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May 24, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
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Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU** : The OIC, ARD for Technical Services

**FROM** : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **REPORT ON THE ZOOM MEETING WITH THE DENR-BMB  
TO COMPLEMENT EXISTING POLICIES ON LIVELIHOOD  
ASSISTANCE UNDER THE GREEN ECONOMY MODEL  
(GEM) PROJECT WITHIN EL NIDO MANAGED RESOURCE  
PROTECTED AREA (ENMRPA)**

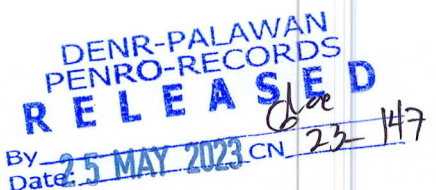
Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated May 2, 2023 of CENRO Taytay, Palawan along with the report on the conducted Zoom meeting re the above-captioned subject that serves as **Means of Verification (MoV)** for target activities under Green Economy Model (GEM) Strategy 5. Ensure Guidelines on the Provision of Livelihood Assistance FY 2022.

For information and record.

“For the PENRO”

**WAMALAYDA S. TALABUCON**  
OIC, Chief, MSD/Chief, Planning Section  
In-Charge, Office of the PENRO

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May 2, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

BY: [Signature]  
DATE: 05-08-2023 CN 23-4149

**FOR :** The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer- Palawan

**FROM :** The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT :** **ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT ON ACTIVITY FOR Green Economy Model (GEM)**

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| <b>Activity:</b> Green Economy Model (GEM) Program   |  |            |              |                       |
| <b>Performance Indicator:</b> Meeting conducted with BMB to complement existing policies on livelihood assistance with report submitted on 2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter   |  |            |              |                       |
| <b>Current submission:</b><br>Memo report of FT II Lucila G. Candejeja and Precy M. Obrique dated April 25, 2023 (CN 2714 in the eDATS) submitting the report re: zoom meeting with the DENR-BMB to complement existing policies on livelihood assistance under GEM project. |  |            |              |                       |
| <b>Attachment:</b><br>1. Photo documentation   |  |            |              |                       |
| <b>Gender &amp; Development (GaD) data</b>   | Male = 2   | Female = 4 | LGBTQ+ = 0   | Prefer not to say = 0 |
| <b>Age Grouping</b>  | 60 and above   | 18-59      | 17 and below | TOTAL                 |
|  | 0  | 6          | 0            | 6                     |
| <b>Environmental Management System (EMS Compliance)</b>  | ✓ 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)<br>✓ 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: [Signature]  
DATE: MAY 04 2023 CN 1682

For and in the absence of the CENRO:

**MARIANO P. LILANG, JR.**  
Development Management Officer IV  
Per DAO-2022-09, page 3



April 25, 2023

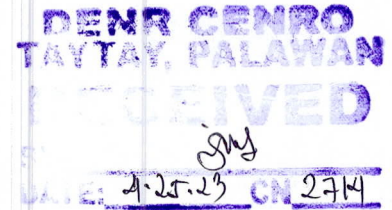
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer /  
Chairperson, Green Economy Model

THROUGH : Protected Area Superintendent  
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area /  
Vice Chairperson, Green Economy Model

FROM : Inventory and Compliance Monitoring Team

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE ZOOM MEETING WITH THE DENR-  
BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU (DENR-BMB) TO  
COMPLEMENT EXISTING POLICIES ON LIVELIHOOD  
ASSISTANCE UNDER THE GREEN ECONOMY MODEL  
(GEM) PROJECT WITHIN EL NIDO MANAGED RESOURCE  
PROTECTED AREA (ENMRPA)**



This pertains to the target on the provision of Livelihood Assistance under the Green Economy Model (GEM) project within El Nido Managed Resource Protected Area (ENMRPA), El Nido, Palawan. Please be informed that this Office held a zoom meeting with the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) this morning, April 25, 2023, to discuss the existing policies on livelihood assistance particularly the guidelines under the Biodiversity Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) and Green Economy Model (GEM) to be provided for the identified accredited People's Organization (PO) within the protected area.

Parts of the program are the discussion of the GEM backgrounder, DENR Administrative Order 2017-08 and DENR Administrative Order 2021-13. GEM Backgrounder was presented by FT II Lanie Jane R. Cacacha where she highlighted that this target was conceptualized during the GEM Master Plan updating last July, 2022. She also presented the goals, strategies and activities to be conducted in order to achieve one of the GEM objectives, creation of green jobs.

The undersigned then discussed the DENR Administrative Order 2017-08 or the Guidelines in Operationalizing the Transition of the DENR's program and projects into Green Economy Model (GEM). It was emphasized that Section 5 of the said DAO states that the transition of DENR programs and projects to GEM would entail three (3) main stages namely: a.) The conduct of a Community Enterprise Focus Group Discussion (FGD); b.) The Legal or Formal Organization of a Community Enterprise; and c.) Detailed but brief operating policies of the Community Enterprise that detail prices, quality standards, handling, rejects, penalties that all PMHs agree on. Additionally, the undersigned also presented the result of the Rapid

Assessment and Inventory of Accredited People's Organization in El Nido. Out of the 29 POs inventoried, 21 are outside El Nido Managed Resource Protected Area (ENMRPA) while eight (8) POs are within the said protected area. Majority of the enterprises offered are rice trading, tour guiding/kayak rentals, handicrafts making and tractor rentals. Results of the inventory also disclosed the following challenges that hinder the PO's opportunities to be recognized and incentivized under the BDFE:

1. As to the legality, most of the POs operating within ENMRPA and timberland areas have no tenurial instrument and are not tenured migrants. However, they already had secured registration from concerned government agencies such as Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Labor and Enterprises (DOLE) and Cooperative Development Authority (CDA);
2. Most of the POs are relying on rice trading, micro lending and hog raising which are not sustainable but being funded by some NGOs and the source of raw materials for some are not sustainable; and
3. No/Limited market established for the products being offered thus some ceased the operation.

On the other hand, Ms. Hiyas D. Crisostomo of the DENR-BMB discussed the DENR Administrative Order 2021-13. Accordingly, for potential POs to be recognized and incentivized by the DENR, they should pass all the four (4) levels of recognition such as Level 1: Established; Level 2: Strengthened; Level 3: Institutionalized; and Level 4: Sustained. She also emphasized that most of the people organization in El Nido have passed the level one (1) only. The absence of tenurial instruments and/or access rights over the area limits their advancement to take another level of the BDFE.

After all the presentations, open forum ensued. Questions and responses were taken down below:

| Questions   | Responses  |
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| <b>PEO III Jonas Paulo Saludo:</b> <i>Is it valid to use the GEM Guidelines in granting livelihood assistance to identified POs in ENMRPA instead of the BDFE? If we will use the BDFE guidelines, we find it difficult to implement given the tedious process and the documents needed prior to the recognition.</i> | <b>EMS I Hiyas D. Crisostomo:</b> <i>As to the legality aspects, we really cannot consider them for the BDFE guidelines. The POs operating within the PA should have legal instrument.</i>   |
| <b>EMS I Hiyas D. Crisostomo:</b> <i>What would be the possible tenurial instruments we can issue to them (POs)?</i>  | <b>PASu Mildred A. Suza:</b> <i>For the protected area, we have Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas (SAPA) and we can also issue Protected Area Community-Based Resource Management Agreement (PACBRMA). There is one (1) PO applying for PACBRMA in the PAMO, the PPKP, and based on the results of the Socio-Economic</i> |


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|   | <i>Assessment and Monitoring Systems (SEAMS) most of them are tenured migrants but we are still waiting for the certification of tenured migrants from the higher office as one of the requirements for their application.</i> |
| <b>PEO III Jonas Paulo Saludo:</b> <i>Considering the long process of granting the PACBRMA, how can we harmonize these two (2) administrative orders? The Honorable Secretary is also asking for the development of our implementation on the livelihood provision and looking for the green jobs created in El Nido to complement with the GEM objectives?</i> | <b>EMS I Hiyas D. Crisostomo:</b> <i>I will be coordinating with the BDFE-BMB-Core Group to ask for guidance on this matter.</i>   |
| <b>FT II Lucila G. Candeleja:</b> <i>May we request for the timeline if when will this guidance be finalized and forwarded to our office to serve as our basis of implementation?</i>   | <b>EMS I Hiyas D. Crisostomo:</b> <i>By the end of May, 2023, I'll be giving result/guidance from the BB core group.</i>   |

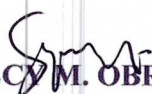
The meeting adjourned at 10:35am with agreement that the BMB shall craft new guideline in implementing/granting livelihood assistance for potential accredited POs within ENMRPA with consideration of DENR Administrative Order 2021-13 and DENR Administrative Order 2017-08 by the end of May, 2023.

The meeting was attended by CENRO Conrado M. Corpuz, OIC Planning and Management Division of DENR MIMAROPA Jonas Paolo M. Saludo, SVEMS/PASu, ENMRPA Mildred A. Suza, FT II Lucila G. Candeleja, FT II Lanie Jane R. Cacacha, FT II Precy M. Obrique, SRS Francis Jade Cometa, and DENR BMB Representative EMS I Hiyas Crisostomo.

This serves as our Means of Verification (MoV) for the activity. Attached is the photo-documentation of the meeting.

For information and further instruction.


  
**LUCILA G. CANDELEJA**  
 Forest Technician II, Team Leader

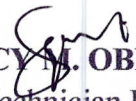
  
**PRECY M. OBRIQUE**  
 Forest Technician II, Member

## PHOTO-DOCUMENTATION



THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the above picture is true and taken during the conducted zoom meeting with the DENR BMB to discuss guidelines on the provision of Livelihood Assistance under the Green Economy Model (GEM) project within El Nido Managed Resource Protected Area (ENMRPA), El Nido, Palawan.

  
**LUCILA G. CANDELEJA**  
Forest Technician II, Team Leader

  
**PRECY M. OBRIQUE**  
Forest Technician II, Member