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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region

FROM : The OIC-PENRO
Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE COMPLAINT
OF CERTAIN LOUIS NIKO B. GOCO AGAINST ILLEGAL
WAYS OF FISHER FOLKS IN THE ISLAND OF MINDORO
CAUSING ALLEGED DEVASTATION OF ITS MARINE
ECOSYSTEM**

Forwarded are reports of CENRO Socorro and CENRO Roxas, Oriental Mindoro regarding the above subject.

Please be informed that based on the report submitted, no record of illegal fishing within the Municipalities of Pola, Naujan, Bongabong, and Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

Within the jurisdiction of CENRO Socorro, there are twenty-three (23) Bantay Dagat that were hired by the Municipality of Pola as well as eighty (80) volunteers assigned to monitor the 430 hectares Marine Protected Area the covers six (6) Barangays in the said Municipality. Likewise, twenty-six (26) Bantay Dagat were also hired by the Municipality of Naujan to conduct regular patrolling within their Fish Sanctuary.

Based on the report and coordination with concern LGU, MENROs and MAOs, no record of illegal fishing within the Municipality of Bongabong and Roxas, Oriental Mindoro as it is strictly prohibited.

Relative to the gathered information and coordination with different LGUs and other government agency, the said complaint is baseless, and that only creates issues that can manipulates the minds of younger generations. The field Offices of DENR specially the PENRO and CENROs of Oriental Mindoro are closely coordinated with the other government and non-government agencies as well as LGUs of Oriental Mindoro in protecting not only the marine ecosystem as well as the environment within the province.

For information and reference.


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February 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
1515 & S Bldg. Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

THRU : The OIC-PENR Officer
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

FROM : The CENR Officer

SUBJECT : **COMPLAINT OF MR. LOUIS NIKO B. GOCO AGAINST
ILLEGAL WAYS OF FISHER FOLKS IN THE ISLAND OF
MINDORO CAUSING ALLEGED DEVASTATION OF ITS
MARINE ECOSYSTEM**

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This pertains to the Memorandum from the Undersecretary for Field Operations-Luzon, Visayas and Environment, Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, *CESO I* regarding the above-mentioned subject. Relative thereto, please be informed that this office had coordinated with the Provincial Headquarter of Coastguard Calapan, Fishery Management Office of Naujan and Municipal Agriculture Office of Pola.

In coordination with the aforementioned agencies, the following facts were gathered;

- (i) The Municipality of Pola hired twenty three (23) Bantay Dagat and has eighty (80) volunteer Bantay Dagat assigned in their 430 hectares Marine Protected Areas (MPA) covering six (6) Barangays. The Bantay Dagat conducts monthly coastal clean-up along shorelines. The LGU Pola asserts that they continuously conducts intensive coastal and marine patrolling activities, thus declaring such complaint as baseless and inaccurate. (see attached letter)
- (ii) Similarly, the Coastguard Calapan has no records and reports on illegal fishing using dynamite and explosives within the Municipality of Naujan and Pola from January, 2022 up to this date. (see attached letter)
- (iii) The Municipality of Naujan hired twenty six (26) Bantay Dagat assigned in their Fish Sanctuary and conducts regular patrolling together with the Maritime Police Personnel and so far has no record of illegal fishing using dynamite was recorded.



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Attached are investigation report, geo-tagged photos, letters address to the station commander of Coastguard, Municipal Mayor of Naujan and Pola and reply letter of Coastguard and Municipal Mayor of Pola.

For information and record.


RODEL M. BOYLES



February 10, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The CENR Officer

FROM : The Monitoring and Enforcement personnel

SUBJECT : **SUBMISSION OF INVESTIGATION REPORT REGARDING THE COMPLAINT OF MR. LOUIS NIKO B. GOCO AGAINST ILLEGAL WAYS OF FISHER FOLKS IN THE ISLAND OF MINDORO CAUSING ALLEGED DEVASTATION OF ITS MARINE ECOSYSTEM**

This pertains to the Memorandum from the Undersecretary for Field Operations-Luzon, Visayas and Environment, Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna, *CESO I* regarding the above-mentioned subject.

That, on February 2, 2023 the undersigned personnel coordinated to Coastguard Calapan deputy Kenedy Maalat, Fishery Management Officer of Naujan, Mrs. Maria Marlene A. Asinas and Municipal Agriculturist of Pola, Mr. Russel Tan.

That, in the dialogue with Fishery Management Officer of Naujan, Mrs. Maria Marlene A. Asinas, she said that they hired 26 Bantay Dagat assigned in their Fish Sanctuary in Brgy. Herrera, Masaging, Montemayor and Bayani, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro who are regularly conducting patrolling and sometimes together with the Maritime Police Personnel. Also, their hired Bantay Gubat are conducting coastal clean-up along the shoreline. On the issue of Dynamite fishing, there was an instance way back 2012 but this was beyond 10 km of their municipal water. In their conducted investigation, the perpetrators were came from the province of Quezon and Marinduque.

That, in the reply letter of Honorable Mayor, Jennifer M. Cruz dated February 6, 2023, the municipality of Pola hired 23 Bantay Dagat and have 80 volunteer Bantay Dagat assigned in their 430 hectares Marine Protected Areas covering six (6) Barangays. The Bantay Dagat are also conducting monthly coastal clean-up along shorelines. The Honorable mayor is appealing to the DENR to take part actively in the administration and management as well as the protection and conservation of their marine resources.



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That, in the reply letter of Coastguard Deputy, Kenedy Maalat dated February 4, 2023, they have no records and reports on illegal fishing using dynamite and explosives within the municipality of Naujan and Pola from January, 2022 up to this date.

Attached are letters address to the station commander of Coastguard, municipal mayor of Naujan and Pola, reply letter of Coastguard and municipal mayor of Pola and Geo-tagged photos.

For information and further instruction.

LEONIDA A. MINDAROS
Forester II

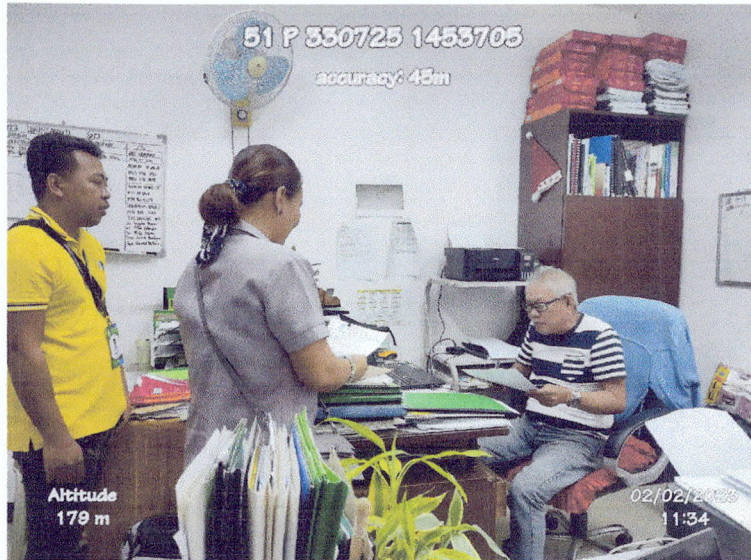
KEVIN L. CORPUZ
Forester I

Noted by:

RODEL M. BOYLES
CENR Officer



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Coordination with Municipal Agriculturist of Pola, Mr. Russel Tan



Coordination with Fishery Management Officer of Naujan, Mrs. Maria Marlene a. Asinas



Coordination with Coast guard deputy Kenedy Maalat



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Oriental Mindoro
Municipality of Pola

Office of the Municipal Mayor

6 February 2023

MR. RODEL M. BOYLES
CENR Officer
Barangay Pasi, Socorro

Sir:

Reply to yours dated February 1, 2023 Re: letter of Mr. Louis Niko B. Goco addressed to Hon. DENR Secretary Antonia Yulo Loyzaga.

The Municipality of Pola has established around 430 hectares Marine Protected Areas in the covered six (6) coastal barangays managed by 23 Job Order Employees – Bantay Dagat and 80 Volunteer Bantay Dagat and an alleged dynamite fishing in these areas sounds exaggerating. There were few fishermen using fined – mesh nets purposely for specific type of species but their operation are closely monitored. Sea-borne and foot patrolling are on a regular day and night activity.

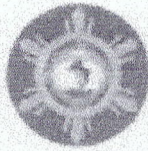
Regarding littering of garbage (tins, plastics, etc), the bantay dagat are having monthly coastal clean – up on the shores and beaches. Another six (6) Job Order employees are hired that are maintaining the cleanliness of the beach near in the Poblacion area.

But nevertheless we are more than willing for your validation and monitoring activities in the reported areas. We are encouraging your agency to take part actively in the administration and management of the marine resources protection and conservation.

Many Thanks and More Power!

Truly Yours,


JENNIFER M. CRUZ
Municipal Mayor



Department of Transportation
Philippine Coast Guard
Coast Guard District Southern Tagalog
COAST GUARD STATION ORIENTAL MINDORO
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04 February 2023

Mr. Rodel M Boyles
CENR Officer
Community Environment and Natural Resources Office
MIMAROPA Region


Dear Sir Boyles,

This pertains to the letter request from your office regarding the reports on illegal fishing activities within the municipalities of Naujan and Pola, Oriental Mindoro.

Based on our compiled reports from January 2022 up to this date, this office has no available records and reports on this kind of activities using dynamite and explosives within the subject municipalities.

However, if this office received any reports or information pertaining to this matter, your office will immediately inform.

Very truly yours,


FERDINAND ALLAN JOSEPH Z ABINOJA
CG CDR
Station Commander, Coast Guard Station Oriental Mindoro



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Community Environment and Natural Resources Office

February 1, 2023

CDR FERDINAND ALLAN JOSEPH Z ABINOJA

Station Commander,
Coast Guard Station Oriental Mindoro

Dear Sir Abinoja:

Greetings!


This pertains to the letter from Mr. Louis Niko B. Goco addressed to Hon. DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga pertaining to the illegal fishing activities using dynamite, explosive and fined-hole nets within Marine Ecosystem of the municipality of Pola and Naujan.

Relative thereto, may we respectfully request any reports of such illegal fishing within the said municipalities. Likewise, this letter serves as a coordination with your office should a conduct of further investigation is warranted.

Anticipating your usual support. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

Received by:
CG ASST. B. De Vera
CGS ORMIN, SOU CALAPAN
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RODEL M. BOYLES
& CENR Officer



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February 1, 2023

HON. JENNIFER M. CRUZ
Municipal Mayor
Municipality of Pola, Oriental Mindoro

Attention: Municipal Agriculture Officer

Dear Hon. Cruz:


Greetings!

This pertains to the letter from Mr. Louis Niko B. Goco addressed to Hon. DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga pertaining to the illegal fishing activities using dynamite, explosive and fined-hole nets within Marine Ecosystem of the municipality of Pola and Naujan.

Relative thereto, may we respectfully request any reports of such illegal fishing within the municipality of Pola. Likewise, this letter serves as a coordination with your office should a conduct of further investigation is warranted.

Anticipating your usual support. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


RODEL M. BOYLES
CENR Officer

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February 1, 2023

HON. HENRY JOEL C. TEVES
Municipal Mayor
Municipality of Naujan, Oriental Mindoro

Attention: Municipal Agriculture Officer

Dear Hon. Teves:


Greetings!

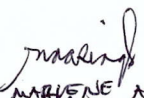
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Relative thereto, may we respectfully request any reports of such illegal fishing within the municipality of Naujan. Likewise, this letter serves as a coordination with your office should a conduct of further investigation is warranted.

Anticipating your usual support. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,


RODEL M. BOYLES
CENR Officer


MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA
DENR Secretary

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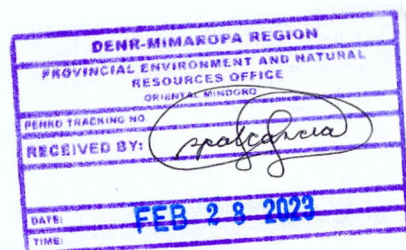
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
1515 DENR by the Bay Building
Roxas Boulevard, Ermita Manila

THRU : The PENR Officer
Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

FROM : The CENR Officer
Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

SUBJECT : **LETTER COMPLAINT OF LOUIS NIKO B. GOCO, A
CONCERNED YOUTH CITIZEN**



Respectfully submitting herewith is the report of this office regarding the above mentioned subject with attached geo-tagged photos.

For your information and record.


ENGR. CAESAR E. QUEBEC



Republic of the Philippines
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February 06, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The CENR Officer
Roxas, Oriental Mindoro

THRU : Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section

FROM : The undersigned

SUBJECT : **LETTER COMPLAINT OF LOUIS NIKO B. GOCO, CONCERNED YOUTH CITIZEN**

In compliance to your instruction and to validate the veracity of the written complaint of Mr. Louis Niko Goco addressed to the DENR Secretary, the undersigned personnel coordinated the issue to the concerned LGUs and other concerned people within the jurisdiction of CENRO Roxas, Oriental Mindoro.

Upon coordination in the area and thru phone call, the LGUs specifically the MENROs and MAO said that there were no reported or record of illegal fishing activities in their area. In addition, they didn't even see people who do illegal fishing as it is strictly prohibited. Moreover, an agreement was made that in case they will see or received reports with regards to the said illegal activity within their area of responsibility, they will inform the office of DENR CENRO.

Attached is the photo documentation of the activity.

For information and further instruction.

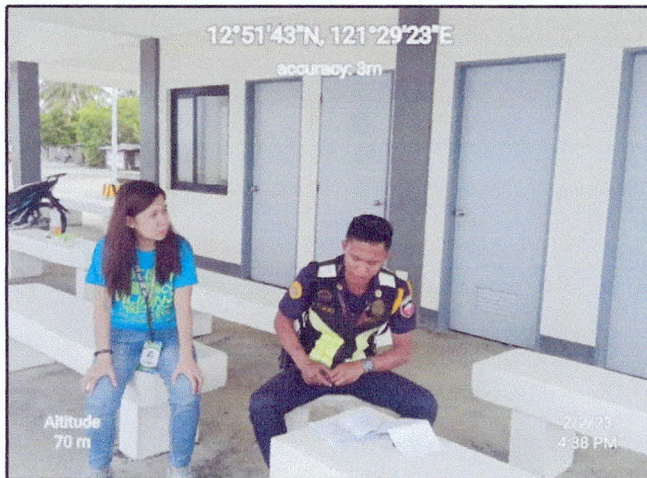

OLIVER NOBLE
Forest Ranger


KATHREEN C. DIAZ
Forester I



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**PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE COORDINATION
(February 2, 2023)**





UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS
Faculty of Pharmacy
Department of Medical Technology

Science, Technology and Society
Crisencio M. Paner, LPT, MSc



December 5, 2022

Hon. DENR Secretary Maria Antonia Yulo Loyzaga,
Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Republic of Philippines

Salutations!

It has come to my senses that my homeland, the Island of Mindoro, is facing a dangerous threat of the devastation of our marine ecosystem. It has come to my attention as part of "Kabataan of Oriental Mindoro," a youth oriented movement with a common goal of sustaining a good relationship between humans, animals, and nature. And one of our advocacy is to prevent the reoccurrence and to reuse dynamite for fishing, for it will destroy the natural habitats of our marine ecosystem. And if it is not stopped, it will definitely devour our future slowly and painfully.

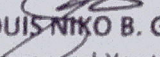
It's been a decade past that previous secretaries of DENR have consulted this issue of our marine ecosystem. The growth of competition for catching fish leads some of our fisher folks to use illegal ways such as dynamite and explosive fishing and the use of fined-hole nets. They have no respect for the marine wildlife and no respect for the residents who live in this area. Aside from throwing their dynamite mercilessly, they also leave their litter everywhere. Fishing line has been caught around my feet on several occasions, tin lids and cans left lying on the grass, and sandwich bags, cans, and bottles are strewn all over the place as well as the in the sea and the shoreline. Remains of dead fish and other marine life scatter on its shorelines. They camp out and fish all hours of the day and night using dynamite and small holes nets. Even if it is a protected area and no fishing is allowed, like all laws in this country, no one cares if these people break the law. Community officers walk past them and sometimes even sit watching them, the police have no interest whatsoever, and the Wildlife Trust is unwilling to do anything. People are fishing and taking the fish away. Will no one take responsibility for their actions?

For me fine is not enough; the government must take action. The late DENR Secretary, Gina Lopez, has already retackled these problems to them. But after her sudden death, illegal doers emerge again from their slumber. And as a concerned youth and citizen of Oriental Mindoro, I am requesting your good office to pay a visit to our island, specifically to Pola, Naujan, Roxas, Bulalacao, Mamburao, and Lubang. These mentioned places were reported to be conducting such illegal activities against the environment and marine life.

My suggestion is to hunt them down and detain them in a sanctuary where they will be taught and enlightened their mind to the effect of their illegal activities on the environment and, most of all, on the future. A heart-to-heart talk might work for them and make them realize the dangerous impact of this not only on their health and life but also on the world.

I am hoping for your immediate response to this dilemma of my fellow Mindorenos, I am hoping for your favorable response in this regard. I am hoping for your immediate response to this dilemma of my fellow Mindorenos, I am hoping for your favorable response in this regard.

Respectfully Yours,


LOUIS NIKO B. GOCO
Concerned Youth Citizen