May 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR

The Regional Executive Director

MIMAROPA Region

FROM

The OIC - PENRO

Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT

SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF INFORMATION, EDUCATION

AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN AT BARANGAY

ILAG, SAN TEODORO, ORIENTAL MINDORO

Forwarded is the report of CENRO Socorro regarding the conduct of IEC campaign in Brgy. Ilag, San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro.

Please be informed that during the conduct of said activity, a total of forty-seven (47) participants (30 male and 17 female) had attended.

Attached are documentations of the activity that will serve as MOV under Enforcement Activity.

For information and reference.

May 15, 2023

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: The Regional Executive Director

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: The OIC-PENR Officer

Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

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The CENR Officer

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We are pleased to submit the minutes of IEC campaign conducted on May 11, 2023 at Brgy. Ilag, San Teodoro with the members of Brgy. Council, resort owners and fisher folks. A total of 47 participants (30 male and 17 female) had attended the said meeting.

The participants were informed of the following:

- a) Marine Biodiversity and Conservation;
- b) Conservation of Ocean and Marine Turtles;
- c) Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines as amended by EO 277 and further amended by RA 7161;
- d) Republic Act 9175 "Chainsaw Act of 2002";
- e) Guidelines for the Issuance of Tree Cutting Permit.

Attached are minutes of the IEC campaign, geo-tagged photos, and attendance sheet. These documents serve as our MOV under the target Menu 5.2 IEC Campaign, CENRO level meetings, consultation, orientation, seminars and symposium

For information and record.

RODEL M. BOYLES



MINUTES OF INFORMATION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN May 11, 2023 Barangay Ilag, San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro

I. OPENING PROGRAM

The IEC meeting was conducted by Monitoring and Enforcement Section (MES) on May 11, 2023 at Brgy. Ilag, San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro. The invited participants were Barangay Officials, resort owners and fisher folks. A total of 47 participants (17 female and 30 male) had attended the said IEC campaign. The meeting started at 8:00 o'clock in the morning with an opening prayer led by Barangay Councilor, Honorable Corazon Ines followed by singing of Philippine National Anthem and roll call of the participants. Part of the IEC is the distribution of IEC materials such as flyers, posters and signboards containing some relevant information and services of this office.

a. Welcome Remarks

Barangay Captain, Gilberto S. Lopez welcomed the participants as well as the DENR personnel. He said that such IEC is important especially to the community living near the seashore and to those fisher folks. He encourage the participants to share whatever knowledge they may acquire from the IEC campaign. He thanks the DENR for choosing their Barangay for such IEC campaign and ensure to support DENR in the implementation of Environmental Laws.

Chief MES, Ricardo R. Natividad thanks the participants for sharing their time to attend the IEC campaign. He said that one of the effect of oil spill is the fishing ban which fisher folks are the most affected. Recently the fishing ban in some municipality was already lifted including in the Municipality of San Teodoro.

II. OBJECTIVES

a. To educate Barangay Officials, resort owners and fisher folks on selected ENR Laws specially on coastal and marine protection and conservation.

III. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

a. We played video presentation about Climate Change and Republic Act 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act.

b. Marine Biodiversity and Conservation

Chief MES, Ricardo R. Natividad discussed the six (6) types of Forest. He give emphasis on Mangrove and Beach Forest: their ecosystem services and Mangrove and Beach species. He explained about Sea Grass, Sea Weeds and Coral Reef.

He also discussed the threats to Mangrove Forest such as:

Environmental Degradation:

- Charcoal making
- Reclamation/ Conversion for agricultural, aquacultural and coastal development
- Unsustainable aquaculture
- Wrong reforestation efforts

Environmental Pollution:

Biological

- Pests (barnacle, beetles, crabs, etc.)
- Diseases (rot, necrosis, die back, etc.)

Chemical

-Untreated sewage water that pollutes/ poisons the flora and fauna

Overexploitation:

- Timber poaching for timber or charcoal
- Illegal trade of important and associated species

Climate Change:

- Stronger number and intensity of typhoons that damages the mangroves through strong winds and ocean waves
- Sea level rise that drowns the mangrove seedlings

c. Conservation of Ocean and Marine turtles

Forester I, Mackaley P. Martinez discussed some ecosystem services that we get from the Ocean. He explained one by one the threats to Ocean such as the following:

- a. Siltation
- b. Illegal trade
- c. Over-exploitation
- d. Pollution
- e. Climate Change

He also discussed some activities that would help in conserving and protecting our Ocean. One of the most important activity is to participate in the protection of Ocean such as clean-up drive (lakeshore, coastal and underwater).

Because Barangay Ilag is one of the nesting site of Marine Turtles, he discussed conservation of Marine Turtles. He mentioned that the Philippines is one of the 17 Mega-diversity in the world. He also mentioned that the Philippines is located in the Coral Triangle and the first district of Oriental Mindoro is located in

the Verde Island Passage (VIP). He differentiated Marine Turtle to Tortoise and Terrapin. He expounded and presented the following:

- a. Parts of Marine turtles
- b. Philippine Sea Turtles
- c. Importance of Marine Turtles
- d. Life stages of Marine Turtles
- e. Conservation status of Marine turtles- Hawksbill turtle is facing extremely high risk of extinction in the wild as the Conservation Status is critically endangered.
- f. Threats to Marine Turtles
- g. Conservation efforts of DENR
- h. Laws and Policies
- i. Handling of Marine Turtles

d. Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines as amended by EO 277 and further amended by RA 7161

Legal Researcher, Sherlyn A. Layesa presented and discussed the Presidential Decree P.D. 705 its purpose, rationale and amendments as well as the criminal offenses, penalties and some related laws. She also explained the objectives of PD 705 as follows:

- WHEREAS, proper classification, management and utilization of the lands of the public domain to maximize their productivity to meet the demands of our increasing population is urgently needed;
- 2) WHEREAS, to achieve the above purpose, it is necessary to reassess the multiple uses of forest lands and resources before allowing any utilization thereof to optimize the benefits that can be derived therefrom;
- 3) WHEREAS, it is also imperative to place emphasis not only on the utilization thereof but more so on the protection, rehabilitation and development of forest lands, in order to ensure the continuity of their productive condition;
- 4) WHEREAS, the present laws and regulations governing forest lands are not responsive enough to support re-oriented government programs, projects and efforts on the proper classification and delimitation of the lands of the public domain, and the management, utilization, protection, rehabilitation, and development of forest lands (See Whereas Clauses of PD 705, as amended).

She presented and discussed in details the following criminal offenses and its penalties:

- Cutting, Gathering and/or Collecting Timber, or Other Forest Products Without License [includes illegal possession of forest products] (Section 77);
- 2) Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands [includes kaingin making] (Section 78);
- 3) Pasturing Livestock Without Authority in Forest Lands, Grazing Lands, and Undisposed Alienable and Disposable Lands (Section 79);
- 4) Illegal Occupation of National Parks Systems and Recreation Areas and Vandalism Therein (Section 80);
- 5) Destruction of Wildlife Resources (Section 81);

- 6) Survey by Unauthorized Person (Section 82);
- Misclassification and Survey by Government Official or Employee (Section 83);
- Issuance of Tax Declaration by any Public Officer or Employee without a Certification from the Director of Forest Development and Director of Lands (Section 84);
- 9) Coercion and Influence of Public Officer or Employee (section 85);
- 10) Unlawful Possession of Implements and Devices Used by Forest Officers (Section 86):
- 11) Failure or Refusal to Pay, Collect or Remit Forest Charges (Section 87);
- 12) Sale of Wood Products without Compliance to Grading Rules and Standards (Section 88.

She also discussed the meaning of Forest Products and the term Permit as defined in PD 705 as well as the general rule in the issuance of tree cutting permit which states that Tree Cutting Permit is required prior to cutting and possession of timber/lumber from any public or private land. Otherwise, she said that the act is illegal under PD 705, as amended but there are also exceptions like on the following circumstances:

- Cutting of trees/timber found within a duly registered private tree plantation (CTPO/PLTP) pursuant to DENR Memorandum Circular 97-09;
- 2. Trimming, pruning, cutting, or clearing activities for tall growing plants within the power line corridor the owner or operator of the power lines need not secure prior clearance or permit from DENR but must give due notice to DENR or PCA, as the case may be, concerned LGUs, and other relevant government agencies pursuant to Section 7 in relation to Section 12, RA 11361 or "Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act", but see FMB Technical Bulletin for 69 kV to 500 kV, cutting permit is required); and
- 3. Indigenous people with similar factual circumstances pursuant to Diosdado Sama Y Hinupas and Bandy Masanglay Y Aceveda, Petitioners v. People of the Philippines, Respondent, G.R. No. 224469, 05 January 2021. Lazaro-Javier, J. En Banc. She further explained by presenting the facts, the issue and the ruling of this case.

She further discussed the prohibition on the issuance cutting permit in the following:

- 1. Mangroves (Section 43, PD 705 in relation to DENR administrative Order No. 15-90); and
- 2. Naturally growing or planted trees of any kind, flowering or ornamental plants and shrubs, or plants of scenic, aesthetic and ecological values, along public roads, in plazas, parks other than national parks, school premises or in any other public ground or place, or on banks of rivers or creeks, or along roads in land subdivisions or areas therein for the common use of the owners of lots therein, or any species of vegetation or forest cover found therein shall, be punished with imprisonment for not less than six months and not more than two years, or a fine of not less than five hundred pesos and not more than five thousand pesos, or with both such imprisonment and fine at the discretion of the court;

Except when public safety requires but with prior approval from DENR. (Section 3, PD 953 or "Requiring the Planting of Trees in Certain Places and Penalizing Unauthorized Cutting, Destruction, Damaging and Injuring of Certain Trees, Plants and Vegetation"

In addition, she elaborated the classification of lands of the public domain pursuant to Section 3, Article XII of 1987 constitution and further explained Forest Lands, Public Forest, Permanent Forest or Forest Reserves and Forest Reservations pursuant to PD 705.

e. Chainsaw Act

Legal Researcher, Sherlyn A. Layesa presented and discussed R.A. 9175 "Chainsaw Act of 2002" He explained the following:

- Basic Policy of the State and Objectives
- Overview of the Process
- Definition of Chainsaw
- Permit to Purchase
- Permit to Sell, Re-sell, Dispose, Distribute, or Transfer
- Authority to Lease, Rent, or Lend
- Certificate of Registration and Renewal
- Penal Provisions
- Confiscation of Chainsaw
- Revocation or Recall of Registration, Permit, or Authority
- Reward

She discussed who are the persons authorized to manufacture, sell and import chainsaws, persons authorized to purchase, transfer the ownership, import, manufacture, distribute, and/or sell, re-sell chainsaws and persons authorized to own, possess and use chainsaws. She enumerated and discussed in details the requirements in securing permit to purchase, permit to sell, re-sell, dispose, distribute or transfer ownership and in securing Certificate of Registration as well as the requirements for renewal of Certificate of Registration. She also discussed the procedure in the renewal of Chainsaw Registration as well as the requirements in renewal.

She also discussed the some penal provisions under this law:

In Section 12.1 "Selling, purchasing, reselling, transferring, distribution or possessing a chainsaw without a proper permit" the penalty is imprisonment of four (4) years, two (2) months and one (1) day to six (6) years, fine of not less than 15,000.00 to 30,000.00 depends on the discretion of the court and the Chainsaw will be confiscated in favor of the government.

In Section 12.2 "unlawful importation or manufacturing of chainsaw" the penalty is imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months and fine not less than 1,000.00 to 4,000.00.

In Section 12.3 "Tampering of Engine Serial number" Imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months and fine of not less than Php 1,000.00 nor more than Php 4,000.00.

In Section 12.4 "Actual Unlawful use of Chainsaw" Any person who is found to be in possession of a chainsaw and uses the same to cut trees and timber in forest land or elsewhere except as authorized by the Department shall be penalized with imprisonment of six (6) years and one (1) day to eight (8) years or a fine of not less than Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) or both at the discretion of the court without prejudice to being prosecuted for a separate offense that may have been simultaneously committed. The chainsaw unlawfully used shall likewise be confiscated in favor of the government.

She also discussed those Chainsaw subject for confiscation (Judicial and Administrative) pursuant to Section 13 and 14. She further elaborated about the revocation or recall of registration permit, or authority. She encouraged the participants to buy Chainsaws only in authorized dealer of DENR to register their chainsaw easily. She mentioned the registered dealer in Oriental Mindoro are Coolot and Powersaw in Calapan City.

f. Guidelines for the Issuance of Tree Cutting Permit

Forester Leonida A. Mindaros, presented and discussed the requirements for the issuance of Tree Cutting Permit for Naturally Grown Trees within private lands and issuance of Tree Cutting Permit for the Naturally Grown tree/s within Public or Forest Lands.

She explained the objectives of DAO 2020-18 also known as "Promoting tree plantation development and liberalizing harvesting and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives for inclusive growth and sustainable development".

She further explained Section 6 of the said DAO. "Planted Trees in Private Land", Private landowner shall follow these harvesting and transportation guidelines:

- 1) When private landowner will engage in tree plantation, he/ she shall register said plantation to the nearest CENR Office. No fees shall be collected by the CENRO;
- 2) No tree cutting permit and Self-Monitoring Form (SMF) are required in harvesting and transporting harvested logs from registered plantations. Only Certification is issued;
- 3) For ease of transport, the logs and tree derivatives shall be accompanied by the original copy of Certification stating that the products are from the landowner's private property. The Certification shall be displayed prominently in the vehicle where the log and derivatives will be carried;
- 4) When the logs and tree derivatives will only be used inside the landowner's private property, no Certification shall be needed.

She also mentioned the private tree plantation to be register are newly established plantation, established plantation and even those matured plantation. She also discussed the requirements for the registration of private tree plantation.

VII. OPEN FORUM

After the lecture, Forester Mindaros asked some question to the participants if they really listen and understand the lectures. After that **No further queries from the participants.**

VIII. CLOSING PROGRAM

Chief MES, Ricardo R. Natividad ended the program by giving his gratitude to all the participants in behalf of CENRO Rodel M. Boyles for their effort to attend such IEC campaign. He also give thanks to the Barangay Officials of Ilag for their cooperation headed by Brgy. Chairman, Gilberto S. Lopez. He requested everyone to report any Environmental violations especially for any violation on Marine Turtles in their Barangay

The IEC meeting was ended at around 10:30 AM.

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Photos of food during the IEC campaign at Brgy. Ilag, San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro





Photos during the IEC campaign at Brgy. Ilag, San Teodoro, Oriental Mindoro











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