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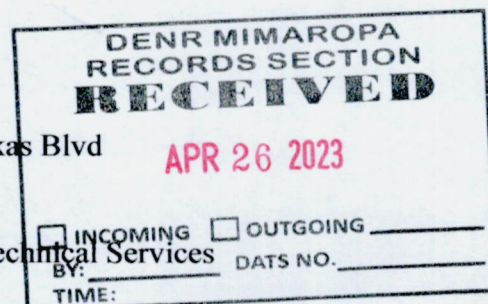
MEMORANDUM

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THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

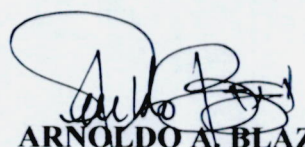
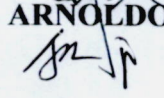

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PART I – OPENING PROGRAM

Arrival and Registration of Participants was set from 8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. A total of fifty-one (51) participants attended the event, including the speakers and the facilitators. Said participants are the Barangay Chairperson, Barangay Council members who are head of the Barangay Environment Committee and Barangay Secretary of the thirteen barangays of San, Andres, Romblon

An opening program was first initiated which commenced with a prayer led by Ms. Eunice May Cacabelos, followed by the singing of National Anthem. Forester Malvin R. Rocero, Chief Technical Services Division welcomed the participants to the Orientation and also gave an inspirational message and thanked the attendees for their continuous support to the DENR. The importance of said learning event and the strengthening of the ties between DENR and barangay LGUS was stressed by Chief TSD.

The Orientation was also graced by Hon. Arsenio Gadon, Municipal Mayor of San Andres, Romblon. He appreciated this Office's initiative in conducting such activity and mentioned that this is timely to their pressing concern regarding their town's solid waste management. He addressed the barangay local government leaders to make sure that the learnings that they will gather on this learning event should be practiced and observed.

PART II. ORIENTATION PROPER

A. ECOLOGICAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – The topic was discussed by Forest Technician II/Information Officer Eunice May Cacabelos. The Republic Act (RA) 9003, otherwise known as the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000, provides the necessary policy framework, institutional mechanisms and mandate to the local government units (LGUs) to achieve 25% waste reduction through establishing an integrated solid waste management plan based on 3Rs (reduce, reuse and recycling). Ms. Cacabelos mentioned that the ecological solid waste management program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources- Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) aims to ensure the protection of public health and the environment through a systematic, comprehensive and ecological waste management. She ran a short test on participants' knowledge in decomposition of materials and highlighted that plastics and other solid wastes take hundreds of years to decompose, and some never do. She imparted ways on recycling and reuse of solid wastes to lessen the possibility of dumping. She also encouraged the participants to spread awareness on proper disposal in order to avoid harm to humans and living creatures in the environment.

Meanwhile, Mayor Gadon raised the concern of solid waste management in San Andres, in which they have a prevailing problem on proper waste disposal in barangays. Thus, he encouraged barangay officials to install measures such as ordinances in the practice of solid waste management and not let the Materials Recovery Facility remain empty.

B. WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION ACT (RA 9147) – This is an Act providing for the conservation and protection of wildlife resources and their habitats. Planning Officer III and Concurrent Protected Area Supervisor of CALSANAG, Engr. Raymund G. Inocencio discussed the salient provisions of the act and ran down on species that are endemic to the locality of Romblon. He also enumerated the plants that should not be taken from its natural habitat, since plenty of individuals are fond of plants nowadays resulting to rampant illegal trading

of wild plants. He briefly ran down species that are endemic to our country and to our province. He classified endemic animals that belong to the least concern, near threatened, vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered, extinct in the wild, and extinct. He broadened the lecture by discussing the provisions of the Act specifically the objectives which include: (a) to conserve and protect wildlife species and their habitats to promote ecological balance and enhance biological diversity; (b) to regulate the collection and trade of wildlife; (c) to pursue, with due regard to the national interest, the Philippine commitment to international conventions, protection of wildlife and their habitats; and (d) to initiate or support scientific studies on the conservation of biological diversity. The participants were glad to have learned the rare flora and fauna in Romblon. Engr. Inocencio concluded by lecturing the fines, penalties for violations against Republic Act 9147.

C. LAND TITLING AND FORESHORE MANAGEMENT

Land Management Inspector Romer F. Gervacio discussed land titling in the Philippines. He commenced by discussing ways of titling land in the country. This includes Court Proceedings (CFI now RTC), Administrative Process (DAR, NCIP, BL/LMB now the DENR) and modes of public land disposition under the Public Land Law, which includes homestead, sale, lease and free patent. Free patent or legalization of imperfect title is dominantly practiced, and this the program offered by this Office. The coverage of Titling under DENR program includes – 1. Untitled residential lands (subject to area and location limits) in public A&D lands; 2. Townsites; 3. Delisted and abandoned military camps/reservations within zoned residential areas 4. Public schools, municipal halls, public plazas or parks, and other government institutions for public purposes; LMI Gervacio encouraged the local officials and inform constituents to process land titling applications to this office while the conduct of survey is still free. He also explained the process and enumerated the requirements for application.

In addition, he discussed Foreshore Management in which he defined terms such as

- a. Foreshore Lands - the part of the shore which is alternately covered and uncovered by the ebb and flow of the tide.
- b. Foreshore Lease Application - the type of application covering foreshore lands. It may also cover marshy lands or lands covered with water bordering upon the shores or banks of navigable lakes or rivers for commercial, industrial or other productive purposes other than agriculture.
- c. Foreshore Lease Agreement (FLA) - is an agreement executed by and between the DENR and the applicant to occupy, develop, utilize, and manage the foreshore lands. It may also cover marshy lands or lands covered with water bordering upon the shores or banks of navigable lakes or rivers.

He stressed that this office aids local government units in foreshore management. It is in the LGUs' interest to ensure that the foreshore lands falling within their territorial jurisdiction are placed under effective management. The foreshore provides livelihood to their constituents and generates income for the LGUs.

D. SALIENT PROVISIONS OF P.D. 705 - REVISED FORESTRY CODE INCLUDING TREE CUTTING PERMIT AND CHAINSAW REGISTRATION

Forester Crisamel P. Miranda discussed Section 68 of PD 705, an important provision that should be understood by the participants since they are the first people that the applicants for Tree Cutting and Chainsaw application, go to. Said provision provides: *Cutting, Gathering and/or Collecting Timber or Other Forest Products Without License*. -Any person who shall cut, gather, collect, remove timber or other forest products from any forest land, or timber from alienable or disposable public land, or from private land, without any authority, or possess timber or other forest products without the legal documents as required under existing forest laws and regulations, shall be punished with the penalties imposed under Articles 309 and 310 of the Revised Penal Code: Provided, that in the case of partnerships, associations, or corporations, the officers who ordered the cutting, gathering, collection or possession shall be liable, and if such officers are aliens, they shall, in addition to the penalty, be deported without further proceedings on the part of the Commission on Immigration and Deportation.


Forester Miranda added that there are the two distinct and separate offenses punished under Section 68 of PD 705, to wit: *Cutting, gathering, collecting and removing timber or other forest products from any forest land, or timber from alienable or disposable public land, or from private land without any authority; and Possession of timber or other forest products without the legal documents required under existing forest laws and regulations*

The provision clearly punishes anyone who shall cut, gather, collect or remove timber or other forest products from any forest land, or timber from alienable or disposable public land, or from private land, without any authority.

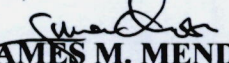
She then enumerated the requirements for tree cutting and chainsaw registration and reminded the officials to never issue tree cutting permit, as only the DENR is allowed to do so. There are reported instances that barangay officials allowed cutting of trees. Only certification that the tree to be cut is within the property of the applicant. In the event that a tree may pose danger to life and property, the Barangay may also issue certification, to be inspected by personnel of this office, before cutting commences.

An open forum about the topics discussed was facilitated. The team gladly answered questions and provided additional information including advises to the participants regarding the exercise of environmental laws, rules and regulations. A short program was initiated to facilitate the distribution of certificates to the participants and the evaluation of the said activity.

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Chief, TSD Malvin R. Rocero delivers his inspirational message and appreciating the efforts of the Barangay LGUs as partners of DENR in environmental protection



Hon. Arsenio Gadon addresses the crowd and extending gratitude to DENR for conducting the activity that will benefit the Barangay Officials

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