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March 9, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
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**THRU** : The OIC Regional Assistant Director for Technical Services

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

**SUBJECT** : **REPORT ON THE ATTENDED INFORMATION, EDUCATION  
AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN BY  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU (EMB) DATED  
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated February 27, 2023 from CENRO Taytay along with the Report on the attended Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign.

Please be informed that on February 13, 2023, CENRO Taytay and Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) of El Nido Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA) personnel attended the IEC activity initiated by the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB). The activity focused on the legal procedures on the issuance of Notice of Violation (NoV) and other environmental issues.

For information and record.



Cc: PENRO Planning Unit

**FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC**

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**DENR PENRO  
PALAWAN RECORDS  
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February 27, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer- Palawan  
FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
SUBJECT : **ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT ON ACTIVITY PER WFP**

<b>Activity:</b> D. Top level Management and Supervision item 3.3 Conferences, Meetings and other related activities				
<b>Performance Indicator:</b> Meetings/conferences attended				
<b>Frequency of submission:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter				
<b>Current submission:</b> Memo report of Assistant Protected Area Superintendent/PMF Jenuel P. Casel dated February 16, 2023 (CN 1291 in the eDATS) submitting the report re: attended Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign by Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) on February 13, 2023 at El Nido, Palawan.				
<b>Attachment:</b> 1. Memo report of Information Officer Aljen F. Becera dated February 16, 2023. 2. Photo documentation				
<b>Gender &amp; Development (GaD) data</b>	Male = 15	Female = 28	LGBTQ+ = 0	Prefer not to say = 0
	The data pertain only to the attendee in the photo documentation.			
<b>Age Grouping</b>	60 and above	18-59	17 and below	TOTAL
	2	41	0	43
<b>Environmental Management System (EMS Compliance)</b>	✓ Compliant to <b>5S</b> organization techniques ( <b>SORT</b> – keep only necessary items, <b>SET IN ORDER</b> – arrange items to promote efficient workflow, <b>SHINE</b> – clean the work area so it is neat and tidy, <b>STANDARDIZE</b> – set standards for a consistently organized workplace and <b>SUSTAIN</b> – maintain and review standard) ✓ No single use plastic			

**Instruction:** PAMO-ENTMRPA is reminded to ask for a copy of the attendance sheet in future meetings/conferences attended to form and attachment of the report.

This is our **Means of Verification (MoV)** on the activity. Please confirm your receipt hereof. Thank you.

**DENR CENRO  
TAYTAY, PALAWAN  
RELEASED**  
BY: 8892  
DATE: MAR 03 2023

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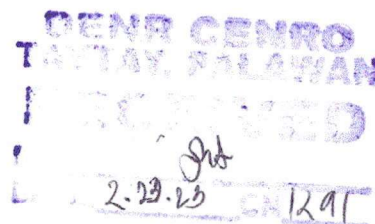
February 16, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
Taytay, Palawan

**FROM :** The Protected Area Superintendent  
El Nido - Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area

**SUBJECT :** **REPORT ON THE ATTENDED INFORMATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN BY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU (EMB) DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2023**



Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated February 16, 2023 of Information Officer Aljen F. Becera pertaining to the above subject.

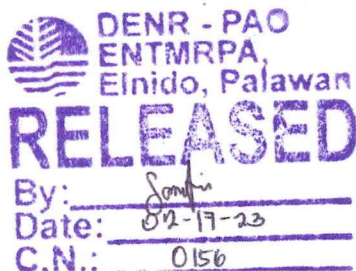
Please be informed that on February 13, 2023, personnel of this Office attended the IEC meeting initiated by Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) held at the covered Court of El Nido, Palawan. The said meeting was attended by CENRO Conrado M. Corpuz, El Nido residents and business sectors. The meeting focused on the legal procedures regarding the issuance of NOV. The following issues and concerns were also noted during the meeting.

- Type of violation considered to undergo legal procedures;
- Residential areas without septic tanks;
- Status of islands water quality;
- Implementation of carrying capacity in big and small lagoon;
- Issuance of discharge permit; and
- Cluster tank built within legal easement

Based on the report, all island including big and small lagoon are recommended for possible closure if observed with significantly high levels of fecal coliform and solid waste. Hence, the Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) is strictly implementing the carrying capacity with maximum of 720 guest per day in big lagoon and 360 in small lagoon to maintain the biophysical and aesthetic aspects of the ecosystem therein. Further, this Office request the EMB to furnished us the basis of 98 pax/ hour for lagoon operation that resulted to misleading to tour operators.

Furthermore, this Office is continuously deploying park rangers on a daily basis to traffic boats and tourist to lessen the environmental pressures.

For information and record.



For the Protected Area Superintendent:

**JENUEL P. CASEL**  
Park Maintenance Foreman /  
Assistant PASu ENTMRPA





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February 16, 2023

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Protected Area Superintendent  
El Nido Managed Resource Protected Area

**FROM :** The Information Officer

**SUBJECT :** **REPORT ON THE ATTENDED INFORMATION EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN BY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU (EMB) DATED FEBRUARY 13, 2023**



This pertains to the invitation dated February 7, 2023, from the OIC, Ambient Monitoring and Technical Services Section for Environmental Monitoring and Enforcement Division of EMB, Maevelyn Kathryn D. Tupasi regarding the above subject.

Please be informed that on February 13, 2023, the undersigned together with Park Maintenance Foreman Jenuel P. Casel, Bookkeeper Faith D. Bangalisan and Park Ranger Steven John Andao attended the IEC meeting held at the Municipal Covered Court of El Nido, Palawan per instruction of Protected Area Superintendent Mildred A. Suza. The said meeting was also attended by CENRO Conrado M. Corpuz, business sectors, and El Nido residents. During the meeting, Atty. Alessa May presented the legal procedures when issued a Notice of Violation (NOV).

Hereunder are the issues and concerns raised by the participants during meeting:

- a. Ms. Belle Florendo asked about the type or kind of violation is considered to undergo such legal procedures.

EMB permitting representative answered that it covers all types of violation which includes waste water, air pollution, hazardous waste, Pollution Control Officer (PCO), and ECC.

- b. Representative from business sector requested to pay attention to the residential areas without septic tanks.

Ms. Tupasi responded that residential areas have a big contribution regarding wastewater and they already found out the source of wastewater based on their facts and analysis. Further, she said that the issue has been already discussed during the MIMAROPA Inter-Agency Committee meeting last February 8, 2023 and they already presented the problem and proposed a recommendation regarding the issue.

- c. Mr. Conrado David requested to present the available data about lagoons regarding the presence of coliforms.

Ms. Kathryn responded that the secret lagoon was observed with a failing coliform count during the month of March. She further explained that the narrow entrance of the lagoon hampers the movement of water to replenish it. The said lagoon was recommended for possible closure during months when the tide could not enter the lagoon. All other islands including big and small lagoon with below minimum DO are also proposed for possible closure if observe with significantly high levels of fecal coliform and solid waste.



- d. Mr. Conrado David inquired if urine is a contributory factor to the failing water quality in lagoons. He also requested the support of private sectors and appeal to the EMB to assist them to reach out the concerned agencies because they have a proposal to build toilets in the islands.

Ms. Tupasi informed them that the DOT will also conduct a meeting and will introduce ASEAN restroom design and new approach to avoid improper waste disposal. CENRO informed that the LGU commit during the PAMB meeting to install restrooms in the lagoon. The DENR were also planning to install same to the areas with existing assigned personnel.

- e. They asked about the plans of the concerned offices regarding the carrying capacity in the big and small lagoon because they are quite surprised of its implementation. They also requested to expand the island destinations due to tourist influx in El Nido.

Ms. Tupasi responded that carrying capacity in big and small lagoon were already enforced since 2020 and just needed to strengthen it and control the 98pax per hour (based on 2020 report if divided to six hours of operation). She mentioned as well that the DENR will revisit the said study. Meanwhile, APASu Jenuel Casel explained the arrangement of island resorts and travel and tour agencies regarding their time period to enter the lagoon. He further informed that the Protected Area Management Office is coordinating with the three resorts.

- f. Benly Lim of BELTTOA asked regarding the improvement of coral reefs in big and small lagoon while implementing the guidelines of carrying capacity because in his personal observation, there are crushed corals possibly hit by the paddles while the tourist is kayaking. He suggested to check for other options to regulate the lagoon and the installation of buoys.

CENRO responded that the Office will include the coral reefs assessment of disturb areas where the tourist visits and will present the issue of carrying capacity in the upcoming PAMB meeting for information of the concerned agencies. He further asked the assistance of BELTTOA regarding the matter. Ms. Tupasi also informed that in terms of the water quality, there is no oil spill observed in the lagoon unlike the previous water sampling.

- g. Ms. Florendo inquired about the issuance of the discharge permit.

EMB permitting representative responded that they still need to apply for discharge permit but they will not require the proponent to submit the engineers report whatsoever. They will only require the certificate of connectivity of a certain industry to the STP and only pay Php 2,000.00 pesos for permit, Php. 10.00 pesos for legal fee and Php 30.00 pesos for document stamp.

- h. Mr. Ernie Tutaan owner of resort in El Nido, raised about the cluster tank built within the easement zone in Caalan.

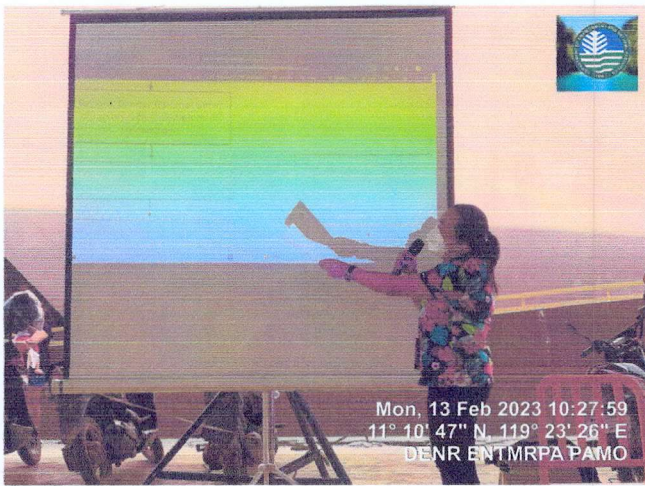
CENRO Corpuz responded that the DENR is implementing the 3-meter easement in urban areas, 20-meter in agricultural land and 40-meter in timberland but there are still areas who do not comply. He also explained that during the meeting with Governor, the DENR request the LGU to present their plan regarding the installation of the pipeline to comment on the said matter. CENRO also suggested to investigate the issue through PAMO.

For information and record.

  
**ALJEN F. BECERA**



PHOTOS



I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above photos are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and taken on February 13, 2023 during the IEC meeting held at the Municipal Covered Court of El Nido, Palawan.

ALJEN F. BECERA  
Information Officer