



June 29, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
1515 DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : The ARD for Technical Services

FROM : The OIC, PENR Officer
Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF PUTING BATO CAVE LOCATED IN BARANGAY MAUJAO, BULALACAO, ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR SECOND QUARTER OF CY 2023**

Submitted is the progress report of CENRO Roxas on the assessment of Putting Bato Cave, located in Barangay Maujao, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro.

Based on the report, the activities conducted were coordination and community consultation. The consultation was attended by different stakeholders composed of MENRO, Tourism Officer and MDRRMO of Bulalacao, as well as Barangay Officials and Sitio Leaders of Maujao. During the consultation, issues and concerns were raised and have been noted. Further, the actual assessment of the area shall be scheduled on July 2023.

For information and record.


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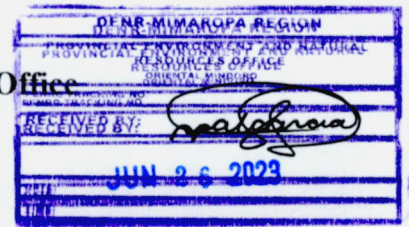
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THRU : **The OIC, PENR Officer**
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FROM : **The In-charge, Office of the CENRO**
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SUBJECT : **PROGRESS REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT OF PUTING
BATO LOCATED IN BARANGAY MAUJAO, BULALACAO,
ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR SECOND QUARTER CY 2023**

Submitted herewith the progress report on the Assessment of Puting Bato Cave located in Barangay Maujao, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro for the Second Quarter CY 2023.

Pleased be informed that activities conducted for second quarter under Management of Cave Resources (Cave Assessment) was Community Consultation. The consultations were attended by different stakeholders (MENRO of Bulalacao, Tourism Officer of Bulalacao, Bulalacao MDRRMO, Barangay Officials of Maujao, Sitio Leader of Sitio Puting Bato and constituents). The assessment proper was also scheduled on July 2023.

For her information and record.

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FOR : The In-charge, Office of the CENRO
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THRU : The CDS Chief
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FROM : The Protected Area Coastal and Management Unit

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ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR SECOND QUARTER CY 2023


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The activity undertaken for second quarter regarding Cave Assessment of Putting Bato in Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro was Community Consultation. The said consultations tackled about the upcoming Assessment of Putting Bato Cave and attend by MENRO of Bulalacao, Tourism Officer of Bulalacao, Bulalacao MDRRMO, Barangay Officials of Maujao, Sitio Leader of Sitio Putting Bato and constituents. Issues and concern by the residents was also discussed and the Assessment proper was also scheduled on July 2023.

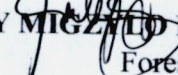
Attached are the geo-tagged photos of the said activity and minutes of the Community Consultation.

For information and record.


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Coordination conducted to the stakeholders (Office of the Municipal Administrator Bulalacao, MENRO of Bulalacao and Barangay Captain of Maujao) before the Community Consultation.



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Geo-tagged photos of the conduct Community Consultation on the Assessment of Putting Bato Cave in Barangay Maujao, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro



**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION ON CAVE
ASSESSMENT AT MAUJAO, BULALACAO, ORIENTAL MINDORO**

In response to the Cave Assessment activity, this office conducted a Community Consultation for the Assessment of Puting Bato Cave under the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Bulalacao on April 12, 2023 attended by selected CENRO Personnel, MENRO Representatives, Toursim Officer of Bulalacao LGU, Brgy. Captain, Brgy. Officials, Sitio Leader and Concerned Citizen.

During the said meeting/ consultation meeting, the following were noted and discussed:

- Ecoms I Jerry Manucay started the meeting with an opening prayer for guidance, knowledge and wisdom on the topic that will be discuss by the presenter.
- Acknowledgement of participants was conducted by Mr. Dale Alagao before the proper meeting started.
- An opening remarks led by Mr. Jose T. Montecalvo – Senior Management Specialist and Chief CDS of CENRO Roxas. He highlighted the importance of Cave Assessment because it was the first step in identifying the potential uses of caves and will be a key role in formulating a Management Plan. He also expressed his grateful thanks to the participants for actively responding on the invitation. Ma'am Norberth Barbarcion – LGU Bulalacao, Tourism Officer II give her welcome message and she also expressed her gratitude to the CENRO as well as to the Barangay and Community for actively participating on the said consultation because it will be a great help in expounding the tourism industry of Bulalacao.
- A presentation on RA 9072 "AN ACT TO MANAGE AND PROTECT CAVES AND CAVE RESOURCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was discussed by Forester Ivy Macalalag of the Protected Area Management and Coastal Unit. She stated the important of caves and caves resources, she highlight the legal basis that the DENR Office used in assessing and protecting the Cave and Caves Resources on their area of jurisdiction. She also included the fines and penalties that an individual may commit if they will violate the laws on RA 9072. She also discussed what Cave Assessment is as it an activity in order to determine cave composition so that a proper action, plans and programs can be properly put in place. Assessment also is a key role in the conservation of biodiversity as well as in the science of nature.

After the presentation, question and concerned was noted and discussed.

- Mr. Roger Evangelio, Brgy. Captain of Barangay Maujao express his thanks and gratefulness to the CENRO for allowing the Puting Bato Cave to be assessed and he

- wish that the other caves in their jurisdiction will be assessed to because they plan to boost their tourism thru caving and other nature related activities.
- Mr. Eduardo P. Encado, Barangay Council of Maujao expressed his support on the said activity. He also suggested that before the Assessment proper there will be a briefing on what to do. It was agreed by Mr. Montecalvo, he stated that in assessing a cave there will be dons and don't in the area. It is important to know them beforehand to conserve the natural resources in the area.
 - Sitio Leader of Sitio Puting Bato stated that he will guide the team on the Assessment and he will give his full support for the sake of his constituents.
 - Mr. Rogelio Diaz, Barangay Council suggested that the CENRO should inform them first before the Cave Assessment proper, for them to prepare some necessary things. Forester Macalalag, assured the body that the CENRO Office will send them a letter address to the Barangay Captain beforehand.
 - Mr. Eldy Bonito, , also a councilor of the barangay suggested that the office should also conduct a brief Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign to resident of Puting Bato area to inform the IPs about the environmental rules and regulations that the DENR are implementing especially on Management and Conservation of Caves and Caves Resources. It was then agreed by the body.
 - Mr. Billy Boy Vicente – MMDRMO of Bulalacao offered their equipment like harness, helmet, flashlight, etc., that will be used in the assessment.
 - There are no problems on their part about the Cave Assessment activity. That in fact they are all thankful because the cave will be finally assessed and they are hoping for a best result.
 - The conduct of Cave Assessment is scheduled on second week of July, 2023.
 - Both team agreed to set a meeting again for any plans after the Cave Assessment.

Attached is the photo documentation of the said activity.

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