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## **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

The Regional Executive Director

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The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM

The Provincial Environment and

**Natural Resources Officer** 

SUBJECT

:

SUBMISSION OF REPORT RE: AREA OF EXISTING FOREST PROTECTED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE

JURISDICTION OF CENRO BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the undated memorandum of CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan received on January 18, 2023 relative to the above subject.

Per report, the scope of observation within 20-meter buffer from the tracking/routes during patrolling activities, the corresponding area of existing forest protected in hectares within the administrative jurisdiction of CENRO Brooke's Point has a total area of 3,129.307 hectares.

For information and further instruction.

For the PENRO;

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Supervising Ecosystem Management Specialist / Chief, CDS In Charge, Office of the PENRO

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The Provincial Environment and

Natural Resources Officer

Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

**FROM** 

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer/Hearing Officer

**SUBJECT** 

SUBMISSION OF REPORT RE: AREA OF EXISTING

FOREST PROTECTED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE

JURISDICTION OF CENRO BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN

Respectfully submitted herewith is the copy of the above-cited report relative to the area of existing forest protected through the implementation of Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System within the administrative jurisdiction of this Office.

For CY 2022, patrolling activities mostly covered mangrove areas, area encompassed by the Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) and watershed areas such as Philantrophia Watershed in Brooke's Point and Pulot Watershed in Sofronio Española, Palawan. As of November 30, 2022, a total of 836.537 kilometers of foot and sea-borne patrolling activities had been reported/accomplished equivalent to 139.42% of the 600 kilometers annual target.

Based on the scope of observation within 20-meter buffer from the tracking/routes during patrolling activities, the corresponding area of existing forest protected in hectares within the administrative jurisdiction of this Office has been computed/estimated, equivalent to a total area of 3,129.307 hectares. The forest conditions in these areas patrolled are mainly characterized by Advanced Secondary Growth Forests. Meanwhile, apprehension incidences (cutting of trees) were also documented particularly in the municipality of Bataraza, Palawan. This was the result of intensive monitoring and other forest protection and law enforcement activities in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies/uniformed personnel in line

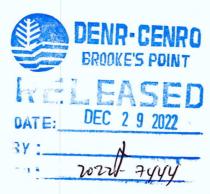


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with the implementation of the action plan for the delisting/exclusion of the municipality in the list of illegal logging hotspots in MIMAROPA Region. The areas wherein the cutting of trees were observed were not considerably and regularly patrolled in the past years due to security reasons but with the strengthened enforcement activities and linkages, the DENR personnel had mobilized in this areas.

For your information, record and further instruction.

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December 12, 2022

### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** 

The Community Environment and

Natural Resources Officer Brooke's Point, Palawan

THRU

The Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section

**FROM** 

The Team Leader, Quick Response Team

The Lawin Data Manager

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF REPORT RE: AREA OF EXISTING FOREST PROTECTED WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE

JURISDICTION OF CENRO BROOKE'S POINT, PALAWAN

Respectfully submitted herewith is the report regarding the area of existing forest protected within the administrative jurisdiction of CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan.

Pursuant to Department Administrative Order No. 2018-21 signed by former DENR Secretary Roy A. Cimatu on October 3, 2018, the Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System has been adopted as a national strategy for forest and biodiversity protection in the Philippines. Accordingly, Lawin shall be implemented at all levels within the DENR and shall apply to all closed, open, inland terrestrial and mangrove forests in the country regardless of size, use, tenurial condition and administrative jurisdiction. In CENRO Brooke's Point, Lawin patrol works are being conducted within the municipalities of Sofronio Española, Brooke's Point, Bataraza, and Balabac, Palawan. For CY 2022, patrolling activities mostly covered mangrove areas, area encompassed by the Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) and watershed areas such as Philantrophia Watershed in Brooke's Point and Pulot Watershed in Sofronio Española, Palawan.

For CY 2022, based on the summary, assessment and analysis of all patrol data collected and submitted as of November 30, 2022, a total of 836.537 kilometers of foot and sea-borne patrolling within the identified Forest Conservation Area of CENRO Brooke's Point, Palawan had been reported/accomplished equivalent to 139.42% of the 600 Kilometers annual target of this Office as indicated on the Approved 2022 Work and Financial Plan. However, this figure still includes patrol data subject for deletion in reference to the Lawin Data Assessment from January to August 2022 submitted to the Regional Office and patrol data with GPS error/s reported to the Lawin Help Desk for further assessment and updating of FMB Lawin Unit. Thus, the total accomplished patrol distance may still be further reduce/decrease.

Based on the scope of observation within 20-meter buffer from both sides of the tracking/routes during patrolling activities, the corresponding area of existing forest protected in hectares within the administrative jurisdiction of this Office has been computed, equivalent to a total area of 3,129.307 hectares as shown in the attached Map of Area of Existing Forest Protected.

Per the monitoring and based on observation records during patrol works, the forest condition in the areas patrolled is mainly characterized by Advanced Secondary Growth Forests which is defined as forests that were previously disturbed and show an advance level of recovery, which have a less dense understory (a layer of vegetation under the main forest canopy) and are dominated by medium to large trees (above 30 to 55 centimeter dbh and up to 30 meters in height). However, apprehension incidences (cutting of trees) were also documented mostly in the municipality of Bataraza, Palawan which was the result of intensive monitoring and other forest protection and law enforcement activities in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies/uniformed personnel in the municipality in line with the implementation of the action plan for the delisting/exclusion of the municipality in the list of illegal logging hotspots in MIMAROPA Region. The areas wherein the cutting of trees were observed were not considerably and regularly patrolled in the past years due to security reasons but with the strengthened enforcement activities and linkages, the DENR personnel had mobilized in this areas.

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