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March 29 , 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR-MIMAROPA Region  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU :** The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

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

**SUBJECT :** REPORT RE: INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED  
FILLED UP OF MANGROVES AREA IN BARANGAY BINTUAN,  
CORON, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum from CENRO Coron, Palawan dated March 2, 2023 relative to the above subject.


Per memorandum, the investigation was conducted last March 1, 2023 at around 11:00 to 11:30 in the morning at Barangay Bintuan, Coron, Palawan which led to the issuance of Ceased and Desist Order (CDO) on March 2, 2023 addressed to Punong Barangay Larry B. Pe pertaining to the boat landing project of the said Barangay.

Moreover, the actual reclaimed area is more or less 300 square meters and within the mangrove area. This project is supported with Barangay Resolution and purposely for boat landing of Barangay Bintuan's residents. However, no mangroves trees damaged during the actual verification, the project has still violated the existing Environmental Laws, Rules and Regulations.

For information and further instruction.

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March 2, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**DENR PENRO  
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BY: *[Signature]*  
DATE: 03-10-2023 CN 23-2369

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THRU : The Provincial Environment and  
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Brgy. Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

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

SUBJECT : **REPORT RE: INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEDGED  
FILLED UP OF MANGROVES AREA IN BARANGAY BINTUAN,  
CORON, PALAWAN**

Forwarded is the report regarding the alleged filled up of mangroves area in Barangay Bintuan, Coron, Palawan

Attached herewith are the following documents:

1. Spot report
2. Geotagged photos
3. Location map
4. Letter addressed to Mr. Castil

For your information and record.



"For and in the absence of the CENRO"

*[Signature]*  
**EDWIN L. EAC**  
Asst. CENRO/DMO-IV





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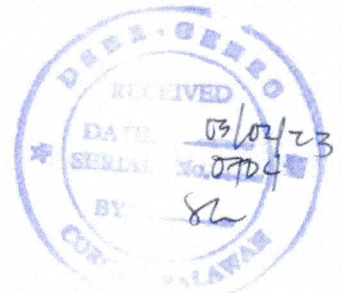
**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The OIC CENR Officer  
DENR-CENRO Coron

**THRU** : The Development Management Officer IV

**FROM** : Enforcement Personnel

**SUBJECT** : **REPORT RE: INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEDGED  
FILLED UP OF MANGROVES AREA IN BGY. BINTUAN CORON  
PALAWAN**



1. **WHAT:** Investigation on the reported 8888 re: the filling up of mangroves in Bgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan
2. **WHO:** The undersigned personnel
3. **WHEN:** March 1, 2023 at around 11:00 to 11:30 in the morning
4. **WHERE:** Bgy. Bintuan Coron Palawan
5. **HOW:** With reference to the 8888 complaint of certain Francisco Castil regarding the alleged reclamation of almost 2 hectares of mangrove in Brgy. Bintuan, Coron, Palawan.
6. Please be informed that on March 1, 2023, prior to the investigation, the undersigned went to the Barangay Hall of Brgy. Bintuan for courtesy and to inform Hon. Larry Pe of the said complaint. The team asked him on the matter and revealed that the said project has begun in 2015 not a continuous project and was completed in 2021. The sources of aggregates used in filling up the area were waste materials from the Coron to Culion road widening and in other construction companies (i.e. Newington and BCT). He narrated that he requested from these companies waste materials to fill the area instead of disposing somewhere else. However, no documents were presented to the undersigned regarding the agreement between the barangay and the construction companies.
7. Upon actual verification and inspection of the area, the following findings observed:
  - The actual reclaimed area is more or less 300 square meters.
  - The said project is within the mangrove area however, no mangrove trees damaged during the actual verification.
  - Accordingly, this project is supported with Barangay Resolution and purposely for boat landing of Bgy. Bintuan's residents.

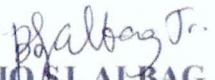
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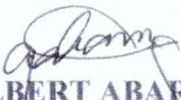
In regards to the above mentioned findings, the undersigned therefore recommended that a cease and desist order should be issued to this project. Further, this office should also inform the Barangay officials of Bintuan the violations committed for the said project. Also, this office should encourage the officials to abide the existing law, rules and regulation in protection of the environment.

Attached herewith the geo-tagged photos of the area, copy of Barangay resolution and the Google map showing the area.

For information and further instruction.

  
**DARIUS T. JAGMIS**  
Forest Technician II

  
**BONIFACIO S. ALBAG JR.**  
Forest Ranger

  
**ALBERT ABARING**  
Forest Ranger

  
**RHOLDAN ABAYAN**  
Forest Protection Officer





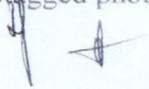
Google map showing the reclaimed area at Barangay Bintuan, Coron

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Geotagged photos show the boat landing project filled with aggregates at Barangay Bintuan.



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March 2, 2023

**Mr. Francisco Castil**  
Brgy. Binutan, Coron

Sir,

Environmental greetings!

This is in connection with your 8888 e-mail complaint regarding the alleged reclamation of more than two (2) hectares of mangrove in Brgy. Bintuan, Coron.

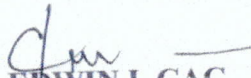
Please be informed that our personnel had conducted an investigation and verification of this matter. In addition, our personnel were able to speak with the Chairman of said Barangay and learned that the purpose of the reclamation is to create a docking site of boat for Barangay Bintuan residents. Further, the said project is supported by resolution and already discontinued since 2021. However, this area is a mangrove area and there are clearly violations for the said project.

In addition, this office has already advised the barangay officials to halt any improvements in the area and comply the pertinent documents to avoid any inconvenience. Moreover, this office has sent a Ceased and Desist Order (CDO) to avoid development of the mangrove area.

Thank you for the support for the protection of our environment.

Very truly yours,

"For and in the absence of the CENRO"

  
**EDWIN L. CAC**  
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March 2, 2023

**Hon. Larry R. Pe**  
Barangay Chairman  
Barangay Bintuan  
Coron, Palawan

Sir:

Please be informed that on 1 March 2023, the technical personnel of CENRO-Coron confirmed that you have been developing in mangrove areas that cause destruction to such ecosystem at Barangay Bintuan, Coron, Palawan.

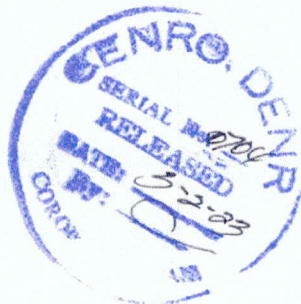
The above-cited destruction of mangroves is a violation of the following provisions of environmental laws and regulations to wit:

- a. **Presidential Decree No. 1067** also known as **"Water Code of the Philippines"** specifically **Article 51** states that:  
*"The bank of the rivers and streams and the shores of the seas and lakes throughout their entire length and within a zone of three (3) meters in urban areas, twenty (20) meters in agricultural areas and Forty (40) meters in forest areas, along their margins are subject to the easement of public use in the interest of recreation, navigation, floatage, fishing and salvage. No person shall be allowed to build structures any kind."*
- b. **Proclamation No. 2152** Declaring the entire Province of Palawan and certain parcels of the public domain and/or parts of the country as **"Mangrove Swamp Reserves"** pronouncing withdraw from entry, sale, settlement or other forms of disposition, subject to valid private rights, if any there be.
- c. **Presidential Decree No. 705, Section 43**  
*"Swamplands and mangrove Forests bordering numerous lands which protects the shoreline, the shoreline roads and even coastal communities from the destructive force of the sea during high winds and typhoons, shall be maintained and shall not be alienated. Such strips must be kept free from artificial obstruction so that flood water will flow unimpeded to the sea to avoid flooding or inundation of cultivated areas in the upstream....xxx"*

Hence, you are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from further developing in the mangrove areas. This is without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against you with the proper court for violation of the applicable provisions of RA No. 4942.

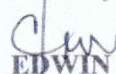
To avoid inconvenience of your project, this office would like to advice that you should comply pertinent documents before the project implementation and to avoid any legal sanction against you.

Please be guided accordingly. Thank you.



Sincerely yours,

"For and in the absence of the CENRO"

  
**EDWIN I. CAC**  
Asst. CENRO/DMO IV

cc: The PENRO  
Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The Mayor - Coron  
Office of the Mayor  
Coron, Palawan





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Bayan ng Coron  
Barangay BINTUAN

#### TANGGAPAN NG SANGGUNIAN NG BARANGAY

SINIPI ANG KATITIKANG ITO SA REGULAR NA PAGPUPULONG NG MGA SANGGUNIAN NG BARANGAY BINTUAN, CORON, PALAWAN, NA GINANAP NGAYONG IKA-21 NG MARSO, TAONG 2022, SA GANAP NA IKA-9:30 NG UMAGA SA BULWAGAN NG BARANGAY.

MGA DUMALO:

HON. LARRY B. PE	-Punong Barangay/ Presiding Officer
HON. NEMSIE D. LIBARRA	-Sangguniang Barangay Member
HON. ARNEL A. ABELEDA	-Sangguniang Barangay Member
HON. ROMY F. ALVAREZ	-Sangguniang Barangay Member
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HON. RICARDO F. BALBUTAN	-Sangguniang Barangay Member
HON. EMILY C. FIETAS	-Sangguniang Barangay Member
HON. MARK LEONARD Q. GARRAEZ	-Ex-Officio/SK Chairperson

HINDI DUMALO: WALA

OPISYAL NA GAWAIN: HON. LURY O. AUSTRIA -Sangguniang Barangay Member

#### BARANGAY RESOLUSYON BLNG. 151 S' 2022

RESOLUSYONG HUMUHILING SA TANGGAPAN NG KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS NA YAMAN (DENR) SA PAMAMAGITAN NI G. ARNOLDO A. BLAZA JR., CENRO NG CORON, PALAWAN NA SURIIN AT MAGSAGAWA NG INSPEKSIYON AT PAGSUSURI SA DATING DAUNGAN NG BARANGAY BINTUAN UPANG ITO'Y MAISAAYOS AT MULING MAGAMIT NG MGA MAMAMAYAN

**SAPAGKAT**, isa sa pangunahing hanapbuhay sa Barangay Bintuan ay pangingsda at turismo at karamihan ay gumagamit ng mga bangka;

**SAPAGKAT**, sa kasalukuyan, ang ginagamit na daungan sa Bo. Proper ng Barangay Bintuan ay sadyang makitid, masikip at mababaw;

**SAPAGKAT**, hindi makapasok ang mga bangkang dumadaong kapag mababaw ang dagat o *low tide* lalo na kung may mga biglaang pangangailangan o *emergency* na kailangang itawid ng dagat;



SAPAGKAT, kung maisasaayos ang dating daungan, mas magiging komportable ang pagdaong ng mga bangka sapagkat may kalaliman na ang dagat sa nasabing lugar;

SAPAGKAT, napagkasunduan ng Konscho na ipaayos at muling buhayin ang dating daungan upang magsilbi ring daan upang mas dumami pa ang mga turistang gagamit ng daungan at magkakaroon ng dagdag na kita o pondo ang barangay na maaaring gamitin sa pagmimintina ng nasabing daungan;

NA KUNG KAYA'T DAHIL DITO, sa mungkahi ni Kgg. Kagawad Martin Z. Abaca, at pinangalawahan ni Kgg. Nemsie D. Libarra, ang resolusyong humuhiling sa tanggapan ng Kagawaran ng Kapaligiran at Likas na Yaman (DENR) sa pamamagitan ni G. Arnoldo A. Blaza Jr., CENRO ng Coron, Palawan na magsagawa ng inspeksiyon at pagsusuri sa dating daungan ng Barangay Bintuan, Coron, Palawan upang ito'y maisaayos at muling magamit ng mga mamamayan.

*Page 2 of Resolution No. 151 s' 2022*

SINANG-AYUNAN AT PINAGTIBAY, na ang panukalang resolusyong ito ay maiparating sa kaalaman ng tanggapan ni Kgg. Arnoldo A. Blaza Jr., at sa iba pang ahensiyang nasasaklawan nito, para sa kanilang kaalaman at pagsang-ayon.

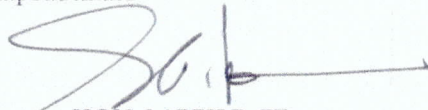
MULING PNAGTIBAY, na ang panukalang resolusyong ito ay pinatutunayan ko na wasto at totoo ngayong ika-21 ng Marso, taong 2022.

Pinatutunayan.

  
DESIREE S. LABANAN

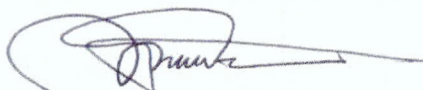
Secretary to the Sangguniang Barangay

Inaprubahan.


  
HON. LARRY B. PE  
Punong Barangay/Presiding Officer




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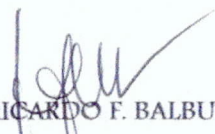
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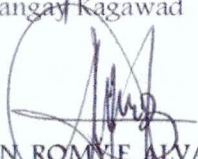
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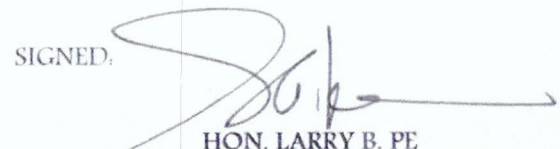


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SIGNED:



HON. LARRY B. PE  
Punong Barangay



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources Mail - OSEC-2023-001162: Concern of Mr Francisco Castil on mangrove area



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## OSEC-2023-001162: Concern of Mr Francisco Castil on mangrove area

DENR OSEC Referral <osec.referral@denr.gov.ph>

Tue, Feb 28, 2023 at 9:37 AM

To: Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment <officeofuseccuna@denr.gov.ph>, DENR Mimaropa Region <mimaroparegion@denr.gov.ph>, R4B PENRO Palawan <penropalawan@denr.gov.ph>

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Sir/Madam:

Good day.

Respectfully referred to your good office for information and appropriate action, with EDATS No. OSEC-2023-001162.

Thank you.

**NOTE: DO NOT REPLY TO THIS EMAIL.** For updates, inquiries and other communications, please send to [osec@denr.gov.ph](mailto:osec@denr.gov.ph).



OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
4/F DENR Main Building  
Visayas Avenue, Diliman  
Quezon City

From: Francisco Castil <castilf04@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Feb 23, 2023 at 6:21 PM

Subject: Dear sir, madam

To: <osec@denr.gov.ph>

ako po ay nakatira dito sa barangay bintuan coron palawan, nais ko pong ipabatid sa inyong kaalaman na ang barangay kapitan po namin dito sa barangay bintuan ay tinambakan ang nasa mahigit dalawang hektaryang kabakawan (mangroves) dito sa barangay. ang bintuan po ay coastal area na nagigiliran ng makapal na bakawan at isa pa pong nakapagtataka nasa gilid lang ito ng kalsada pero parang di nakikita ng lokal na denr. ang pangalan po ng kapitan ay si kapitan larry pe