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**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR – MIMAROPA Region

**THRU** : The Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

**FROM** : The OIC, PENR Officer  
PENRO, Oriental Mindoro

**SUBJECT** : **SUBMISSION OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT ON  
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2023**

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Attached are further details and photo-documentations of the report.

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## SECOND QUARTER REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN ON THE INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT (ICM) OF ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR CY 2023

### INTRODUCTION

The Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) is a process of governance consisting of both legal and institutional framework/s. It ensures the development and management plans for coastal zones to be integrated within environmental and social goals. The implementation of ICM effectively reduces environmental degradation from increasing human pressure through the years. Ultimately, this promotes the sustainable management of coastal areas for generations. For this second quarter of CY 2023, the following activities regarding the ICM updates are narrated below.

### COORDINATION AND LEVELLING-OFF WITH PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OFFICE RE: ON ICM TARGETS

A staff meeting with Provincial Agricultural Office Fisheries Manager Marilyn M. Alcanices was conducted last June 29, 2023 to level-off updates regarding the ICM (*Figure 1.0*). Finalization of Integrated Coastal Management Plan for Bulalacao was scheduled for July 13-14, 2023, making it the first municipality of Oriental Mindoro for the ICM. Updates regarding the ICM Plans for the remaining municipalities are soon to follow. It was discussed that the formulation of the Marine Protected Area Management (MPA) Plan for Oriental Mindoro shall require further orientation with IEC, workshop and presentation of currently existing financial plans and programs for ICM.



*Figure 1.0. Coordination and levelling-off of PENRO personnel Forester Bea Natasha R. Fortu (left) with PAgO Fisheries Manager Marilyn M. Alcanices (right) regarding the scheduling and task distribution for the Integrated Coastal Management*





The proposed orientation for the ICM shall request the attendance of concerned municipal offices in Planning and Development (MPDOs), Environment and Natural Resources (MENROs), Fisheries and Resource Management Council (MFARMCs), and Agriculture (MAOs). Important personnel such as Sangguniang Bayan Chairpersons, *Bantay-Dagat* officials and concerned Barangay LGUs shall also be called upon for further outreach. It was agreed upon that an estimate of 35-40 participants with proper representation from each sector for the scheduled events will be sufficient for the decision-making and formulation of MPA Management Plans. This meeting shall ensure proper notification and communication between the PENR and Pag Offices regarding the preparation for the ICM.

### **PARTICIPATION OF PENRO-CDS ORIENTAL MINDORO PERSONNEL IN THE PROVINCIAL MARINE PROTECTED AREA AND FISHERY LAW ENFORCEMENT NETWORK (MPAN) MEETING FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER CY 2023**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly conference meeting for CY 2023 on the Oriental Mindoro Marine Protected Area and Fishery Law Enforcement Network (MPAN-LEN) Meeting was held last June 30, 2023 at BIMAS Hotel, Brgy. Tawiran, Calapan City. This event consists of different municipal LGUs and several partner agencies. These agencies include Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Malampaya Foundation Inc. (MFI), Provincial Agricultural Office (PAgO), PCG (Philippine Coast Guard) and Philippine National Police (PNP).

The meeting was attended by PENRO personnel, Forester Bea Natasha R. Fortu and Coastal Extension Officer Neil Edgar Dex P. Marza. Progress regarding the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) and the Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) of Verde Island Passage and Suguicay Island for this 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter were briefed to the audience (*Figure 2.0*).

*Figure 2.1. Presentation of PENRO Personnel Coastal Extension Officer Neil Edgar Dex P. Marza (right) regarding VIP and Suguicay PASA updates and the Integrated Coastal Management (ICM)*



Moreover, the addition of five (5) divers from the PENR Office of Oriental Mindoro will have a Special Order (SO) to join the Oriental Mindoro Resource Monitoring Team (ORMT). However, these divers still cannot fully commit to the team due to schedules of ongoing MPA assessments currently being filled by these personnel. Correspondingly, hiring of one (1) Coastal Protection Officer for Oil Spill Response under the WFP for the MT Princess Empress Oil Spill Incident is currently being proposed assigned for all affected municipalities province-wide. Overall, these additional personnel shall provide further support on the enforcement and monitoring incorporated for future management plans.





Malampaya Foundation Inc. (MFI) Program Manager for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation Pacifico "Noy" Beldia II also discussed and compared the state of each municipality regarding their Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) (Figure 2.1). Based on their observations, there is an improvingly growing biomass in the MPAs in the northern municipalities such as Baco and San Teodoro. On the other hand, the currently existing MPAs in the southern parts such as Bulalacao require monitoring due to observed signs of destruction in some areas. These observations shall provide an accurate outlook on the current status of MPAs in Oriental Mindoro and implement necessary actions if needed.



*Figure 2.1. Presentation of MFI Representative Pacifico "Noy" Beldia II (top) regarding the status of currently existing MPAs of Oriental Mindoro*

Overall, these collaborative efforts presented during the meeting shall be vital for the establishment of sustainable Marine Protected Area Networks that would benefit both ecological and economic status of the province. Along with the enforcement provided by concerned agencies, these updates shall solidify for the formulation of Integrated Coastal Management Plan. Further activities for the Integrated Coastal Management are set to be conducted mainly for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter.

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