



Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
**PROVINCIAL ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE**  
MIMAROPA Region

March 27, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
1515 DENR By the Bay Building, Roxas Blvd.,  
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer

SUBJECT : INITIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT REGARDING THE  
FOREST FIRE INCIDENT AT BARANGAY BATASAN, SAN  
JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO

Respectfully submitted is the initial report of CENRO San Jose on the Forest Fire Incident at Brgy. Batasan, San Jose Occidental Mindoro.

The area affected is approximately 30.0 hectares within the vicinity of Susong Dalaga Mountain. According to the reports of the residents, the forest fire started at around 1:00 PM on March 25, 2023 but escalated at around 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM. They suspected that the cause of the fire was wildlife hunters and/or honey collector.

Based on initial review of maps, there is no indication of DENR projects/programs that has been affected by the incident. Progress reports will be submitted after detailed ground survey and inventory.

Please be informed that as of latest monitoring on March 26, 2023 (6 PM), there is no observed re-occurrence of fire though there is still visible smoke at the north-western part of the mountain.

For information and record.

**ERNESTO E. TAÑADA**





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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA Region  
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Roxas, Blvd., Brgy. 668, Ermita Manila

**THRU :** The OIC-PENR Officer  
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

**FROM :** CENR Officer

**SUBJECT :** **INITIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT REGARDING THE  
FOREST FIRE INCIDENT AT BARANGAY BATASAN  
SAN JOSE, OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

Please be informed that on March 25, 2023 around 8:00 in the evening, a concern citizen posted a photo on his social media account that there is ongoing forest fire incident within Susong Dalaga Mountain in Brgy. Batasan, Occidental Mindoro (Photo caption) and his post was shared by ABS-CBN Network.

Relative thereto, this Office conducted immediate verification on the veracity of said posted report and confirmed the same. Follow-through investigation also revealed that the area affected has an approximate area of 30.0 hectares that is within and nearby surroundings of Susong Dalaga Mountain covered by Sitios Tugtugin and Naitan within the administrative jurisdiction of the above-cited Barangay and Municipality.

According to the nearby residents, they noticed that the start of said forest fire was at around 1:00 PM on March 25, 2023 and had it full-blown at around 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM that emanates from Sitio Tugtugin and spread towards Sitio Naitan at the southern part of Susong Dalaga Mountain. They also believed/suspect that it was caused by wildlife hunters and/or honey (Pulot-Pukyutan) collector considering that no kaingin making in the nearby area, and this summer (the timing) is the hunting and honey collection season.

Based on the initial review of collated/overlaid maps, there is no indication of DENR projects/programs (NGP, CSC, CBFM, PA) that has been affected. However, detailed ground survey and inventory will be conducted tomorrow on the extend of area covered by fire and forest tree species being damaged/destroyed, though the area is a Karst/Forest Over Limestone, it is generally grassland/brushland area dominated by running bamboo (bagto) particularly at the lower surrounding peaks of Susong Dalaga Mountain.

That as of latest monitoring today at 6PM, there is no re-occurrence of fire, though there is still visible smoke at the north-western part of the mountain.

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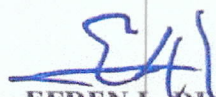
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It could also be gleaned that based on PAG-ASA, on March 25, 2026 San Jose, Occidental Mindoro reached the highest heat index with 47 degrees Celsius, that could be attributed as a great factor on occurrence of said the forest fire.

Be informed further that this Office also coordinated with the BFP and LGUs in conducting continuous monitoring, CEPA/IEC including other fire prone areas.

Attached are geo tagged and drone shots during the monitoring.

For information, record and further instruction.

  
EFREN L. DELOS REYES

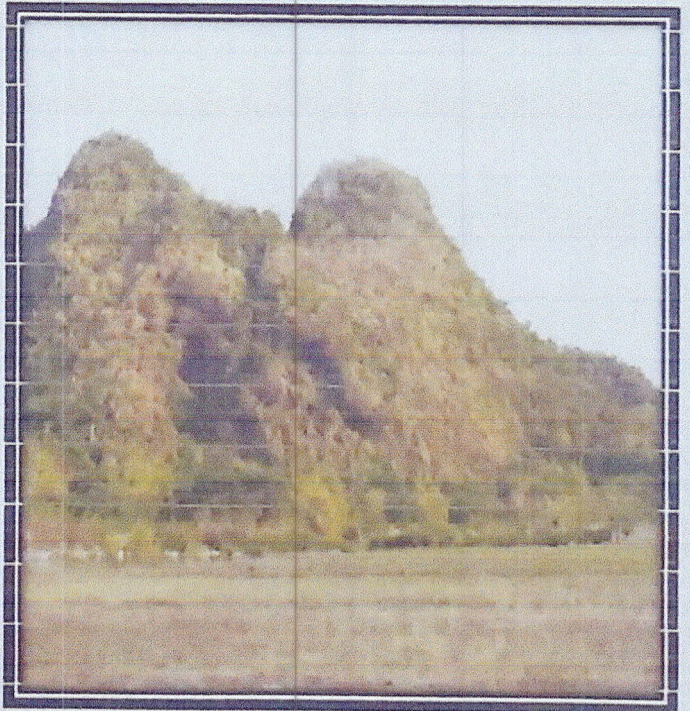
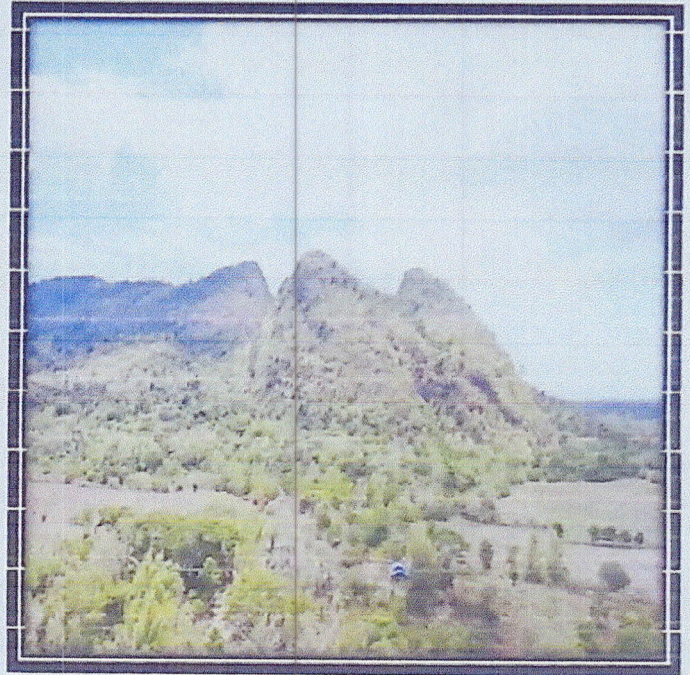




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Drone shots around Susong Dalaga situated at Brgy. Batasan, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro taken on March 26, 2023 around 12 Noon. Photo shows that there is no massive effect caused by the forest fire



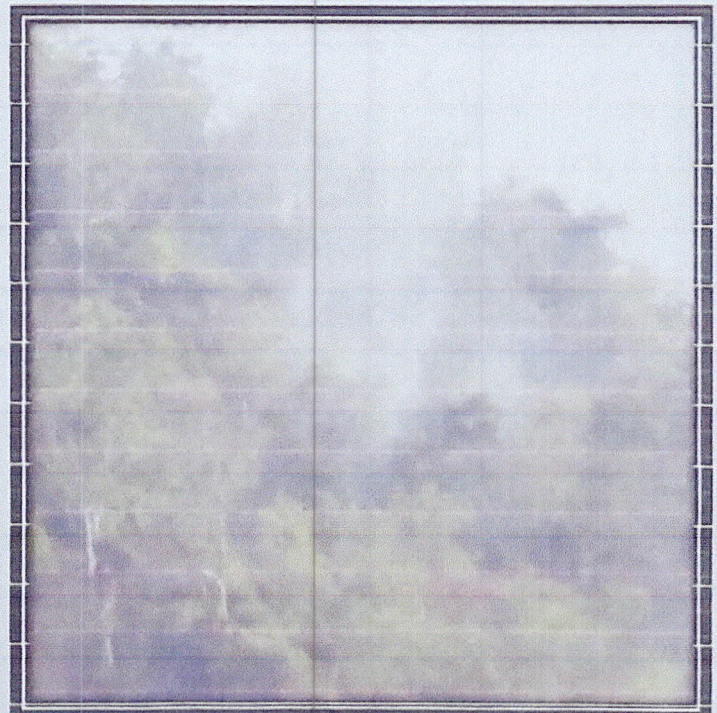
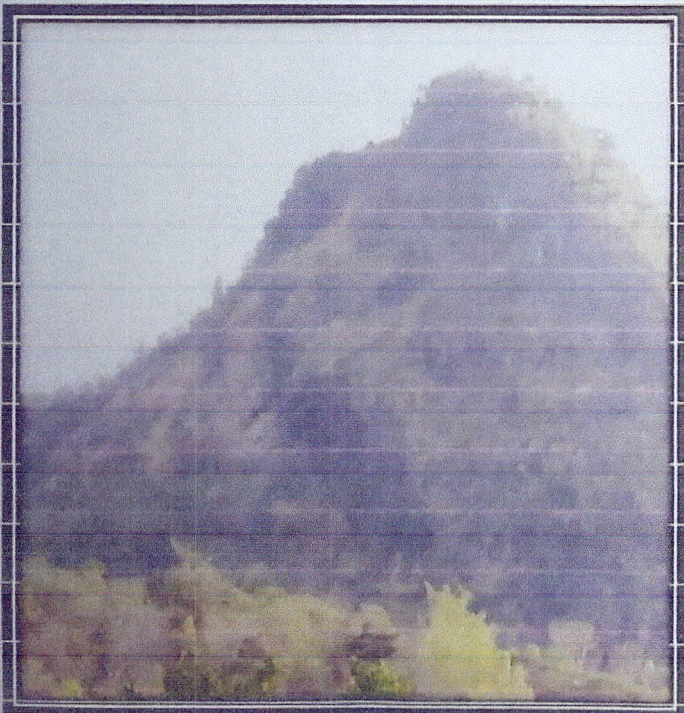
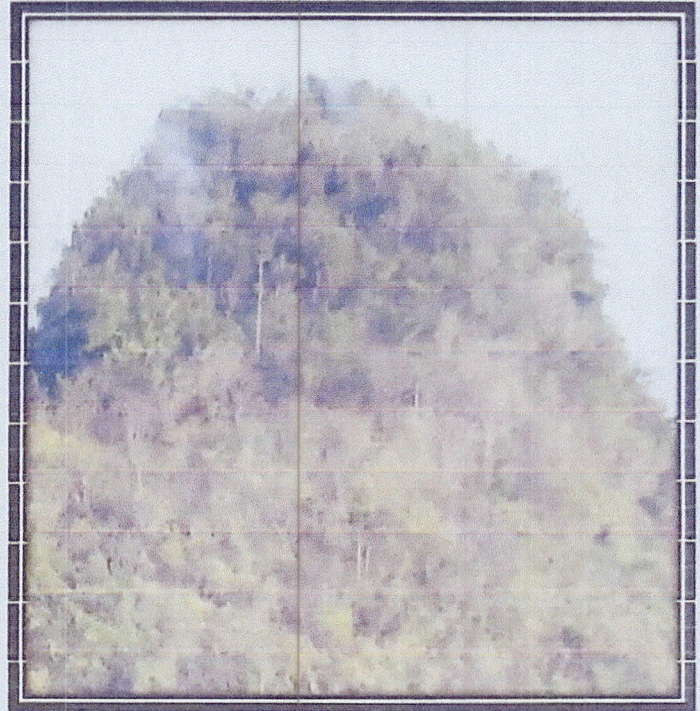




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Photos taken (Camera) around Susong Dalaga situated at Brgy. Batasan, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro during the conducted monitoring on March 26, 2023 around 5 PM to 6PM







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Geo tagged photos taken around Susong Dalaga Mountain where the forest fire occur  
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# **MAP SHOWING** THE RELATIVE LOCATION OF FIRE FOREST FIRE WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF GENRO SAN JOSE

## **LOCATED AT**

SITIO TUGTUGIN AND NAITAN  
 BARANGAY BATASAN  
 MUNICIPALITY SAN JOSE  
 PROVINCE OCCIDENTAL MINDORO



**1:10,000**

APPROXIMATE AREA 30 HECTARES

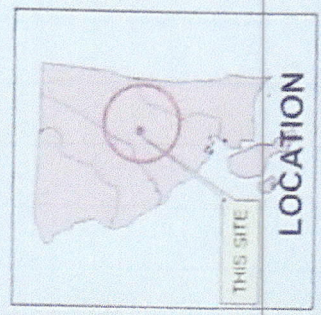


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## **Legend**

- FIRE OCCURENCE
- FORESTLAND
- PROTECTED AREA
- CSC

NGP SITES



## **LOCATION**

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