in Barangay Poblacion 3, 5 and 6, all within the Municipality of Coron, Palawan.
3. February 16, 2020 – the team from CENRO Coron headed by the OIC- CENRO Blaza together with EMB embedded Engr. Mark Rogel, Engr. Fababier of MPDC AND Engr. Cesario Reyes of 428 Hi-Tech Group conducted validation on the aforementioned reclamation activities.
4. Deed of Donation dated December 9, 2009 from Twinleaf Group, Inc. represented by Mr. Cesario Reyes in favor of the Municipal Government of Coron represented by Hon. Mario T. Reyes Jr. of a parcel land covered by (CLOA) TCT No. 065-2014000705 with an area of 7, 566 sq. meter (Lot 19-A-1-B) and 95, 713 sqm. (Lot 19-A-1, PSD-04-0186542).
5. Findings of the team that the said project has no ECC which resulted to recommendation for the issuance of Notice of Violation (NOV) by the DENR EMB Regional office. A letter to stop operation until permits and clearances are secured and invitation to proponent for a Technical Conference.
6. May 26, 2020 – Issued letter to Hon. Mario T. Reyes Jr. to stop the operations until permits and clearances were secured and invitation for the conduct of Technical Conference.
7. May 28, 2020 – Technical conference was held which the LGU presented documents pertaining to the project. They presented SEP clearance issued only to 1.2 hectares which falls within Multiple Used Zone, not included area within the Core zone. CNC was also issued to the project not ECC.
8. Activities were stopped after the conduct of validation and due to possible effect to close contacts of COVID 19 infected individuals quarantined in the area.
9. June 15, 2020 – OIC CENRO Rodney Verian issued a CENRO Special Order no 19 series of 2022 "Creation of Task Force Team of CENRO Coron to address the Reclamation issue and concerns". The team will conduct weekly patrolling and monitoring of all reclamation activities in Coron, Palawan.
10. June 24, 2022 – OIC CENRO Rodney Verian issued Notice of Violation to the Municipal Government of Coron and 428 Hi - Tech Group, Inc. in violation to some provision of PD 705 (Sec. 77, 78, 43), Section 4 of RA 7161, and Section 99 of RA 10654, Section 103 of RA 7642, and Section 5 of DAO no. 2018-14.
11. October 22, 2022 – OIC Assistant CENR Officer (DMO IV) Edwin I. Cac sent a letter to Eng. Ike Parangue, Municipal Engineer Officer of Coron, to stop any development/ activities in the proposed Public Market and Multi-purpose Gymnasium until further notice.
12. October 25, 2022 – Engr. Ike D. Parangue sent response letter addressed to OIC CENRO Rodney Verian stating that the portion of the area with ongoing construction in the proposed Public Market has a Certificate of Non – Coverage issued by DENR EMB, the rest is under Status Quo Order.
13. October 28, 2022 – A memorandum was sent by CENRO Coron to RED of DENR MIMAROPA seeking for advice/opinion/instruction pertaining to the letter from Engr. Parangue.



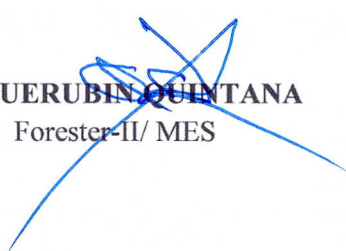
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RECOMMENDATION/COMMENTS:

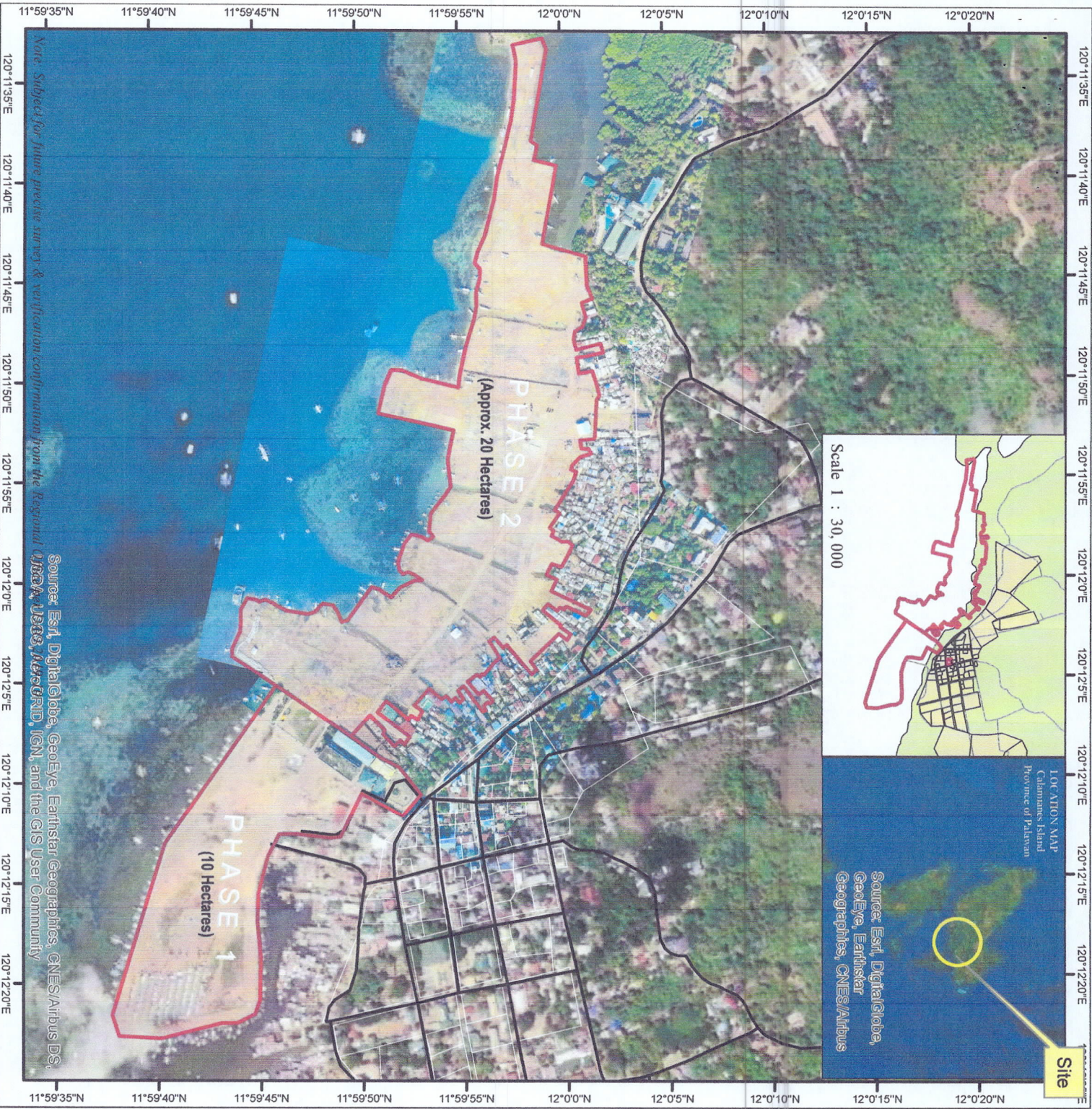
In light of what has been stated above, the undersigned thus recommended: in the interim that the legal documents are being processed by the local government. Further, it is recommended that this office maintain continual monitoring of the above – mentioned areas. Since those areas are still in the status quo order, any activity that takes place will be reported immediately.

In addition the Phase-I and Phase-II of reclaimed land will be converted to People's Park if granted, and other related Environment-Friendly facilities/services because it will encompass with scenic beauty of the location. It is also conceivable to develop the reclaimed land thru showcase of landscaping works and other tourist amenities shall be put in- place to support the tourist industry of the country.

For information, record and further instruction.


QUERUBIN QUINTANA
Forester-II/ MES


LIM BRYANT KUTAT
Forester-I/ MES



GIS MAP

showing the location of

CORON BAY

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

(50 Hectares Reclamation Project)

by the

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PALAWAN

represented by Hon. Jose Ch. Alvarez, Governor

Located at

Barangay : Poblacion III & V
Municipality : Coron
Province : Palawan

Scale 1 : 8,000



Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator-Zone 50 (N)
Datum: World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84)

Containing Area of

Phase 1 : 10 Hectares
Phase 2 : 40 Hectares
Total : 50 Hectares

Legend

- CAD 33, Coron Caastre, Palawan
- Reclamation Project
- Road
- Land Classification
- Allentable & Disposable
- Forestland
- UPF

November 2019 Satellite Map

Proposed Coron Public Market

Google Earth

Image taken on 11/15/2019

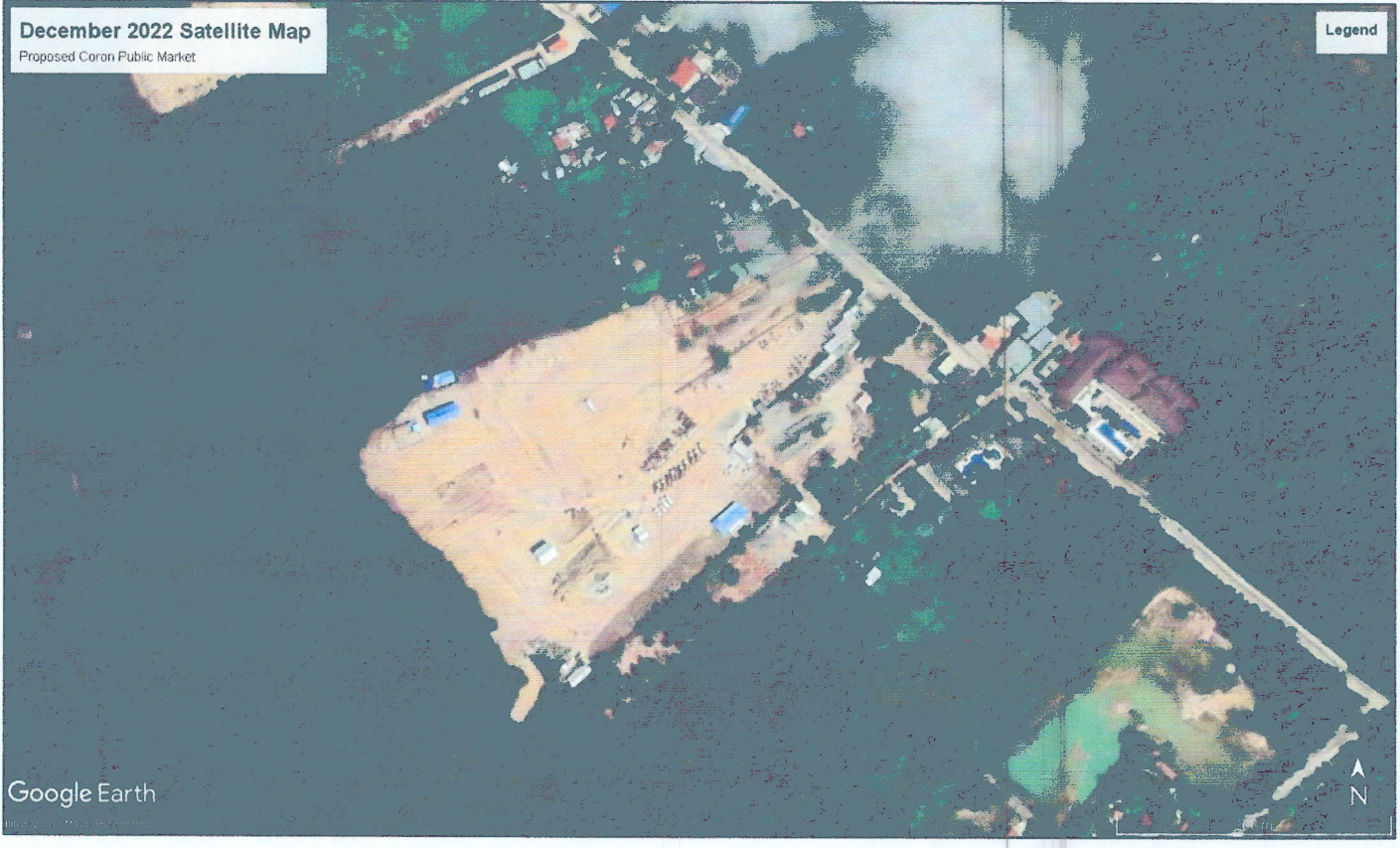
December 2022 Satellite Map

Proposed Coron Public Market

Legend

Google Earth

Image taken on 12/15/2022



Mangrove Boundary Overlayed in 2022

Proposed Caron Public Market

Legend
Mangroves based on 2019 Satellite Image

Approx 4.58 Hectares

Google Earth

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Updates on the Issues of Reclamation in Coron, Palawan

as of January 19, 2023

No.	ISSUES AND CONCERN	AREA	LOCATION	AGENCY CONCERNED & CONTRACTOR	STATUS	FINDINGS
1	CORON BAY RECLAMATION PROJECT PHASE I	Phase I - 10 Hectares	Front of Barangay Poblacion III & V, Coron, Palawan	Project by the Provincial Government of Palawan	Accomplished in 2011	a. Utilized for the Public Market and other recreational activities
2	CORON BAY RECLAMATION PROJECT PHASE II	Phase II - 40 Hectares	Front of Barangay V, Coron, Palawan	Project by the Provincial Government of Palawan contracted by a. BCT Trading and Construction, and b. 428-HI Tech Group, Inc.	a. DENR MIMAFOPA instructed CENRO Coron to issue Survey Authority, however per PENRO instruction, a request letter must be sent by the proponent to the CENRO before acting on that matter b. Currently, forfeited by the Philippine Reclamation Authority thru PRA Resolution No. 5544-2022 issued on June 16, 2022	a. Continuous Weekly Monitoring conducted by CENRO Coron Personnel headed by FTII Darus Jaginis; b. No new constructions observed within the area c. Currently used as boat docking for some tourist boats.
3	PROPOSED NEW PUBLIC MARKET	Approximately 4.58 Hectares of mangroves were cleared (per Google Satellite Image)	Sitio Dipulao, Barangay Poblacion VI, Coron, Palawan	Municipal Government of Coron	a. Currently issued with Notice of Violation (EMB and MGB)- Please confirmed with EMB and MGB b. Issued with Cease and Desist Order (CDO) by CENRO Coron last July 2022	a. LGU Coron requested for Certification stating that no mangroves were damaged during the implementation of project, however, this Office do not have any documents that will serve as basis for the certification b. Currently, securing ECC over the said project.

*NOTE: CENRO Coron crafted a special order for the "CREATION OF THE MONITORING TEAM FOR QUARRY AND RECLAMATION SITE IN CORON, PALAWAN"

The team will be submitting weekly or monthly progress report. They will also conduct inventory for small and large scale quarry.

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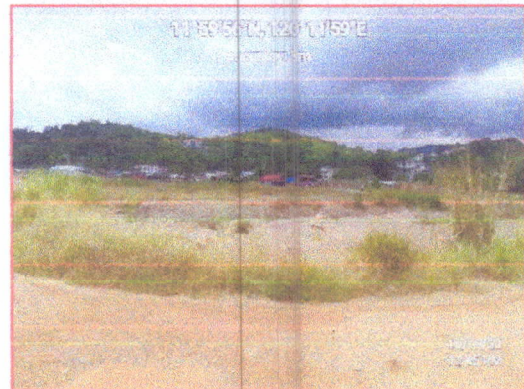
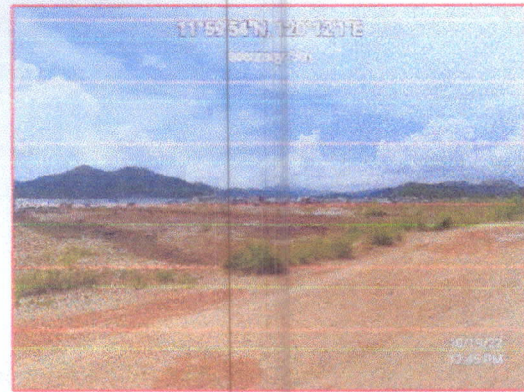

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Forester I/MES Chief

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OIC Assistant CENRO Officer
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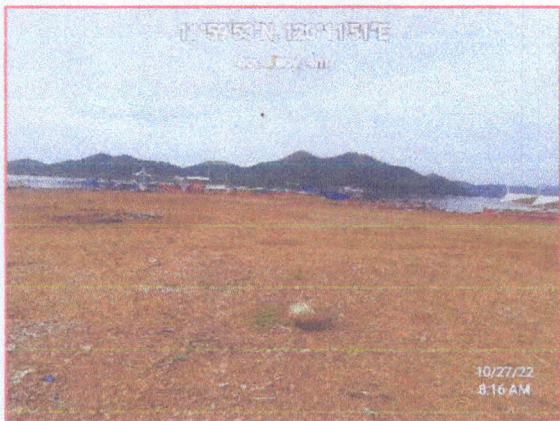


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GEO-TAGGED PHOTOS TAKEN IN THE RECLAMATION AREA