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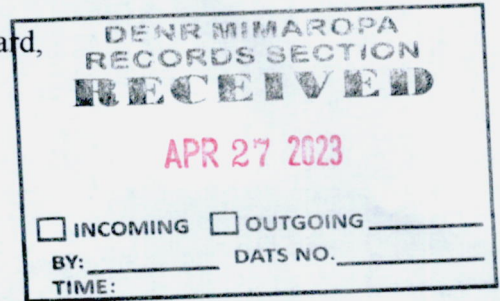
MEMORANDUM

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

THRU : The Assistant Regional Director
for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
Odiongan, Romblon

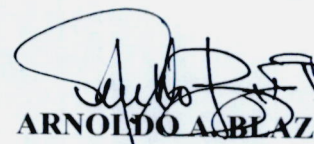
SUBJECT : **FIRST QUARTER REPORT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LGUs ON COASTAL AND MARINE RELATED CONCERNS**



Respectfully submitting is the First Quarter CY-2023 Report on the Technical Assistance to LGUs on coastal and marine related concerns under WFP 2023 - Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Rehabilitation Sub-Program.

This Office have provided technical assistance to the Island Municipalities of Verde Island Passage Concepcion, Corcuera and Banton, Romblon to activate their emergency response plan and conduct regular monitoring activities in the affected areas to determine the extent of the oil spill and to assess any potential damage to the environment and community. However, the municipality of Concepcion responded that as of March 21, 2023 there was no sighting within the municipal waters of Concepcion from the submerged M/T Princess Empress. We will keep you updated once we receive an update from Banton and Corcuera and submit report immediately if the oil spill reaches our area of responsibility.

For information and record.


ARNOLFO ABLAZA, JR.
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March 7, 2023

HON. NICON F. FAMERONAG
Municipal Mayor
Concepcion, Romblon

Dear Mayor Fameronag,

Greetings in conservation!

This is in connection to the recent oil spill incident that occurred in Naujan, Oriental Mindoro last February 28, 2023. A tanker MT Princess Empress submerged according to the Philippine Coast Guard. As you are aware, this incident has caused great concern for the environment, the local community and the economy of the area.

Our agency has been monitoring the situation closely and we would like to request your assistance in keeping a watchful eye on the potential spread of the oil spill in your jurisdiction. We are particularly concerned about the potential impact on the nearby bodies of water, such as rivers, lakes, and coastal areas.

We urge you to activate your emergency response plan and conduct regular monitoring activities in the affected areas to determine the extent of the oil spill and to assess any potential damage to the environment and the community. We would greatly appreciate it if you could report to us immediately if the oil spill reaches your area, including any information on the amount of oil spilled and its location.

Please be reminded that time is of the essence in responding to an oil spill incident. Any delay in reporting or response could lead to irreversible damage to the environment, the local community and the economy.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working closely with you to mitigate the impacts of the unfortunate incident.

Very truly yours,


ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.
OIC, PENR Officer

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

27 March 2023

ARNOLDO A. BLAZA, JR.

OIC, PENRO Romblon
Formilleza Street, Brgy. Tabing Dagat
Odiongan, Romblon

Dear Mr. Blaza, Jr.:

In reference to your letter dated 7 March 2023, regarding the oil spill incident that involved the submerged MT Princess Empress, we have been closely monitoring the municipal waters of Concepcion since the incident happened. The undersigned wishes to inform you that as of 21 March 2023, there was no sighting within the municipal waters of Concepcion of the oil spill from the sunken M/T Princess Empress in the vicinity waters of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro, on 28 February 2023.

This is contained in a Post-Activity Report report by CG PO1 Leonel M. Dalit, Sub-Station Commander, Coast Guard Sub-Station Concepcion, who, together with MDRRMC officer-in-charge John Bob Ferranco, PNP Municipal Police Station, and Municipal Agriculture Office, conducted a Joint Seaborne Patrol (JSP) and inspection along the municipal waters on 21 March 2023.

Likewise, I have standing orders for the continuous monitoring for a possible oil spill reaching the island's municipal waters, including coordinating with the nine (9) barangay captains to work with their respective Barangay Fishery and Aquatic Resource Management Councils (B/FARMCs) in patrolling their maritime waters to watch out for an oil spill trace.

Relative to the above, fishermen of the Municipality continue with their regular fishing activities, with excess fish catch being exported to Oriental Mindoro under the strict implementation of the Auxiliary Invoice requirement of national laws and appropriate local ordinances.

For your information and reference.


HON. NICONE E. FAMERONAG
Municipal Mayor



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March 7, 2023

HON. ELMER M. FRUELDA

Municipal Mayor
Corcuera, Romblon

Dear Mayor Fruelda,

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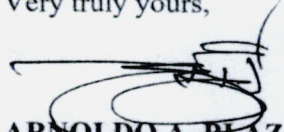
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Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to working closely with you to mitigate the impacts of the unfortunate incident.

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March 7, 2023

HON. MILAGROS F. FEDERANGA

Municipal Mayor
Banton, Romblon

Dear Mayor Federanga,

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