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### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

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The Regional Executive Director

DENR MIMAROPA Region 1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Blvd., Bgy. 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU** 

The ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** 

The PENR Officer

Puerto Princesa City

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION REPORT OF THE

CONDUCTED GREEN FINS INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO SIX (6) DIVE SHOP

**OPERATORS IN CORON, PALAWAN** 

In connection with our target for CY 2023 under Coastal and Marine Resources Management – Green Fins Implementation, respectfully forwarded is the documentation report of CENRO Coron regarding the IEC conducted on Dive Operators within Coron, Palawan.

Per report submitted, a total of six (6) dive shop operators have been educated/informed regarding Green Fins.

This report serves as Means of Verification (MOV) for the above-mentioned activity.

For information and record.

FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC







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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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FOR

The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer Sta. Monica, PPC, Palawan

FROM

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Coron, Palawan

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTATION REPORT OF THE

CONDUCTED GREEN FINS INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO SIX (6) DIVE SHOP OPERATORS IN

CORON, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarding herewith is the activity report of Green Fins Focal persons regarding the abovementioned subject which also serves as the **Means of Verification** of this Office under Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center.

Please be informed that this Office have conducted IEC to six (6) dive shop operators (French Kiss Divers, MDI Dive Shop; Aquahabitat Dive Safari and Tours; Reggae Dive Center; Corto Diver; and Umali Dive Center) in Coron, Palawan from February 15-17, 2023.

For information reference and record.

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### **MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR** 

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Coron, Palawan

**THRU** 

CDS, Chief

**FROM** 

The Undersigned

**SUBJECT** 

**GREEN FINS** INFORMATION,

**EDUCATION** AND

COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO FRENCH KISS DIVER.

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 15, 2023 at Reggae Dice Center in Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan wherein the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated by seven (7) individuals composed of 5 masculine and 2 feminine.

After presentation, participants were asked for their questions and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative question to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. They also shared that they are practicing some of the code of conduct of green fins such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding, no use of sunscreen and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they include during briefing and orientation of guests, and with visible segregation trash cans on board. With regards to the use of gloves, they said that it is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive and because there are instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current and as protection from marine life that causes skin allergic reactions. Another practices noted is the disposal of used batteries and used-oil thru the designated cans of PCG in the docking area.

Issues and concerns were also raised such as irresponsible boat and tour operators letting their guests step on corals and improper solid waste disposal; unorganized loading and docking area; and reclamation activity.

Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity.

Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

Green Fins Assessor

Green Fins Asst. Focal

MARK GLENN T

## PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT FRENCH KISS DIVERS DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2023











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#### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Coron, Palawan

**FROM** 

The Undersigned

SUBJECT

GREEN FINS INFORMATION, EDUC COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO MDI DIVE SHOP

**EDUCATION** 

AND

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 15, 2023 at MDI Divers in Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan wherein the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated by five (5) individuals composed of 4 masculine and 1 feminine.

After presentation, participants were asked for their questions and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative question to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. They also shared that they are practicing some of the code of conduct of green fins such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding, no use of sunscreen and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they included during briefing and orientation of guests. With regards to the use of gloves, they said that it is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive and because there are instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current and as protection from marine life that causes skin allergic reactions.

Issues and concerns were also raised such unorganized loading and docking area; unmanaged waste from the upland, and reclamation. It was also brought out that some dive shops are certifying guests even though they are not properly trained. Hence, they recommended for reengineering of diving community and boat operators, and exploration for coral gardening.

Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity.

Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

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Green Fins Assessor

NIKKI E. RIPALDA

Green Fins Asst. Focal

MARK GLENN . MANAGDAG

## PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT MDI DIVE SHOPS CENTER DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2023











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**FOR** 

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Coron, Palawan

THRU

CDS, Chief

**FROM** 

The Undersigned

**SUBJECT** 

GREEN **FINS** INFORMATION, **EDUCATION** AND

COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO AQUAHABITAT DIVE SAFARI

**AND TOURS** 

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 16, 2023 in Aquahabitat Dive Safari and Tours at Bancuang Baba, Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan wherein the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated Mr. Luis D. Manalang, owner of dive shop.

After presentation, Mr. Manalang were asked for his question and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative questions to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. He shared that during their operation, they are already practicing some of Green Fins code of conduct such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they include during briefing and orientation of guests, and with visible segregation trash cans on board. With regards to the use of gloves, they said that it is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive and because there are instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current and as protection from marine life that causes skin allergic reactions.

Issues and concerns were also raised such as reclamation activity, inadequate drainage, improper solid waste management of boat and tour operators, and Pauline Floating located at Coron Island. He then recommended to conduct IEC to not just to dive shops but most importantly to boat and tour operators and for immediate rehabilitation of reclamation project.

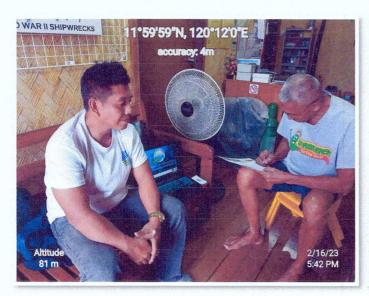
Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity.

Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

NIKKI E. RIBALDA Green Fins Asst. Focal MARK GLENN T. MANAGDAG

## PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT AQUA HABITAT DIVE SHOP DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023











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**FROM** 

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**SUBJECT** 

**GREEN** FINS INFORMATION. **EDUCATION** 

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COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO REGGAE DIVE CENTER.

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 16, 2023 at Reggae Dice Center in Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan wherein the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated by seventeen (17) individuals composed of 15 masculine, 1 feminine and 1 LGBTQIA++.

After presentation, participants were asked for their questions and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative question to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. They also shared that they are practicing some of the code of conduct of green fins such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding, no use of sunscreen, and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they include during briefing and orientation of guests and with visible segregation trash cans on board. With regards to the use of gloves, they said that it is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive and because there are instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current and as protection from marine life that causes skin allergic reactions.

Issues and concerns were also raised such as irresponsible boat and tour operators letting their guests step on corals and improper solid waste disposal; unorganized loading and docking area; reclamation activity; illegal activities such as spearfishing and fisherfolks with unidentified local boat code/color often observed at Brgy. Bintuan area during their operation. They then recommended to conduct IEC to not just to dive shops but most importantly to boat and tour operators and the rehabilitation of reclamation area.

Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity. Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

Green Fins Asst. Focal

MARK GLENN T MANAGDAG

## PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT REGGAE DIVE CENTER DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023











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#### **MEMORANDUM**

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**THRU** 

CDS, Chief

**FROM** 

The Undersigned

**SUBJECT** 

GREEN FINS INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND

COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO CORTO DEL MAR INC. (CORTO

DIVER)

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 17, 2023 at Corto Del Mar Inc. (Corto Diver) in Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan where the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated by five (5) masculine individuals.

After presentation, participants were asked for their questions and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative question to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. They also shared that they are practicing some of the code of conduct of green fins such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they include during briefing and orientation of guests, and with visible segregation trash cans on board. With regards to the use of gloves, they said that it is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive and because there are instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current and as protection from marine life that causes skin allergic reactions.

Issues and concerns were also raised such as irresponsible boat and tour operators letting their guests step on corals, improper solid waste disposal; absence of mooring buoy in CYC Island to prevent coral damage in anchoring; unorganized loading and docking area; and reclamation. Presence of Crown of Thorns (COTs) in Dimanglet Island and Lusong was mentioned.

Hence, the participants are recommending to establish monitoring area designated Marshall to enforce the regularization and orderliness of loading and docking area; and the DENR to give materials or kit for COT collection and conduct IEC to tour and boat operators relative to conservation and protection of marine ecosystem and solid waste management.

Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity. Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

NIKKI E. RIPALDA Green Fins Asst. Focal

MARK GLENN T. MANAGDAG

# PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT CORTO DEL MAR INC. (CORTO DIVER) DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2023











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### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Coron, Palawan

**THRU** 

CDS, Chief

**FROM** 

The Undersigned

SUBJECT

GREEN FINS INFORMATION, EDUCATION AND

COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO UMALI DIVE CENTER INC.

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 17, 2023 at Umali Dive Center in Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan where the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated by eight (8) individuals composed of 5 masculine and 3 feminine.

After presentation, participants were asked for their questions and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative question to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. They also shared that they are practicing some of the code of conduct of green fins such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they include during briefing and orientation of guests, and with visible segregation trash cans on board. With regards to the use of gloves, they said that it is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive and because there are instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current and as protection from marine life that causes skin allergic reactions.

Issues and concerns were also raised such as irresponsible boat and tour operators letting their guests step on corals, improper solid waste disposal; absence of mooring buoy in CYC Island to prevent coral damage in anchoring; unorganized loading and docking area; and reclamation. Presence of Crown of Thorns (COTs) in Dimanglet Island and Lusong was mentioned.

Hence, the participants are recommending to establish monitoring area in loading area with designated Marshall to enforce the regularization and orderliness of loading and docking area; and the DENR to give materials or kit for COT collection and conduct IEC to tour and boat operators relative to conservation and protection of marine ecosystem and solid waste management.

Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity. Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

NIKKI E. RIPALDA Green Fins Asst. Focal MARK GLENN T. MANAGDAG

# PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT UMALI DIVE CENTER CORP. DATED FEBRUARY 17, 2023











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### **MEMORANDUM**

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FOR

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

Coron, Palawan

**THRU** 

CDS, Chief

**FROM** 

The Undersigned

**SUBJECT** 

GREEN FINS INFORMATION, EDUCATION

COMMUNICATION (IEC) TO SAFETY STOP DIVE SHOP

This pertains to the target activities of Green Fins IEC to dive shop operators under Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) which aims to intensify the information drive of Green Fins by means of strategic communication focusing on every dive shop/center within CENRO Coron area of responsibility.

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted IEC on February 16, 2023 in Safety Stop Dive Shop at Poblacion 5, Coron, Palawan wherein the undersigned discussed an overview of Green Fins including Code of Conduct, advantages of green fins as a member and brief information about coral reef. Said activity was participated by 3 masculine and 1 feminine staff.

After presentation, participants were asked for questions and feedback on green fins implementation likewise relative questions to the subject were addressed by the undersigned. They mentioned that they are already practicing some of Green Fins code of conduct such as used of mooring buoy, no-to fish feeding and no touching of corals and other marine life to where they include during briefing and orientation of guests, and with visible segregation trash cans on board. With regards to the use of gloves, they are requiring it in shipwreck dive as one of safety measure especially in holding mooring line when ascending/descending and safety stop.

Issues and concerns were also raised such as reclamation activity, unorganized loading and docking area; improper solid waste management of boat and tour operators, and Pauline Floating located at Coron Island. They then recommended to conduct IEC to boat and tour operators and establish mooring buoys in all dive sites and tourist destination within Calamianes.

Be informed further, that pre-test and post-test was taken for the significance of the activity.

Relevant photos are attached.

For information, reference and record.

NIKKI E. RIPALDA Green Fins Asst. Focal MARK GLENN T. MANAGDAG

# PHOTO DOCUMENTS DURING THE CONDUCTED IEC AT SAFETY STOP DIVESHOP DATED FEBRUARY 16, 2023







