



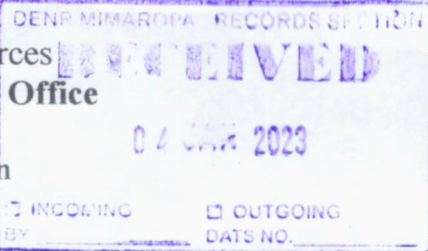
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MEMORANDUM

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THRU : The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
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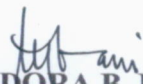
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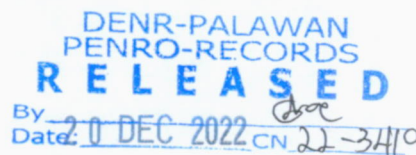
Forwarded is the memorandum dated December 2, 2022 from CENRO Quezon along with the Report on the result of the assessment of the trail and campsite of MMPL traverse route.

Please be informed that assessment of the trail and campsites of MMPL traverse route was conducted on November 17-24, 2022 from Barangay Ransang, Rizal, Palawan to Barangay Malis, Brooke's Point, Palawan. The activity was conducted for the process of reopening the peak of MMPL to ecotourism activity.

For information and record.

"For the PENRO"


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**DENR PENRO
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Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum from the staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) regarding the conduct of assessment of the trail and campsites of MMPL traverse route from Barangay Ransang, Dr. Jose P. Rizal to Barangay Malis, Brooke's Point, Palawan from November 17 to 24, 2022.

The activity was conducted based on agreement after deliberation during the last MMPL en banc meeting on October 13, 2022.

Please be informed further that terms and conditions and other managerial aspects may change depending on the evaluation of the Executive Committee of MMPL PAMB on the result of the assessment of MMPL PAMO in partnership with LGU Dr. Jose P. Rizal, Palawan.

For your information, record and reference.

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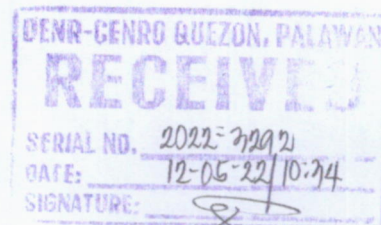
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
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FROM : Protected Area Management Office Staff
Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE RESULT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF THE TRAIL AND CAMPSITES OF MMPL TRAVERSE ROUTE FOR REOPENING THE MAJOR ECO-TOURISM SITE OF MMPL "THE ROOFTOP OF PALAWAN".**



Respectfully submitted is the memorandum from the undersigned staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) regarding the conduct of assessment of the trail and campsites of MMPL traverse route from Barangay Ransang, Dr. Jose P. Rizal to Barangay Malis, Brooke's Point, Palawan from November 17 to 24, 2022.

The assessment was primarily conducted for the process of reopening the peak of MMPL to eco-tourism activity. As per deliberation during the last PAMB en banc meeting on October 13, 2022 at Asiza Hotel, San Manuel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, the activity needs to be conducted on ensure the harmonization of visitor's welfare, needs for further protection and conservation of MMPL and the welfare of the IP community.

The activity was successfully accomplished in partnership with LGU Jose P. Rizal whereas representatives from Departments such as MENR Office Rizal (1 staff) and Tourism Office (9 staff) joined. Also, the team was accompanied by Nine (9) porters and one (1) tour guides as well as one (1) representative from MENR Office and one (1) from Tourism Office of Quezon, Palawan.

The team assembled at LGU Rizal at 3:00 PM last November 17, 2022 to prepare goods and other needs for the climb. During the same day, the team coordinated with PNP Rizal and Barangay Office of Ransang, Rizal and went to Sitio Balen-balen to spend the night.

At about 4:00 in the morning of November 18, 2022 the team prepared and started the journey towards the peak of MMPL via traverse route. A total of ten (10) Campsites and approximately 34-kilometer trail starting from Sitio Balen-belen, Ransang Rizal to Barangay Hall of Malis, Brooke's Point, Palawan have been assessed by the team.

The following are the result of the assessment:

Campsite	Observations/Remarks	Recommendation
1. Magtanor	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The campsite is an area claimed by an IP known as Bulldog and there is a portion in his claim that is suitable for	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Partner with and support the owner or the community in building a simple hut and benches

	<p>camping. With permission, hikers can sleep in his own house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The water source is just approximately 10 meters away from the campsite. • No toilet facility 	<p>made from indigenous materials with an estimated cost of five thousand pesos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an open pit toilet facility
2. Balweng	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thou slightly vegetated, Balweng is still suitable for camping. • Water source is approximately 50 meters away from the camp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an open pit toilet facility
3. Kegben (Kabugan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area of the campsite is large. • It has a school/church built thru the efforts of the IP community wherein with permission, campers are allowed to spend the night in there. It is led by an IP Pastor known as Pastor Kalbo. • Water source is near, approximately 10 to 20 meters but is difficult to reach • Two trails have been rerouted (Approaching Kawayan campsite) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a camping area away from the school/church of the IPs within the vicinity. • Establish an open pit toilet facility • Partner with and support the owner or the community in building a simple hut and benches made from indigenous materials with an estimated cost of five thousand pesos.
4. Kawayan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Still suitable as campsite. • Has a reachable water source • The area is a portion of the land claim of an IP named Golning. • IPs close to the area are handicraft makers and they sell their products to people passing by. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an open pit toilet facility
5. Kawang-kawang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This campsite was originally an open area with few vegetation but now is use by an IP named Golning as his residence along with some of his keen. Mr. Golning is the known claimant of the area. • The source of water is too far, approximately 500 meters downhill, although the very campsite was very suitable and quite convenient as a campsite due to its large area and established huts. There are four (4) huts in Golning's area. • It has an open pit toilet facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended for regular campsite with permission and partnership with the area claimant.

6. Paray-paray	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area is slightly vegetated but is still suitable as campsite. • It has an open pit toilet facility • Old wet wipes are observed on the side of the trail going to and at Paray-paray campsite and probably came from last hikers/visitors. • The campsite is frequently visited by the Palawan Soft Furred Rat during the night, a species of mammal that is only found in MMPL. • Water source is near, approximately 60 meters away from the campsite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage describing endemic and some important species found in MMPL. • Close the present toilet facility and establish a new one. The present toilet facility is almost right in the trail towards the source of water and limits privacy. • Forbid the use of wet wipes as it takes longer for the material to decompose. Let the hikers bring tissue paper as alternative or bring towel to moistened for hygiene. • Require hikers to bring shovel (small).
7. Pisa-pisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly vegetated but still suitable for camping • Source of water is a bit far, approximately 200 meters away from the campsite. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an open pit toilet facility
8. Lapong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slightly vegetated but still suitable for camping • Source of water is visually unclean but is safe for drinking according to the porters. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an open pit toilet facility
9. Magringit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately vegetated and requires reasonable clearing. • No source of water • No toilet facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an open pit toilet facility
10. Pinanggaba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The campsite is an area claimed by an IP known as Gosmen and there is a portion in his claim thou small is suitable for camping. With permission, hikers can sleep in his own house. • Source of water is close 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with and support the owner or the community in building a simple hut and benches made from indigenous materials.
11. Mag-agong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kulangbanwa is already gone and are replaced with two houses • No toilet facility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not recommended for campsite because the area became a residency and most of the space

		available before was utilized as backyard garden by the IP Households.
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General recommendation:

A. PAMO Transactions

1. Will only entertain visitors who directly communicated to MMPL PAMO.
2. Require hikers to provide medical certificate.
3. Require hikers to provide record/proof of hiking experience or certificate of previous hike.
4. Establish an email account and contact information solely for MMPL visitation.
5. Entraining/accommodating of visitors will be cut off at 6:00 PM and will resume the next day at 8:00 AM.

B. Mantraverse "The Official MMPL Tour guide association"

6. Structuring - requires technical assistance
7. Registration of the group in the future
8. Support to Mantraverse such as personal hiking equipment, gadgets and others as may be needed by PAMB and other partners.
9. Meal support during the journey will covered by hikers
10. Minimum payment worth 5 days be imposed for journey which may take less than 5 days and additional payment for extended days of travel after 5 days.
11. Fare for returning home of porters and guide will be covered by the visitors.

C. Traverse route and campsites

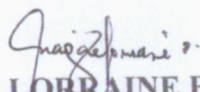
12. Conduct of carrying capacity.
 - a. At the moment
 - i. Limit the number of visitors at maximum of 15 pax per group and accommodate another group with interval of 3 days.
 - ii. 1:5 ratio for guide and porters be imposed
 - iii. Limit the weight of baggage carried by porters to 20 kg. Additional weight will charge 100 pesos per kilo per day.
13. Establish native hut/house at campsites with claimant
 - Ransang, Rizal Jurisdiction
 - a. Magtanor - claimant: Mr. Bulldog
 - b. Kabugan - claimant: Pastor Kalbo
 - c. Kawayan - claimant: Mr. Golning
 - d. Kawang-kawang - claimant: Mr. Golning
 - Brooke's jurisdiction
 - a. Pinang-gaba - claimant: Mr. Gosmen
14. Establish Campsite signage
 - a. Campsite name
 - b. Terms and condition
 - c. Signage describing endemic and some important species found in MMPL.
15. Establish open pit toilet facilities in all campsites
16. Prohibit the use of wet wipes

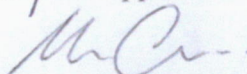
17. Require hikers to take 1 garbage bag each.
18. Repair MMPL Balen-balen center located at Sitio Balen-balen, Barangay Ransang, Rizal, Palawan
19. Repair MMPL view deck
20. **Tagging system:** A tag will be given to the party before climbing which they will return to PAMO thru Barangay Malis Brooke's Point. Secondary checking of baggage will be done during the return of tag. Unreturned tag will subject the team from being banned at MMPL.
21. Conduct CEPA at communities within and close to MMPL in partnership with LGU Rizal and Brooke's regarding improper waste/garbage disposal.
22. Repainting of Signage pointing the direction of Tau't Bato and MMPL peak.
23. No night trekking policy
24. No Day hike policy (1 day traverse)

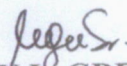
Furthermore, due to an unwanted event, the phone which was the team's primary documenting gadget used or geo-tagging accidentally broke during the journey, hence, the use of regular pictures taken from the DSLR camera as photo documentation.

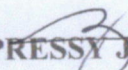
Attached herein are pictures taken during the climb and the attendance sheet of the complete members of the assessment team which include MMPL porters/guide.

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PICTURES TAKEN DURING THE CONDUCTED ASSESSMENT OF THE MMPL TRAVERSE ROUTE FOR THE REOPENING OF MMPL ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITY "THE ROOFTOP OF PALAWAN".



MMPL Assessment team mingled with the IP community to asked permission to use their huts and gather information.



One of the Hut/House used by the team to spend the night



MMPL assessment team observing one of the campsites "Kawayan".



An IP woman sold a traditional basket called "Tingkep" to the team.



Another Campsite being observed by the team "Balweng".



The open pit toilet facility at Paray-paray Campsite which is recommended for closing and relocation.

Aside from assessing the campsites and traverse route, the team also collected some garbage along the trail and on the vicinity of the campsites.





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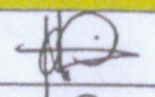
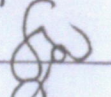
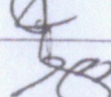
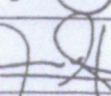
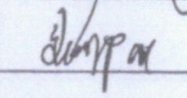
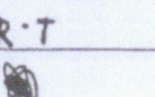

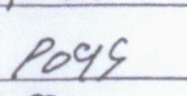
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