July 3, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR The Regional Executive Director

MIMAROPA Region

THRU The ARD for Technical Services

FROM The OIC, PENR Officer

Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE VALIDATION OF OPEN

> ACCESS AREAS AT PUERTO GALERA, MINDORO UNDER THE GREEN ECONOMY MODEL (GEM)

PROGRAM

Submitted is the validation report of CENRO Socorro, thru the Committee on Tenure and Validation related to the open access area in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. This is part of the activity under the Green Economy Model (GEM) Program of the DENR Oriental Mindoro.

Based on the report, the open access areas in Barangays Aninuan, Sto. Nino and Sabang are titled properties and built up areas. Hence, the team recommends for a revision of titles and subsequent application of appropriate tenure an/or implementation of reforestation project under NGP and CARP Program; or re-classification into Agricultural Land.

Attached is the report with pertinent documents in support to the conducted activity.

For information and record.

PENRO Tracking No: 2306000799

June 13, 2023

FOR

The OIC PENR Officer

Oriental Mindoro

FROM

The CENR Officer

CENRO Socorro, Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF REPORT ON THE VALIDATION OF OPEN ACCESS AREAS AT PUERTO GALERA, ORIENTAL MINDORO UNDER THE GREEN ECONOMY MODEL (GEM)

PROGRAM

Respectfully submitted is the Report on the Validation of Open Access Area at Puerto Galera as part of the activity under Green Economy Model (GEM) Program.

Relative thereto, please be informed that the activity was conducted on April 25, 2023 by the Committee on Tenure Verification and Validation headed by For. Emily G. Aguilon at the identified open access areas at Barangays Aninuan, Balatero, Sto. Nino, Sabang, Tabinay and Villaflor, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.

Based on the report, open access areas in Barangay Aninuan, Sto. Nino and Sabang are titled properties and build up areas. The team recommended either **reversion** of titles and subsequent application of appropriate tenure an/or implementation of reforestation project under NGP and CARP Program; or **re-classification** of land into Agricultural Land.

For information, reference and record.

ROBEL M. BOYLES

May 8, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The CENR Officer

ATTENTION

The GEM Focal Person

FROM

The Undersigned Personnel

SUBJECT

REPORT ON THE VALIDATION OF OPEN ACCESS AREAS UNDER THE GEM PROGRAM AT PUERTO GALERA

ORIENTAL MINDORO

Please be informed that the undersigned conducted inspection and validation of open access areas within the forestland of the Municipality of Puerto Galera dated April 25, 2023 under GEM Program situated at Barangays Aninuan, Balatero, Sto. Nino, Sabang, Tabinay and Villaflor, Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Municipality of Puerto Galera has 13 barangays with an area of 25,353 hectares. Also the municipality has been known being a tourist destination with beautiful beaches, mangrove and mountainous areas. The said municipality has a forest land/timberland area of approximately 19,149 hectares. However, open access areas were identified which are not covered by ancestral domain and tenured areas within forestland are needed to be subjected for validation.

RESULT AND FINDINGS

Based on the actual site validation, the following information was gathered;

- In Barangay Aninuan, an open access area is approximately 14 hectares. However, some portions of the open access areas are already titled properties, private resort and other developments such as school and DPWH project.
- In Barangay Sto. Nino, there are two forest/timber land areas (open access areas) which are part of Mangrove and Beach Forest with an area of 7 hectares. Based on the actual inspection and validation, the said forest/timber land area is occupied and developed by the settlers, actual occupants and tenants. According to the result of the interview some portions of the said area are already titled properties. However, the occupants did not present the land title of the said area for further verification.

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- Barangay Balatero has forest/timber land area (open access areas) with approximately 38 hectares. The area was a communal forest which was developed and managed by the indigenous people (Iraya tribe). Based on the observation, the area is being cultivated by Iraya mangyan for coconut plantation and agricultural purposes.
- Barangay Sabang has a timber land (open access area) with approximately 5 hectares.
 Based on the actual inspection, some portions are coconut plantation and no other development or occupants in the area.
- Barangay Tabinay has two identified open access areas with approximately 33
 hectares. The three (3) hectares is a mangrove forest, managed and develop by Puerto
 Galera Mangrove Conservation and Eco-Tourism site under LGU supervision while
 the other portion is within the upland area which is occupied by Certificate of
 Stewardship Contract (CSC) holders.
- Barangay Villaflor has an open access area with approximately 100 hectares. The said open access area is covered by Certificate of Stewardship Contract (CSC) areas and Enhanced National Greening Program (ENGP).

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the report, open access areas in Barangay Aninuan, Sto. Nino and Sabang are titled properties and build-up areas. The team recommended either **reversion** of titles and subsequent application of appropriate tenure an/or implementation of reforestation project under NGP and CARP program; or re-classification of land into Agricultural Land.

Attached are the geo-tagged photos and generated map of the areas.

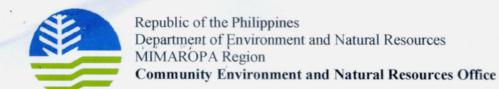
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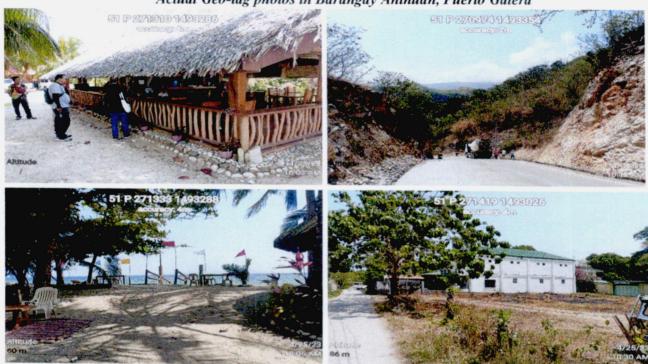
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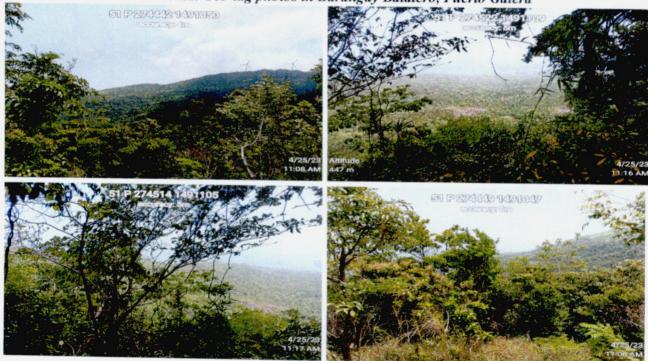
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Actual Geo-tag photos in Barangay Aninuan, Puerto Galera

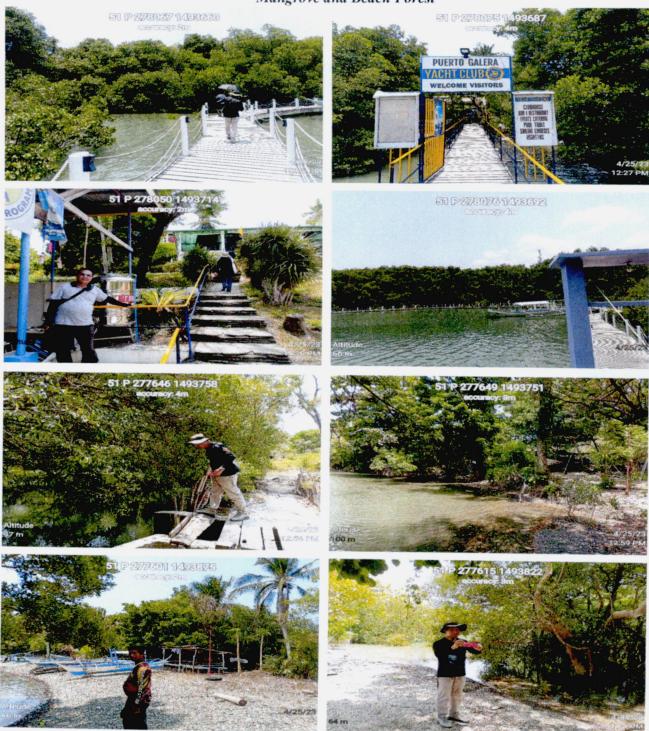


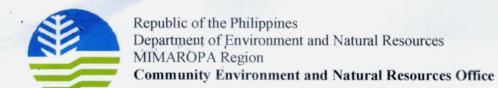
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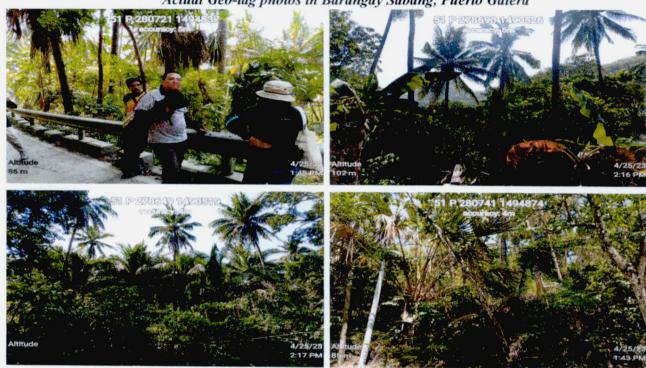


Actual Geo-tag photos in Barangay Sto. Nino, Puerto Galera Mangrove and Beach Forest

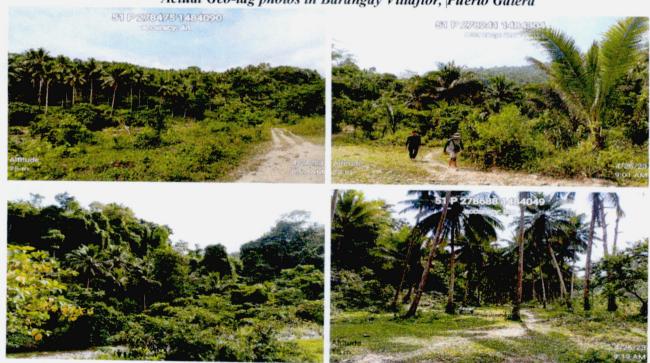




Actual Geo-tag photos in Barangay Sabang, Puerto Galera



Actual Geo-tag photos in Barangay Villaflor, Puerto Galera



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Actual Geo-tag photos in Barangay Tabinay, Puerto Galera Upland areas



Actual Geo-tag photos in Barangay Tabinay, Puerto Galera Mangrove Forest

