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THRU The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

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OPERATORS IN CORON, PALAWAN

Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated May 30, 2023 of CENRO Coron, Palawan along with the report regarding on the above subject that serves as Means of Verification (MoV) for target activities under Social Marketing Mobilization/Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) in Coron FY 2023.

For information and record.

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Respectfully forwarding herewith is the report dated May 29, 2023 of Green Fins Focal person regarding the abovementioned subject which also serves as the **Means of Verification**.

The said activity was conducted in line with 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.

Please be informed that this Office have conducted IEC to six (6) dive shop operators (W Divers, Oh Cean Dive, Sarang Dive Shop, Bubble Dive Shop, Neptune Dive Shop and Coron Divers) in Coron, Palawan from March 28, 2023 and May 25,26 & 28, 2023.

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After lecture, participants gave feedback on green fins as well as the recommendation for effective implementation. Considering that Dive shops in Coron, Palawan have been organized since 2020. The group has initiative on marine conservation such as "every dive is a clean-up dive" to where they collect all trashes observed during their operation. They are also 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 which they also included during briefing and orientation of guests. With regards to the use of gloves, this policy should be limited to reef diving. They said that the used of gloves is vital as safety measure in shipwreck dive due to some instances that divers must hold to mooring lines in descending and ascending in times of strong current.

Issues and concern were then raised such as insufficient loading and docking area, irresponsible boat and tour operators dumping their solid wastes in an open area at Reclamation, destruction of corals due to unregulated tour operation due to lacking of orientation regarding the do's and don'ts, and incapacity of tour guide over number of tourist to secure no damage on marine life during visit at coral reef area and other part tour sites. Positive feedback from dive shop owners leads to support to the initiative however, some dive shop particularly foreign managed shops were noted to be not interested to support this matter. Thus, this initiative should be tap with the local government unit and Department of Tourism to be adopted as one of the requirements/practices implemented in diving and snorkeling industry in Coron, Palawan that will provide environmental friendly guidelines for the operation of related businesses.

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

Geotagged photos are attached.

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