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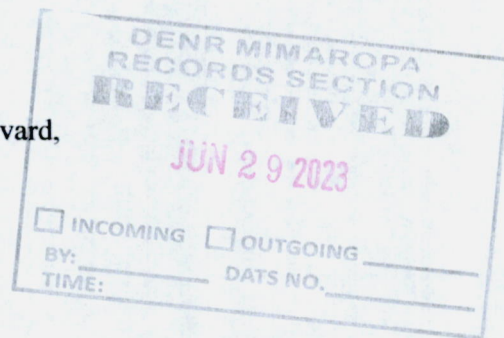
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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THRU : The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD
ASSESSMENT IN EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE
PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA) EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

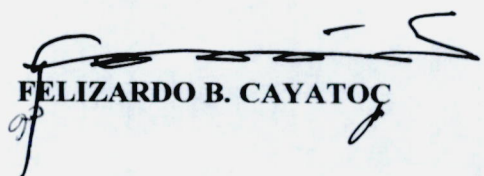


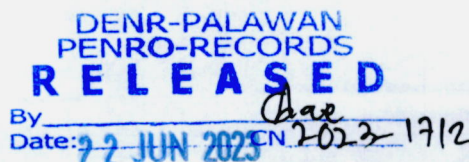
Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated May 30, 2023 of CENRO Taytay, Palawan along with the report on the conducted Green Fins On-board assessment in ENTMRPA, El Nido, Palawan. This serves as **Means of Verification (MoV)** for target activities to dive or snorkel shops/operators assessed on environmental risk assessment under Management of Coastal and Marine Resources/Areas - Social Marketing and Mobilization/Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) FY 2023.

Please be informed that two (2) shops were assessed such as Christian Jay Travel and Tours and Sulit Trip Travel and Tours which garnered a score of 182 and 198, respectively. Be informed further, that the assessors conducted feedbacking session and discussed the findings with the owners/managers provided with IEC materials and shirts as part of promotion for adopting Green Fins Approach for snorkeling industry.

For information and record.




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May 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer- Palawan

FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT ON ACTIVITY PER WFP
El Nido Managed Resource Protected Area (ENMRPA)**

Activity: Green Fins Implementation within demonstration sites of pilot region				
Performance Indicator: Number of dive or snorkel shops/operators assessed on green fins environmental risk assessment to be submitted on 2 nd quarter CY 2023 with Twelve (12) memo report and attachments endorsed to PENRO				
Current submission: Memo report of Protected Area Superintendent/SvEMS Mildred A. Suza dated May 18, 2023 (CN 3416 in the eDATS) submitting the report on Green Fins On-Board Assessment for Protected Area Management Office of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENMRPA).				
Attachment: 1. Memo report of FT I Mary Ann D. Bulacan and FT II Precy M. Obrique dated May 8 and 15, 2023. 2. Photo documentation 3. Assessment Report for Sulit Trip Travel and Tours (2 pages) 4. Assessment Report for Christian Jay Travel and Tours (3 pages)				
Gender & Development (GaD) data	Male = 19	Female = 29	LGBTQ+ = 0	Prefer not to say = 0
Age Grouping	60 and above	18-59	17 and below	TOTAL
	0	48	0	48
Environmental Management System (EMS Compliance)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compliant to 5S organization techniques (SORT – keep only necessary items, SET IN ORDER – arrange items to promote efficient workflow, SHINE – clean the work area so it is neat and tidy, STANDARDIZE – set standards for a consistently organized workplace and SUSTAIN – maintain and review standard) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No single use plastic <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PENRO Memo No. 2023-001 dated February 21, 2023			

This is our **Means of Verification (MoV)** on the activity. Please confirm your receipt hereof. Thank you.

DENR CENRO
TAYTAY, PALAWAN
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BY:
DATE: JUN 01 2023

For and in the absence of the CENRO:

JUN 01 2023
MARIANO P. LILANG, JR.
Development Management Officer IV
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Taytay, Palawan

FROM : The Protected Area Superintendent
El Nido- Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

SUBJECT : REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD ASSESSMENT IN EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA) EL NIDO, PALAWAN

MAY 18 2023
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EL NIDO, PALAWAN
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BY: *[Signature]*
DATE: 5-21-23 CN 2416

Respectfully forwarded is the report from Green Fins Assessors Ms. Mary Ann D. Bulacan and Ms. Precy M. Obrique dated May 8 and 15, 2023 pertaining to the target 001 Green Fins Implementation-conduct of assessment of dive/snorkel operation.

Please be informed that on May 3, 2023, the Green Fins Assessors conducted on-board assessment on the following travel and tours with their assessment score, to wit;

No.	Name of Travel & Tour	Assessment Score
1.	Sulit Trip Travel & Tour	198
2.	Christian Jay Travel & Tour	182

Be informed further that the assessors conducted feedbacking session and discussed the findings with the owner/manager and the team gave them IEC materials and shirt as part of promotion for adopting Green Fins Approach for snorkling industry.

This serves as **Means of Verification (MOV)**.

For information and record.

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ENTMRPA
El Nido, Palawan
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By: *[Signature]*
Date: 05-18-23
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MILDRED A. SUZA



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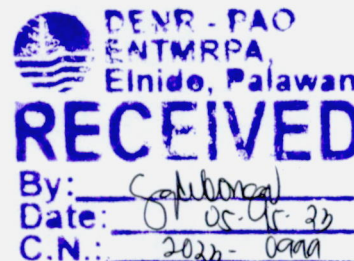
May 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Protected Area Superintendent
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area
El Nido, Palawan

FROM : Green Fins Assessor

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD
ASSESSMENT OF SULIT TRIP TRAVEL AND TOURS**



This pertains to our target activity on the conduct of the assessment of dive/snorkel operators (monitors the performance/compliance of dive centers/resort owners to GF) for El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA), El Nido, Palawan. Please be informed that this Office conducted Green Fins on-board assessment of Sulit Trip Travel and Tours on May 3, 2023 with 18 guests, 6 male and 12 female.

The assessors used the guidelines of the Green Fins to rate the tour operators on their behaviors during the island hopping and snorkeling tour. All observations were listed and assessed including the materials and facilities within the boat.

Sulit Trip Travel and Tours requested to be assessed and to become a certified member of Green Fins. The goal of this assessment is to know if our members adhere to the principle of the Green Fins by lowering their assessment scores as the year goes by. The threshold of final grades/score on on-boars assessment is from 0-330 to which 0-27 means Green or control(s) to mitigate risk are in place and operating efficiency; 28-204 means Yellow or control(s) are in place but there is room for improvement and 205-330 means Red or control(s) are missing or inadequate. The lower score, the lower its environmental impact.

Per this year's on-board assessment, Sulit Trip Travel and Tour gathered 198 points. The undersigned commend the managers and their staff for the job well done and persuade them to aim for Green scores/grades. The said score was discussed with the owner/managers and three action points for improvements were recommended by the assessors to help them gain much lower scores in the future and have been agreed upon implementation by the owner/manager. Attached is the assessment report and photo documentation.

For information and record.


MARY ANN D. BULACAN



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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Photo during the on-board assessment and feedback session dated May 3, 2023.

SULIT TRIP TRAVEL AND TOURS EL NIDO, PALAWAN



Assessment Date: May 03, 2023

Assessor: Mary Ann Bulacan

Boat: Mycka

Staff on board: Kuya Jayssie & Jericho (tour guide), Erick (boat captain), Eugene & Rey (boat crew)

Tour Site: Tour B (Papaya Island, Entalula Island, Snake Island, Cudugnun Cave and Cathedral Cave)

Summary

Sulit Trip Travel and Tours coordinated with our Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) of El Nido Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) to become a certified member of Green Fins on May 01, 2023. They were very cooperative and quickly organized the schedule of their assessment on May 03, 2023.

The company's boat named Mycka with a 4DR5 diesel engine for tour B with 18 guests. All staff was very cooperative in answering our questions/queries. They are visibly interested in learning how they can protect the environment as they said that protecting the environment means protecting their livelihood.

We conducted the feedback session on the same date at exactly 06:00 in the evening.

COC #	Rating	Description
1	GREEN	- The owner and their tour organizer are very cooperative in the conduct of the onboard assessment.
2	RED	- No evidence of certificates or any posters in the shop, booking office, or on the boat.
3	YELLOW	- All staff follows the majority of the GF Icons like no littering, no touching or chasing marine life, no fish feeding, wear a life jacket when snorkelling, no stepping on the corals - Staff acts as responsible role models during the tour but did not always correct guests' bad behavior.
4	YELLOW	- Verbal assurance that they are participating in clean-up drives but no records are kept and some indication of the training.
5a	RED	- Has not participated in any mooring buoy installation last year.
5b	YELLOW	- No anchoring while on board but evidence suggest it is not always materialized. - Not all destinations have mooring buoys.
6	GREEN	- No marine products such as sea shells, corals, clams and etc. are used as displays in their office or in boat.
7a	RED	- No monitoring of coral reefs was conducted because the staffs were not trained in reef monitoring surveys.
7b	RED	- No record of reporting and monitoring.
8	YELLOW	- 1 bin is present on the boat with lid. - No toilet on the boat. - 1 Ashtray is present on the boat. - Not clear that garbage is disposed of responsibly or recycled - Uses re-useable containers like plates and utensils for lunch.
9	RED	- Chemical dishwashing liquid was found in the boat. - Verbal assurance that the spent oil is safely collected, stored, and disposed of. - No fish feeding was witnessed during the tour. - Batteries used are rechargeable.
10	RED	- No indication that the staff understands the consequences of breaking the

		environmental laws and regulation.
11	RED	- The tour guide does not provide the guests with Green Fins Friendly Snorkelling Guidelines.
12	YELLOW	- Verbal assurance that staff was trained to follow environmental guidelines. - Verbal assurance that training provided when contact with reef.
13	RED	- No environmental educational materials are available for the guest's information.
14	YELLOW	- Operator does not visit any MPAs for their snorkel trip.
15	GREEN	- No contact with live marine life or coral reefs was witnessed. - Tour guides actively corrected the behavior of the guests. - No gloves policy strictly enforced during the tour.

THREE ACTION POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT	
	Description
1	Provide adequate garbage facilities like 2 trash bins with proper lids and segregation.
2	Used natural organic products of dishwashing liquid that have no impact on corals or other marine life.
3	Participate in regular marine habitat/marine life monitoring and promote it to your guests for a positive review of your travel and tour company.
Back up 1	Displayed certificate, COC guidelines, and ICONS for public information.
Back up 2	Participate in the installation of mooring buoys activity in your community if possible.

Score: 198



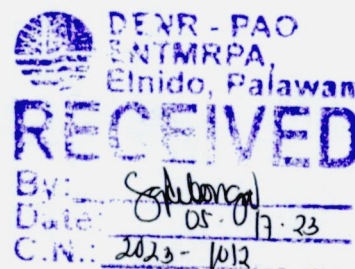
May 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Protected Area Superintendent
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area
El Nido, Palawan

FROM : Green Fins Assessor

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD
ASSESSMENT OF CHRISTIAN JAY TRAVEL AND TOURS**



This pertains to our target activity on the conduct of assessment of dive/snorkel operators (No. of dive/snorkel shop/operators assessed on Green Fins environmental risk assessment) for El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA), El Nido, Palawan. Please be informed that this Office conducted Green Fins on-board assessment of Christian Jay Travel and Tours on May 3, 2023.

The assessor used the guidelines of the Green Fins to rate the tour operators on their behaviors during the island hopping and snorkeling tour. All observation were listed and assessed including the materials and facilities within the boat.

Based on the assessment, Christian Jay Travel and Tours garnered a score of 182. The said score represents the environmental impact of the travel and tours in the marine environment. The score range from 0-330 with lower score representing lower impacts. The said score was discussed with the owner/managers and three action points for improvements recommended by the assessors and been agreed for implementation by the owner/manager.

Green Fins IEC material and shirt were given to the tour operators during the feed backing session as part of promotion for adapting Green Fins Approach for snorkeling industry.

Attached is the assessment report and photo documentation.

For information and record.


PRECY M. OBRIQUE

PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Photo during the on-board assessment dated May 3, 2023.



Photo during the feed backing session dated May 3, 2023.

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Christian Jay Travel and Tours IV-B, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines



Assessment Date: 03/05/2023

Assessor: Precy Obrique

Boat: Ivan Hanz

Staff on board: Jerald (Boat Captain), Regan and Remuel (Cook/ boat crew), Alvin and Ricky (Tour Guides)

Dive Site: Tour C (Helicopter Island, Hidden Beach, Talisay Beach, Snorkling area at Matinloc Island and Secret Beach)

Summary

Christian Jay Travel and Tours is a new member of Green Fins. They previously attended the GF IEC/Training last September 28, 2021. The owner, Mrs. Salvie Cacacha was very cooperative and quickly organised the assessment and awareness raising presentation after signing the membership form. She requested for an on-board assessment. They were very cooperative and quickly organised the schedule of the assessment.

We went on board the company's boat named Ivan Hanz with 4DR5 diesel engine for our private tour with 23 tourists and planned to have a tour C. All staff was very cooperative in answering our question/queries. They are visibly interested in learning on how they can protect the environment as they said that protecting the environment means protecting their livelihood.

COC #	Rating	Description
1	GREEN	- The owner and their tour organizer are very cooperative on the conduct of on-board assessment.
2	YELLOW	- COC guidelines, GF certificate, or icons are visible in their office but no certificate/Icons or COC guidelines is posted on boat.
3	YELLOW	- All Staff follow majority of the GF Icons. - Staff acts as responsible role models during the tour but did not always correct the guest bad behaviour.
4	RED	- No clean up participated last year.
5a	RED	- No participation in the mooring buoys installation programs.
5b	RED	- Anchoring practices can be observed. Not all destinations have mooring buoys (only in Helicopter Island)
6	GREEN	- No marine products such as sea shells, corals, clams and etc. use as display in their office instead they use recycled materials like papers and plastics as decorate.
7a	RED	- No monitoring of coral reefs conducted
7b	RED	- No record of monitoring found
8	YELLOW	- One trash bins with lid were found inside the boat and did not observed separating of rubbish. - No stray is were provided to the tourist nor staff when smoking but they promote no smoking while on the tour. - No trash bin inside the Comfort Room. - Uses re-useable containers like plates and utensils for lunch - Rubbish were observed been taking out from the boat after the tour.
9	RED	- Chemical dish washing liquid found in the boat. - Unintentional fish feeding observed during the washing of plates within the boat. - Food scraps were placed in an empty container and removed from the boat. - Cleaning of dishes was done in the boat result to unintentional fish feeding.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uses 4 stroke/ diesel engines - Verbal assurance that their used oil were taken to their farm and been used as treatment for their woods (anti-termites chemical) every two months.
10	YELLOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some indication of breaking the law such as presence of hook and line found in the boat. - El Nido as protected area is being included in the orientation. When some staffs asked, they have some knowledge on most of the prohibited acts within the PA.
11	GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guide provided briefing (Wear Life jacket at all times; Put all garbage on the trash bin; no collection of corals and other marine organism; no stepping on corals).
12	YELLOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only Tour guide undergo eco-tour guiding training and Green Fins IEC/Training. - The other staff confirmed that the company does not provide or offer environmental educational courses.
13	RED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No environmental materials found and/or being offer to guests.
14	RED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - El Nido is a protected area but there is no information about the MPA or el nido were provided.
15	GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No contact with marine life or stepping on the corals witnessed. - No fins and gloves provided to avoid destruction and touching of corals and other marine organisms. - The tour guides always reminded the tourist to wear their life vest most especially if they are not comfortable to water/swimming.

THREE ACTION POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT	
	Description
1	Avoid using Chemical dishwashing liquid or use organic dishwashing liquid (Messy Bessy) or just simply bring back all used dishes and other utensils to their office to avoid washing it in the sea.
2	Provide at least 2 Trash bins with lid and ashtray on board and on the Comfort Room.
3	Display Green Fins IEC materials to their shop and to the boat and used it during the briefing of the guest.
Back up 1	Participate on the Clean ups.
Back up 2	

Score: 182

The owner also informed the undersigned that they planned to change their name from Christian Jay Travel and Tours to Ivan Hanz Travel and Tours but for the moment, they still complying for the requirements for the change name.

Prepared and submitted by:


 PRECY M. OBRIQUE
 Green Fins Assesor

Christian Jay Travel and Tours
El Nido, Palawan

Dear Mrs. Salvie Cacacha and the Christian Jay Travel and Tours team,

Welcome to Green Fins! We are pleased to have you join the growing network of dive and snorkel operators that are protecting our reefs. As you know, being a Green fins member means you go through an annual assessment and training session to help you improve your environmental standards.

This year, we conducted your first assessment on May 3, 2023- we snorkelled and island hopped with Jerald (Boat Captain), Regan and Renuel (Cook/boat staff), Alvin and Ricky (Tour Guides) and 23 guest at Helicopter Island, Hidden Beach, Talisay Beach, Snorkeling area at MATinloc Island, and Secret Beach. We are impressed with the excellent role model behaviour displayed by the staff. It is inspiring to see that the staff encouraged the guest to follow all rules related to environmental guidelines while on the tour.

After each assessment, you are allocated a score which represents the environmental impact of your agency. The score range from 0-330 with lower score representing lower impacts. This year, your score is 182. As discussed with you during the feedback session, this high score (high impact) even for a new member. However, the assessment process has shown that correcting a few small points can drastically reduce your score for next year.

We discussed and agreed that you would take the following actions before your next assessment:

1. Use the Green Fins Icons and materials during the Briefing of the tourist and Display it on their shop.

The Green Fins Icons and IEC materials will greatly help the tour guides and crew to promote the environmental awareness to the tourist. Following the said set of icons will help minimize impacts of the tourist and the boat to the marine environment.

2. Place at least 2 trash bin with lid (for proper segregation) and ashtrays

Placing two trash bin with lid will greatly help not only on the awareness of the tourist on the proper segregation of trash but also to prevent the trash from getting back to the sea. Ashtray on the other hand will help minimizing or avoiding the ash from the cigarette get back to the sea. With the simple act like these, you are minimizing the tourist impacts to the marine environment but also in protection and conservation of the area.

3. Avoid using Chemical dishwashing liquid or use organic dishwashing liquid (Messy Bessy)

Chemical dish washing liquid when goes to the sea will greatly affect the marine organism more especially coral reef.

4. Participates to the Clean Ups

Protecting the environment also means protection our business. Thank you again for your cooperation and dedication to the environment. If you have any questions about any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is fantastic to have you on board with Green Fins and we look forward to working with you again next year.

With kind regards,

Precy
Green Fins Assessor