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March 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR MIMAROPA Region
1515 DENR By The Bay Building, Roxas Boulevard,
Barangay 668, Ermita, Manila

THRU : The Regional Director
MGB –MIMAROPA Region


FROM : Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED RIVER
QUARRYING OPERATIONS ALONG BUSUANGA, PALAWAN**

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For information, record and reference.

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cc: Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB)
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PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Mining Regulatory Board
San Miguel, Puerto Princesa City

Dear Mesdame/Sir:

Greetings!

This pertains to the site investigation conducted by CENRO-Coron personnel, last 15 February 2023, regarding the river quarrying operations in Taberna Steel Bridge along Busuanga River.

During the investigation, the following information were gathered:

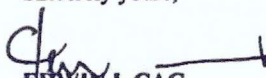
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2. The CENRO-Coron personnel requested a copy of the OP, but Mr. Pastor mentioned that they don't get any receipts upon payment. He also stated that the OP is paid as a violation or penalty because they conduct river quarrying without a permit.
3. Mr. Pastor disclosed that the collected aggregates are only for household use, wherein an average of 5 to 10 cu. m. is utilized per household. He emphasized that they do not provide any aggregates to big construction projects.
4. An earlier apprehension was also reported last 29 January 2023 involving Mr. Arik Simproso where a barangay hearing was held for further investigation. Based on the Minutes of the Meeting, the PMRB, represented by Kap. Tess, will no longer allow river quarrying activities in Taberna Steel Bridge. However, PMRB will allow such activities in applied areas of Catiil and Sariago.
5. During the said meeting, Kap. Tess also explained how the approval process of individuals that will conduct river quarrying. Before extracting, applicants must send a request to PMRB, secure a Barangay clearance, pay the corresponding amount based on the volume of aggregates to be extracted, and must be inspected first by PMRB officials.

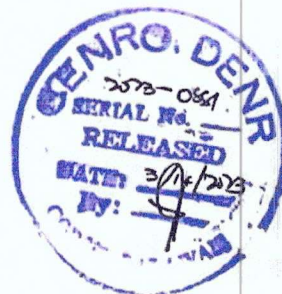
In view thereof, we are respectfully requesting information regarding such transaction processes, legal bases, or written resolutions allowing individuals to conduct river quarrying for household use or "humanitarian consideration".

Your utmost cooperation will be highly appreciated.

Thank you and best regards.

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HON. HENRY G. YALA
Punong Barangay
Barangay Salvacion
Municipality of Busuanga
Province of Palawan

Dear Hon. Yala:

Greetings!

This pertains to the site investigation conducted by CENRO-Coron personnel, last 15 February 2023, regarding the river quarrying operations in Taberna Steel Brige along Busuanga River.

During the investigation, the following information were gathered:

1. Three (3) individuals were seen assembling a raft or *balsa* in the subject area. Mr. Ivan Pastor was interviewed regarding the transaction on the buying and selling of the river aggregates. He mentioned that interested residents contact them to buy a certain amount of aggregates sold for PhP 1,500 per cubic meter. Before quarrying, they go to the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) to request to conduct river quarrying through an "Order of Payment (OP)," which amounts to PhP 250.00 per cubic meter.
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3. Mr. Pastor disclosed that the collected aggregates are only for household use, wherein an average of 5 to 10 cu. m. is utilized per household. He emphasized that they do not provide any aggregates to big construction projects.
4. An earlier apprehension was also reported last 29 January 2023 involving Mr. Arik Simproso. Based on the Minutes of the Meeting provided by your office, during a meeting with Mr. Simproso and PMRB, it was agreed that any river quarrying activities will no longer be allowed in Taberna Steel Bridge. However, PMRB will allow such activities in applied areas of Catiil and Sariego.

Pursuant to DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2010-21, otherwise known as the Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act (RA) No. 792, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, the extracted materials within the subject area are considered illegally-sourced mineral/mineral products which violate Section 116 Chapter XII of the above-mentioned administrative order, stating:



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Section 116. Illegally-sourced minerals/mineral products are those which are mined, extracted, removed and/or disposed of without authority or permit under existing mining laws, rules, and regulations.

Hence, all river quarrying activities in Barangay Salvacion are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** until the required permit/s are secured from the proper authority. Any violations of the preceding actions will warrant the following penalties and liabilities under Section 103 of the same administrative order:

Section 103. Theft of Minerals. - Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of.

In view of the preceding, the Barangay is advised to strictly monitor sand and gravel activities in accordance with the powers, duties, and function of the Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389 (b), Item. No. 9 of the RA No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991:

(9) Enforce laws and regulations relating to pollution control and protection of the environment.

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


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cc: **The Regional Director**
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
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The PENRO and PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources
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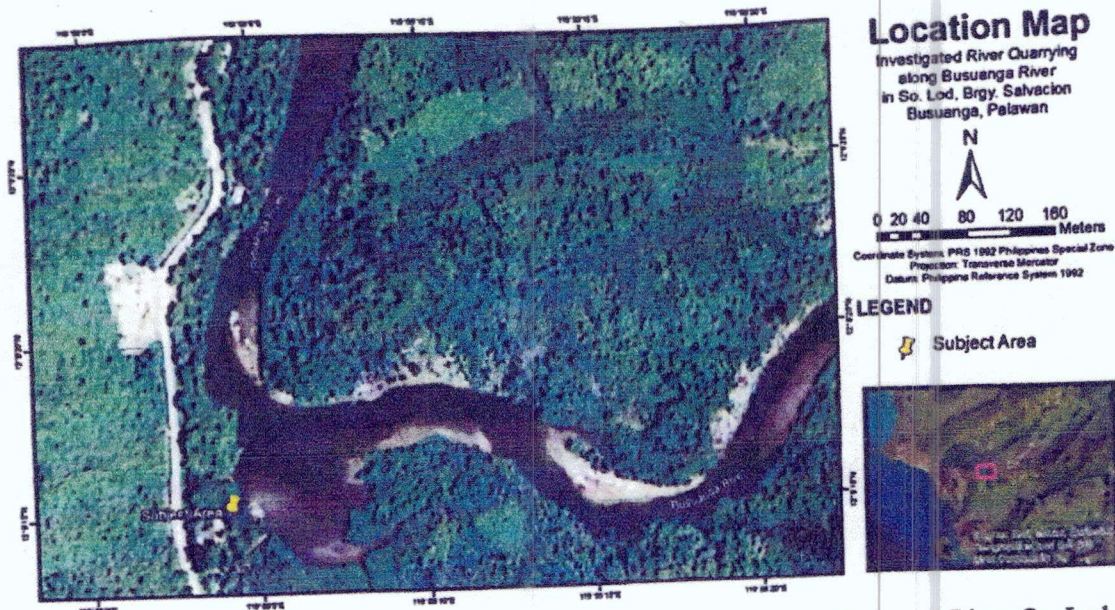


Figure 1. Location map of the investigated river quarrying along Busuanga River, So. Lod, Brgy. Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan.

2. At the subject area, three (3) individuals were seen assembling a raft or *balsa*. The raft is approximately 5 meters by 3 meters (Photo 1). The raft can hold 50 sacks of 10 cu. m. river aggregates.
3. The undersigned interviewed Mr. Ivan Pastor regarding the transaction regarding the buying and selling of the river aggregates. He mentioned that interested residents contact them to buy a certain amount of aggregates sold for PhP 1,500 per cubic meter. Before quarrying, they go to the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) to request to conduct river quarrying through an "Order of Payment (OP)" which amounts to PhP 250.00 per cubic meter.
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5. Mr. Pastor disclosed that the collected aggregates are only for household use, wherein an average of 5 to 10 cu. m. is utilized per household. He emphasized that they do not provide any aggregates to big construction projects.
6. The undersigned proceeded to the Barangay Hall of Brgy. Salvacion and met with Hon. Henry G. Yala (Photo 2). According to Hon. Yala, a barangay hearing was held among the barangay officials, apprehended individuals, Mr. Arik Simproso, and the PMRB for further investigation and resolution.
7. The undersigned requested a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting through a letter dated 20 February 2023, to gather more information on the matter.
8. The undersigned secured a copy of the apprehension report (Annex 1) and the minutes of the meeting last 06 March 2023 (Annex 2).

Here are some points for the minutes of the meeting:

- 23 individuals were caught extracting aggregates from the river;
 - 8 rafts were seen in the subject area;
 - The aggregates will be used for the construction of the seawall;
 - No items were seized by the barangay;
 - According to Kap Tess of PMRB, they will no longer allow the extraction of aggregates in Taberna Steel Bridge. However, PMRB will allow such activities in applied areas of Catiil and Sariago; and
 - Before extracting, applicants must send a request to PMRB, secure a Barangay clearance, pay the corresponding amount based on the volume of aggregates to be extracted, and must be inspected first by PMRB officials.
9. Hon. Yala's concerns were that the PhP 250.00 should be paid to them instead of PMRB or at least receive their share from utilizing mineral resources for the development of their community.
10. Hon. Yala also wanted the subject area to be exclusive to Barangay Salvacion residents only and should not be quarried by neighboring barangays.
11. The undersigned advised Hon. Yala to prohibit river quarrying in Busuanga River as well as other water bodies under his jurisdiction since the extraction of earth materials without a permit is illegal. He was reminded to inform the individuals conducting such activities to secure a permit first with the appropriate offices.

Comments and Recommendations

1. The exact location where they extract aggregates and river depth were not determined by the undersigned. However, it is reiterated that the recommended guidelines for River Quarrying are the following:
 - Maintain a 10-meter buffer zone from the banks;
 - Avoid extraction below the water table (depth of extraction = 1 meter); and
 - Quarrying must not be carried out within 1 kilometer of any crucial hydraulic structure such as pumping stations, water intake, bridges, buildings, and such structures (unless a written consent from the concerned agency was secured).
2. As to the conduct of river quarrying without a permit, this violates Section 103 of the Republic Act 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

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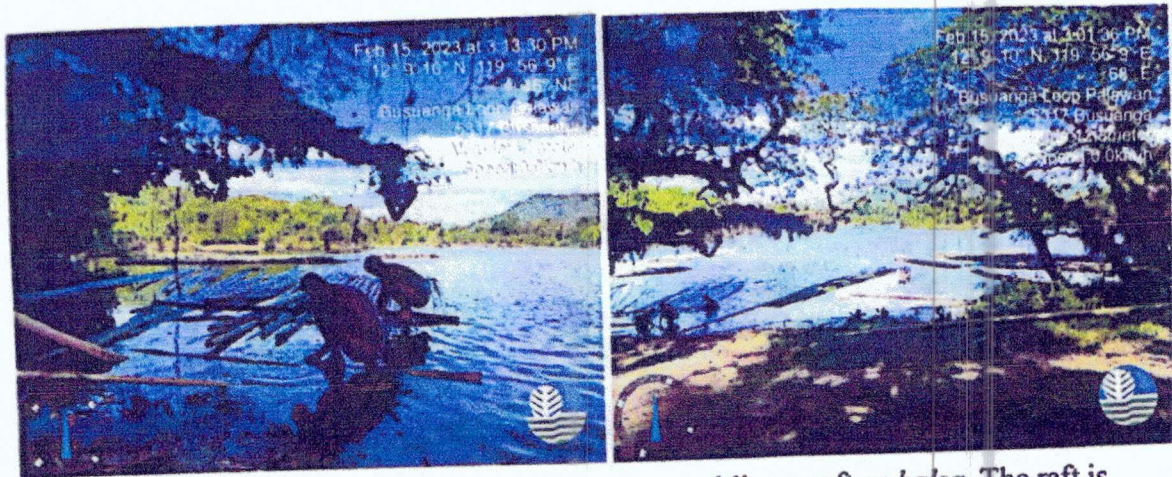


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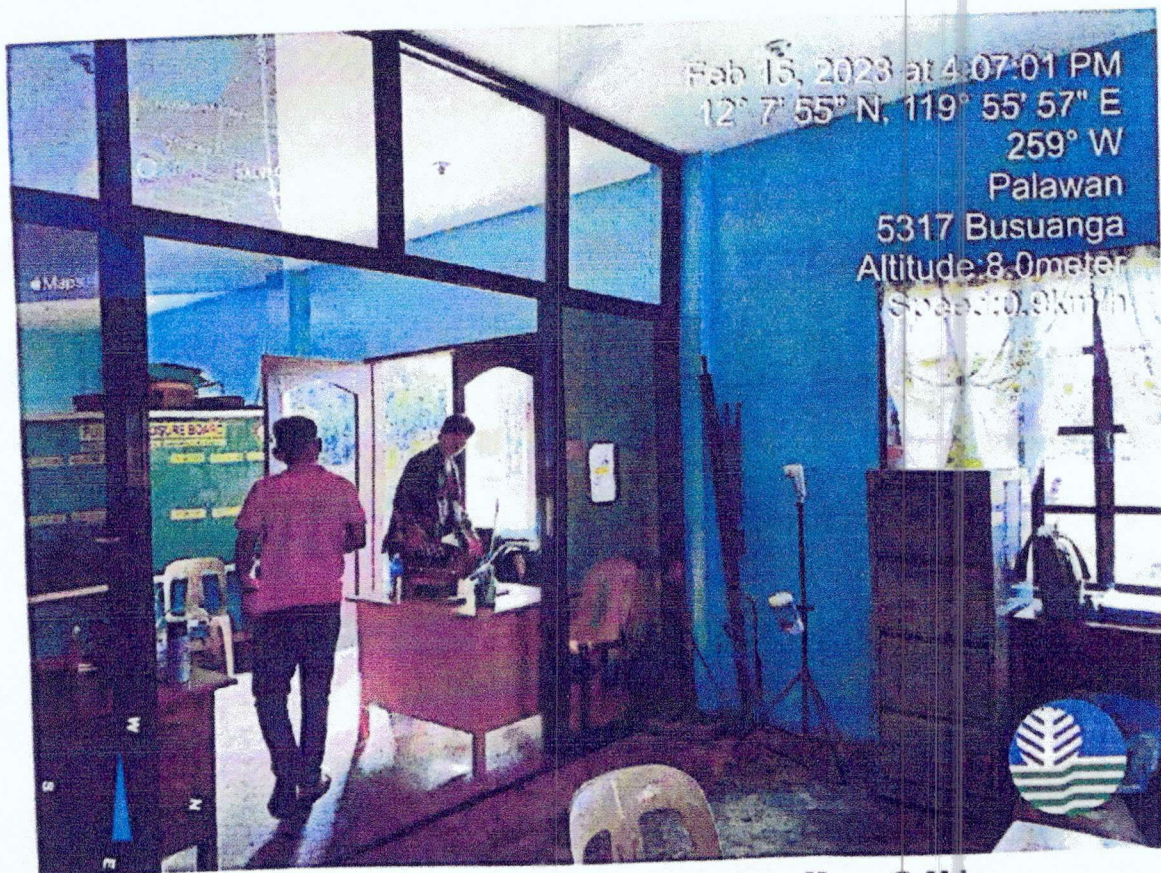


Photo 2. Meeting of the undersigned with Hon. Henry G. Yala.

APPREHENSION REPORT

ILLEGAL QUARRYING; HAWKING

Date: January 21, 2023

Time: 2:30 PM

Site: So. Loc. Barangay Silvacion Bawanga Palawan

The individuals listed hereunder are caught quarrying and hauling gravel and sand at So. Loc. Barangay Silvacion, Bawanga, Palawan without permit or any documents allowing them to do so and without the knowledge or proper consent to the Barangay.

Upon questioning, they claim that a certain HILARIO SIMPONO, a barangay Kagawad of Barangay San Isidro had contracted them to quarry and haul gravel and sand at the said location.

All individuals listed hereunder are from Bgy. San Isidro Bawanga, Palawan

ARNELO DABUT - [Signature]

MANUEL DABUT - [Signature]

CARLO DABUT - [Signature]

BENTIE BAL DABUT - [Signature]

GERMAN CABODAC - [Signature]

TURKE ZAMAR - [Signature]

MELWIN DABUT - [Signature]

VERICO MANONGGOL - [Signature]

FILIFE MANONGGOL - [Signature]

RONALD MANONGGOL - [Signature]

ROBERT MANONGGOL - [Signature]

RAYMARX SANTIAGO - [Signature]

REMUEL DABUT - [Signature]

MARLON DABUT - [Signature]

ELMER DABUT - [Signature]

ED ESPANOL - [Signature]

ALVIN SIMACIO - [Signature]

GELACIO DABUT - [Signature]

JIMMY MACANAS - [Signature]

REMUEL FLORES - _____

RIO ARINA - _____

VIQNONGOL - _____



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20 February 2023

Hon. Henry G. Yala
Punong Barangay
Salvacion, Busuanga

Dear Hon. Yala:

Greetings!

This pertains to the site investigation conducted by Ms. Alessa Anne S. Estorninos, Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officer of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, last 15 February 2023, regarding the seabed quarrying in Busuanga River.

Pursuant to Section 8 of DAO 2010-21 or the "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995" the *Local Government Units (LGUs) have a role to coordinate with the Department and Bureau in the implementation of the Act and these implementing rules and regulations in their respective jurisdictions.*

With this, we respectfully request your office for a **copy of the Minutes of the Meeting and other pertinent documents** in relation to the hearing held with the individuals apprehended due to seabed quarrying.

Rest assured that all information will only be used to support the ongoing investigation.

For your information and appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,


RODNEY G. VERIAN
OIC-CENRO, Coron



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APPROPRIATION FOR
ILLEGAL QUARRYING; HAWING
Gravel and Sand

Site: So. Loc. Brgy. Salvacion Barwanga
Palawan

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ROBERT MANONGGOL - R.

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ap o kasi rampant na po talaga ang illegal logging.

Chairman-Magkakaroon na po ng checkpoint dito sa atin sa papuntang Demegan at ang harap naman ay ang PMRB, at paimbitahan din natin sila Mr. Patric Panlilio at tayo ay mayroon taga timbre, at meron po tayong mga bisita na mga taga PMRB at si Mr. Arik Simproso ng Barangay San Isidro. Ito ay patungkol sa nangyari na ating pagkakahuli ng mga buhangin na diumanoy kay Mr. Simproso. Tulad ng pagtawag ko kay Kap Tess at si ABC ang nakasagot, ganon din sa mga taong naka assigned na wala din sumagot. Ito ay patungkol sa aktuwal na aming naaktohan at meron incident report kami na ginawa at at ang binanggit ay si Kgg. Simproso at 23 katao at 8 bangka ang aming naabutan, pero noong nag usap kami sabi niya ay 12 bangka ang kanyang inutusan at bawat 1 bangka ay kailangan 10 kubiko kasi ang kanilang project ay seawall, at dahil po sa walang courtesy sa barangay ang nangyari po ay nasita po namin sila. Ang sa panig po namin ay kailangan pong ma proteksyonan an gaming nasasakupan at ito po ay trabaho lamang at ang mga ganitong pangyayari ay kailangan ma i-report at si Kagawad Simproso daw ay nagbayad ng penalty, pero wala siyang maipakita sa amin na resibo.

Kap Tess- SA totoo lang hindi ko po alam ang nangyari, nasabon ko na silang lahat at since si Dave ang pinagkakatiwalaan namin sila ang magpapaliwanag

Mr. Dave- Request palang po ang binigay Friday po binigay

Kap Tess- Kelan kayo nagsimula?

Mr. Simproso- Friday lang po

Ka Tess- Ang sabi ay 3 araw na kayo naghahakot, nagbayad po ba kayo?

Mr. Simproso- Naghahabol kasi kami ng lalim ng dagat, ang error po talaga ay sa akin, ang ano ko po papadala nalang ang payment

Kap Tess- Nagmadali kayo ang request Friday ng hapon

Mr. Arik Simproso- Umaga po ang request, hapon po kami naghakot

Mr. Dave- Tanghali po ang request

Ka Tess- Nag umpisa siya Friday, kelan siya nagbigay ng bayad?

Mr. Dave- Friday po at binalik ko na po.

Kap Tess- Ang opisina ng PMRB ay hindi naghihigpit sa mga government projects, at iyong sa mga personal na gamit at iyon ay pinapapirmahan sa Kapitan at pina pa inspection ko sa tao namin kaya may monitoring team. SA pagbabayad dapat bago mag inspection ang bayad at bibigyan ng order of payment bago pa maghakot, at humihingi po ako ng pasensya in behalf ng mga kasama ko, malaking pagkakamali ng aming mga tao, I am very disappointed, and I am not tolerating action like that at sa nangyari may mga consequences, at si Mr. Simproso ay matagal ng mino-monitor. I don't have knowledge sa inyong operations, since nangyari na at hindi na kayo mapapayagan na maghakot doon sa inyong hinahakutan, at nagpapasalamat ako na inamin niyo din ang inyong pagkakamali. Ang inyong project ay government project pero namali kayo ng proseso, na confiscate po ba ang mga buhangin?

Chairman- Pinababa ko lang po.

Kap Tess-Confiscated na po iyon at hindi na dapat mabalik kay Mr. Simproso, at hindi na papayagan na kumuha ng buhangin sa Taberna kasi inaabuso dahil hindi dumadaan sa proseso, doon nalang papayagan sa mga applied area (Catil/Sariego), ang Taberna ay hindi na pwede at ang request ay dadaan sa barangay at pirmado ni Kap para magbigay galang sa barangay para ang PMRB at ang barangay ay hindi magkaroon ng hindi pagkakaunawaan. Hanap nalang ng ibang pagkukuhanan, mag uusap po kami ng aking mga staff kaya humihingi po ako ng paumanhin at ina -assure ko na hindi na mauuli, t at action be taken immediately sa nangyari. Ang may permit ay sa Dipuyai at si Fabia pero si Fabia ay hindi na allowed kasi wala siyang quarry permit at meron siya 30 cubic na stockpile hanggang doon lang bale 1 lang po ang meron. Naiintindihan naming kaya na accommodate naming pero simula sa araw na ito ang Taberna ay hindi na pwede at sa applied area nila Catil at Sariego at magpaalam. Ang importante sa amin ay magpadala ng request at pirmado ni Kap at magbayad sa office at inspection namin bago maghakot. Pinapayagan din naming mangilan ngilan para sa pagpapagawa ng bahay kaya nagbibigay kami ng humanitarian consideration, at iyong buhangin na nakuha ay hindi na ibibigay sa inyo.

Mr. Simproso- Error po talaga naming naghahabol po kasi kami sa lalim ng dagat

Kgg. Bacuel- Hindi po ako nakasama sa apprehension pero nasaktan po talaga ako kasi hindi po rason na naghahabol po tayo, dapat kung meron kayong kakatukin kumatok kayo at sana maging aral po sa lahat at respeto din po.

Kap Tess- Wala pong bayad ang respeto

Kgg. Vizcarra- Iyong Taberna Steel Bridge totally ban na talaga

Kap Tess- Opo, kasi malapad na po talaga at hindi rin matibay, at wag na po natin ayagan, doon nalang po sa mga applied area kasi dapat gitna po kumukuha hindi gilid.

Chairman-Isinasaalang alang natin ang humanitarian consideration, hindi po tayo nagbabawal ang sa amin lang respeto, ang buhangin nasa barangay namin at iyong mga kumukuha dito rin lang sa amin, ang masakit sa amin ang mga kumukuha hindi mga taga amin, ang sa amin po ay respeto lang po at iyong humanitarian consideration ay hindi natin puputulin

Kap Tess- Iyong sa Taberna, pero inspeksyonin po muna naming pero mag limit lang po tayo mga 5-10 cubic at iyong sa simbahan/chapel ay libre at pirmado po ng barangay pati ang sa sementery request lang po at dapat dadaan po talaga sa barangay

(Napagkasunduan sa Biyernes 3:00 ng hapon magkakaroon ng inspection barangay at PMRB at ang buhangin ay gagamitin ng barangay)

Kap Tess- Nagpapasalamat ako sa barangay sa pagiging vigilant at pasensya po sa nangyari

Kgg. Ferrer- AT nabanggit po ang humanitarian consideration unahin po ba

Kap Tess- Mauna po tayo kasi gusto ko Makita para mapagbigyan ko ang humanitarian consideration

Kgg. Catiil- SA pagkakahuli kay Kagawad Simproso, at nauna ang paghakot sa request ang pinakaugat po doon ay ang hindi pagdaan sa proseso. Ang pinaka reason naman namin dahil sa pag protekta sa aming ilog kasi baka magbaha kami din po ang apektado, at iyong sa humanitarian consideration kasi naabuso po kasi ang kanilang kinukuha ay pang negosyo po talaga, huwag lang po sana natin kalimutan na ang Taberna po ay naabuso at bugbog na po baka po pwede pagpahingahin muna.

Kap Tess-Ang Taberna ay sinara namin iyon dahil sa Busuanga Cruise kaya lang hindi nag prosper kaya napagbigyan natin ang mga taga SALvacion. Tingnan muna natin ang Taberna at kung Makita natin na hindi na pwede, kailangan po ay ma inspection natin at magbibigay ako ng instruction para hindi makadagdag ng erosion.

Kgg. Vizcarra- Kung mapagbigyan ang humanitarian consideration dapat mga taga salvacion lang o.

Chairman- IYong sa ibang barangay dapat doon sa mga applied area

Kgg. Catiil- Clarification po doon sa request form

Kap Tess- Request letter at noted po ng Kapitan, ang pagpayag ay hindi sa kamay ng barangay, nasa opisina naming, ang amin po ay pagbibigay ng respeto sa barangay, pwede din na hindi ko gawin kaya lang kailangan po namin ma respeto ang barangay kaya pinapapirmahan sa kapitan para malaman din ng barangay na mayroon movement.

Kgg. Bacuel- Ang Barangay SALvacion ay mahigpit pero nasa kamay ng PMRB pa din, pero sa susunod sumunod po tayo sa protocol.

Chairman- SA mga nakaraan wala po tayong sinita at tama po ang ating ginawa, wala pong ibang intention kundi protektahan an gating barangay at ginagawa lang natin ang mandato sa atin, sa muli maraming salamat po sa inyong pagtugon, antayin nalang po naming kayo sa Biyernes, resume tayo sa ating mga agenda

Kgg. Catiil- Pina agenda ko ang sa curfew at iyong mga kabataan na nagpapaharurot at nagmumurahan pa, ano po ang ating strategy?

Chairman- An gating tanod ay hanggang 12 lang at nag IEC na po tayo sa High school

Kgg. Catiil- Ang mga tanod po alam po natin na sila ay naga ronda, ang sa akin po ano po ang mga gagawin natin kasi hindi na sila pinapakinggan

Chairman- Kung gusto niyo ma experience ang pag ronda welcome po ang lahat

Kgg. Ferrer- Ang hinihingi po ay strategy maganda sana kung meron wangwang

Kgg. Vizcarra- Maabisuhan natin ang mga tindahan na wag na magpa benta pag dis oras nan g gabi

Kgg. Mayo- Actually maganda poi yon at matagal na po natin ginagawa

Kgg. Catiil- Ang routine natin ay hindi na sapat

Kgg. Ferrer- Ang WPU at Elem ay pwede natin mapuntahan

Kgg. Catiil- Sk Bilang kabataan magkaroon kayo ng programa, mag schedule nalang tayo sa WPU at kung pwede mag set tayo ng committee meeting.

Wala nang pinag usapan ang konseho ang pulong ay natapos sa ganap na ika 12:15 ng umaga.

Kgg. Victorio L. Bacuel -Moved the session be adjourned

Kgg. Ismael R. Mayo -Seconded the motion

Pinatotohanan ko ang kawastohan ng
katitikan

MA. FATIMA G. LIBARRA
Secretary to the Sangguniang

Pinagtibay:

Kgg. JOSEPH A. FERRER
Sangguniang Barangay Member

Kgg. VICTORIO L. BACUEL
Sangguniang Barangay Member

Kgg. RUBEN A. VIZCARRA
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Kgg. RICKY HERMAN O. MAYO
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Kgg. JESSAMINE MAY L. CATIIL
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Kgg. IMELDA R. MANTANA
Sangguniang Barangay Member

Kgg. SAMLA ARAZA
SK Chairman

Inaprobahan:

Kgg. HENRY O. YALA
Punong Barangay



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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE
Coron, Palawan

January 30, 2023

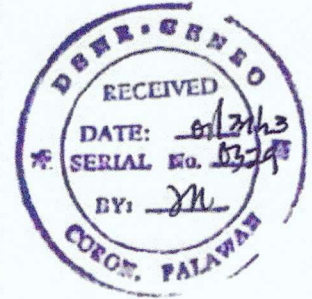
MEMORANDUM

FOR : **RODNEY G. VERIAN**
OIC-CENRO
CORON, PALAWAN

THRU : **QUERUBIN G. QUINTANA**
FORESTER II
OIC-Chief, MES

FROM : FTI – Patrick Israel T. Panlilio

SUBJECT : **INCIDENT REPORT REGARDING ILLEGAL QUARRYING
LOCATED AT SO. LOD BARANGAY SALVACION, BUSUANGA
PALAWAN.**



On Sunday around 3:33 pm of January 29, 2023, I was called to assist in apprehension of illegal quarrying activities, I immediately seek advice from the MGB personnel formerly assigned in CENRO Coron. I was advised to collect the names of the accused and to seize the evidence and conveyances if any I then instantly relay the information to apprehending barangay officials.

According to them, On Sunday 2:30 pm of January 29, 2023, the barangay officials caught individuals listed hereunder quarrying and hauling gravel and sand at So. Lod, Barangay Salvacion Busuanga Palawan without permit or any documents allowing them to do so.

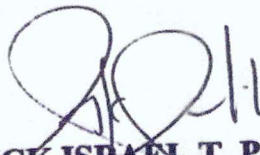
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- Aurelio Dabuit
- Manuel Dabuit
- Carlo Dabuit
- Benjie Bal Dabuit
- Gerson Cabudac
- Tubie Zamar
- Melvin Dabuit

- Jerico Manonggol
- Felife Manonggol
- Ronald Manonggol
- Robert Manonggol
- Raymark Santiago
- Remuel Dabuit
- Marlon Dabuit

- Elmer Dabuit
- Ed Espaniol
- Alvin Simacio
- Gelacio Dabuit
- Jimmy Macanas
- Lemuel Abina
- Remuel Flores
- Rio Abina

For information and record.



PATRICK ISRAEL T. PANLILIO
Forest Technician I

Section 116. Illegally-sourced minerals/mineral products are those which are mined, extracted, removed and/or disposed of without authority or permit under existing mining laws, rules, and regulations.

Hence, all river quarrying activities in Barangay Salvacion are hereby ordered to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** until the required permit/s are secured from the proper authority. Any violations of the preceding actions will warrant the following penalties and liabilities under Section 103 of the same administrative order:

Section 103. Theft of Minerals. - Any person extracting minerals and disposing the same without a mining agreement, lease, permit, license, or steals minerals or ores or the products thereof from mines or mills or processing plants shall, upon conviction, be imprisoned from six (6) months to six (6) years or pay a fine from Ten thousand pesos (P10,000.00) to Twenty thousand pesos (P20,000.00), or both, at the discretion of the appropriate court. In addition, he shall be liable to pay damages and compensation for the minerals removed, extracted, and disposed of.

In view of the preceding, the Barangay is advised to strictly monitor sand and gravel activities in accordance with the powers, duties, and function of the Barangay Chief Executive as stipulated in Section 389 (b), Item. No. 9 of the RA No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991:

(9) Enforce laws and regulations relating to pollution control and protection of the environment.

Please be guided accordingly.

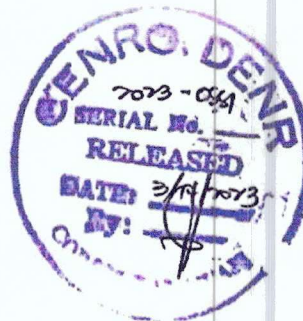
Thank you.

Sincerely yours,


EDWIN I. CAC
OIC, Assistant CENR Officer
DMO IV

cc: **The Regional Director**
Mines and Geosciences Bureau
MIMAROPA Region

The PENRO and PMRB Chairperson
Provincial Environment and Natural Resources
Provincial Government of Palawan





10 March 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Coron, Palawan

FROM : The Undersigned

SUBJECT : **SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED RIVER QUARRYING OPERATIONS ALONG BUSUANGA RIVER, SO. LOD, BARANGAY SALVACION, BUSUANGA, PALAWAN**

Under Travel Order No. 2023-002, the undersigned conducted a site investigation last 15 February 2023 in So. Lod, Brgy. Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan. This is in response to the incident report regarding illegal quarrying in Busuanga River, dated 30 January 2023, from Patrick Israel T. Panlilio, Forest Technician I, of CENRO-Coron.

Background Information

Based on the report, 22 individuals were caught quarrying and hauling sand and gravel without a permit in Busuanga River last 29 January 2023. The report also included the names of the apprehended individuals. The individuals claimed that a certain "Hilario Simproso", a barangay kagawad of Brgy. San Isidro has ordered them to quarry in the said location.

Purpose and Scope

The undersigned conducted the fieldwork to investigate the river quarrying operations further. The investigation includes an ocular inspection of the site, photo documentation, a verbal interview with the said individuals, and apprehension, if necessary.

Findings and Observations

1. The subject area is along Busuanga River, So. Lod, Brgy. Salvacion, Busuanga. It is geographically situated at $12^{\circ}9'10"N$, $119^{\circ}56'9"E$. It is approximately 55.3 kilometers from CENRO, which is reachable by an hour of motorcycle ride (Figure 1).

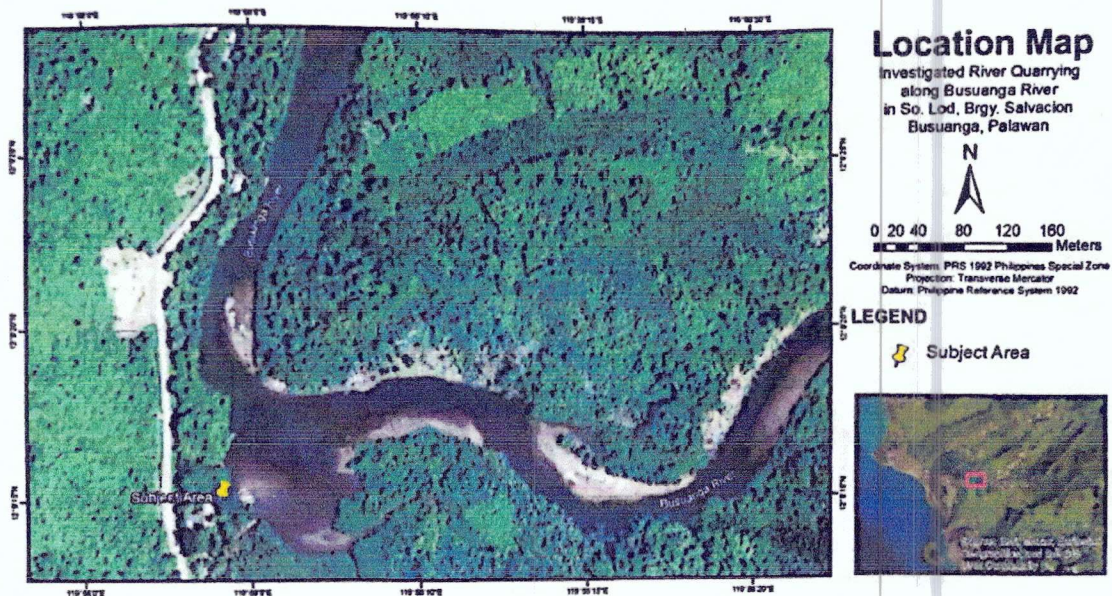


Figure 1. Location map of the investigated river quarrying along Busuanga River, So. Lod, Brgy. Salvacion, Busuanga, Palawan.

2. At the subject area, three (3) individuals were seen assembling a raft or *balsa*. The raft is approximately 5 meters by 3 meters (**Photo 1**). The raft can hold 50 sacks of 10 cu. m. river aggregates.
3. The undersigned interviewed Mr. Ivan Pastor regarding the transaction regarding the buying and selling of the river aggregates. He mentioned that interested residents contact them to buy a certain amount of aggregates sold for Php 1,500 per cubic meter. Before quarrying, they go to the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) to request to conduct river quarrying through an "Order of Payment (OP)" which amounts to Php 250.00 per cubic meter.
4. The undersigned requested a copy of the OP, but Mr. Pastor mentioned that they don't get any receipts upon payment. He also stated that the OP is paid as a violation or penalty because they conduct river quarrying without a permit.
5. Mr. Pastor disclosed that the collected aggregates are only for household use, wherein an average of 5 to 10 cu. m. is utilized per household. He emphasized that they do not provide any aggregates to big construction projects.
6. The undersigned proceeded to the Barangay Hall of Brgy. Salvacion and met with Hon. Henry G. Yala (**Photo 2**). According to Hon. Yala, a barangay hearing was held among the barangay officials, apprehended individuals, Mr. Arik Simproso, and the PMRB for further investigation and resolution.
7. The undersigned requested a copy of the Minutes of the Meeting through a letter dated 20 February 2023, to gather more information on the matter.
8. The undersigned secured a copy of the apprehension report (**Annex 1**) and the minutes of the meeting last 06 March 2023 (**Annex 2**).

Here are some points for the minutes of the meeting:

- 23 individuals were caught extracting aggregates from the river;
 - 8 rafts were seen in the subject area;
 - The aggregates will be used for the construction of the seawall;
 - No items were seized by the barangay;
 - According to Kap Tess of PMRB, they will no longer allow the extraction of aggregates in Taberna Steel Bridge. However, PMRB will allow such activities in applied areas of Catiil and Sariego; and
 - Before extracting, applicants must send a request to PMRB, secure a Barangay clearance, pay the corresponding amount based on the volume of aggregates to be extracted, and must be inspected first by PMRB officials.
9. Hon. Yala's concerns were that the PhP 250.00 should be paid to them instead of PMRB or at least receive their share from utilizing mineral resources for the development of their community.
10. Hon. Yala also wanted the subject area to be exclusive to Barangay Salvacion residents only and should not be quarried by neighboring barangays.
11. The undersigned advised Hon. Yala to prohibit river quarrying in Busuanga River as well as other water bodies under his jurisdiction since the extraction of earth materials without a permit is illegal. He was reminded to inform the individuals conducting such activities to secure a permit first with the appropriate offices.

Comments and Recommendations

1. The exact location where they extract aggregates and river depth were not determined by the undersigned. However, it is reiterated that the recommended guidelines for River Quarrying are the following:
 - Maintain a 10-meter buffer zone from the banks;
 - Avoid extraction below the water table (depth of extraction = 1 meter); and
 - Quarrying must not be carried out within 1 kilometer of any crucial hydraulic structure such as pumping stations, water intake, bridges, buildings, and such structures (unless a written consent from the concerned agency was secured).
2. As to the conduct of river quarrying without a permit, this violates Section 103 of the Republic Act 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

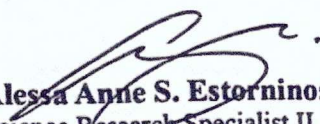
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Furthermore, the extracted materials are considered illegally sourced mineral/mineral products. Based on Section 116 Chapter XII of DAO 2010-21,

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3. To request PMRB to explain their transaction processes, "Order of Payment" for applicants, and how they approve the "humanitarian consideration" for individuals.
4. To issue a Cease-and-Desist Order for all river quarrying activities in Brgy. Salvacion until PMRB releases a formal resolution enumerating and adopting the existing transaction they have regarding river quarrying activities.
5. To conduct regular monitoring of Taberna Steel Bridge along Busuanga River by MGB and MES.

For your reference, record, and further instruction(s).



Alessa Anne S. Estorninos
Science Research Specialist II
MGB MIMAROPA – Embedded Personnel



Patrick Israel T. Panlilio
Forest Technician I
CENRO – Coron

Photo Documentation

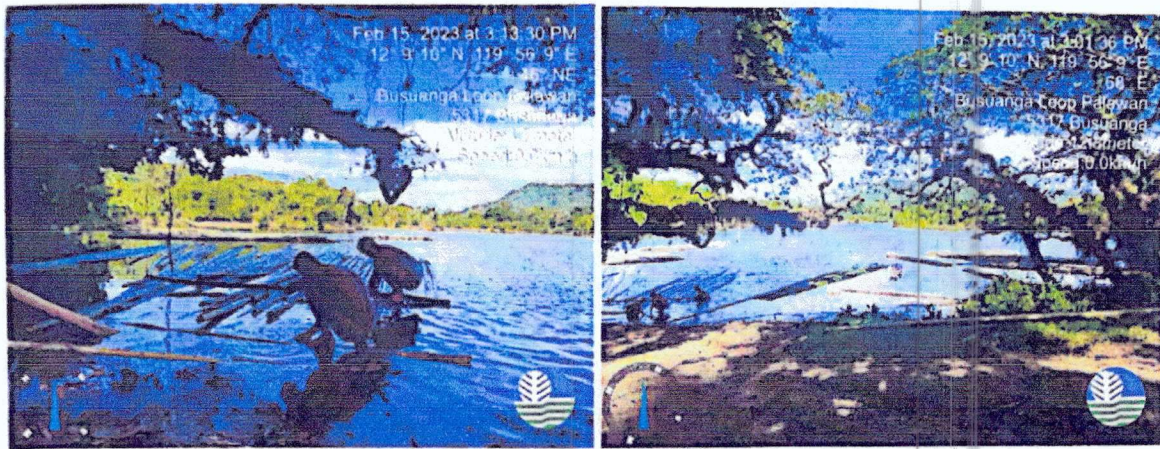


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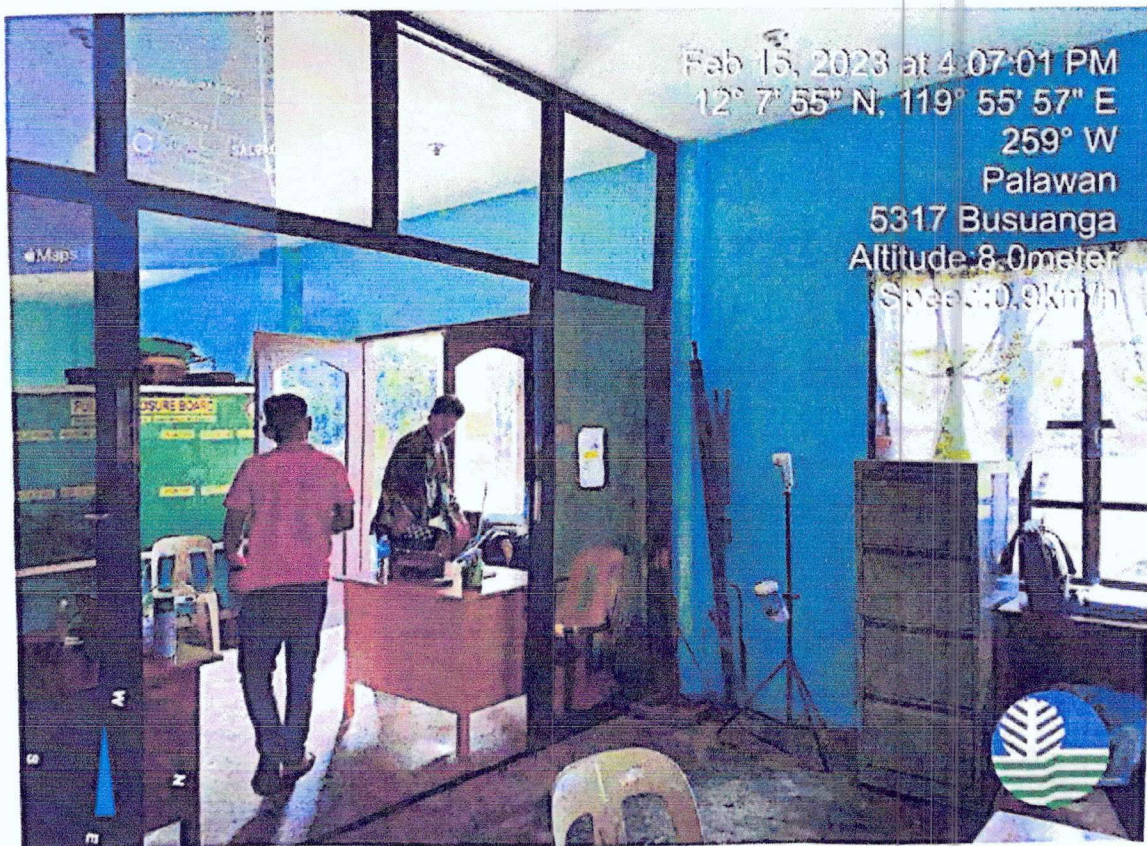


Photo 2. Meeting of the undersigned with Hon. Henry G. Yala.

APPREHENSION REPORT

ILLEGAL QUARRYING AND HAWLING

Date: January 21, 2023

Time: 2:30 PM

Site: So. Loc., Brgy. Salvacion Barwaga, Palawan

The individuals listed hereunder are caught quarrying and hawling gravel and sand at So. Loc. Barwaga Salvacion, Barwaga, Palawan without permit or any documents allowing them to do so and without the knowledge or proper consent to the Barwaga.

Upon questioning, they claim that a certain HILARIO SIMPSON, a barangay Kagawad of Barwaga San Isidro had contracted them to quarry and haul gravel and sand at the said location.

The individuals listed hereunder are from Brgy. San Isidro Barwaga, Palawan

ARIEL DABUT -

MANUEL DABUT -

CARLO DABUT -

BENTIE BAL DABUT -

GELMAN CABODAC -

TUBIE ZAMAR -

MELWIN DABUT -

VERICO MANONGGOL -

FILIFE MANONGGOL -

RONALD MANONGGOL -

ROBERT MANONGGOL -

RAYMAR SANTIAGO -

REMYEL DABUT -

MARLON DABUT -

ELMER DABUT -

ED ESPANOL -

ALVIN SIMACIO -

GELACIO DABUT -

JIMMY MACANG -

REMYEL FLORES -

RIO ARINA -

VIQNONGGOI



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na hanapbuhay, magkaroon ang tayo ng inventory ng ating mga puno, nakakaluma
 o kasi nasa po talaga ang illegal logging.

Chairman-Magkaroon na po ng checkpoint dito sa akin sa papuntang Damagan at ang
 harap naman ay ang PMRB, at palibot din natin si Mr. Patrick Parillo at tayo ay mayroon
 tayo timbre, at meron po tayong mga blota na mga taga PMRB at si Mr. Arif Simproso ng
 Barangay San Isidro. Ito ay pangatlo sa nangyari na ating pagkakataon ng mga buhangin na
 damaganay kay Mr. Simproso. Tulad ng pagtawag ko kay Kap Test at si ABC ang nakasagot,
 ganon din sa mga isang naka assign na wala din sumagot. Ito ay pangatlo sa aktohal na
 aming nakatohan at meron incident report kami na ginawa at si ang binanggit ay si Kgs.
 Simproso at 23 kaso at 8 banga ang aming nakatohan, pero noong nag usap kami sabi niya ay
 12 banga ang kanyang nakatohan at bawal 1 banga ay kailangan 10 kubit kasi ang kailang
 project ay masuwat, at dahil po sa walong courtney sa barangay ang nangyari po ay natin sa
 namin ita. Ang sa pangit na namin ay kailangan pong ma proteksiyon an gamit namakapan
 at ito po ay trabaho lamang at ang mga ginatong pangyayari ay kailangan ma i-report at si
 Kagsawad Simproso daw ay nagbayad ng penalty, pero wala siyang mapalita sa aming na reblo.

Kap Test- SA totoong lang hindi ko po alam ang nangyari, naman ko na siyang lahat at
 since si Dave ang pinagkakataonan namin ita ang magpapalumaning

Mr. Dave- Request paleng po ang binigay Friday po binigay
 Kap Test- Katan kayo nagmamala
 Mr. Simproso- Friday lang po
 Ka Test- Ang sabi ay 3 araw na kayo naghakot, nagbayad po ba kayo?
 Mr. Simproso- Naghabol kasi kami ng lalam ng dagat, ang error po talaga ay sa akin,
 ang ano ko po papalad nang ang payment

Kap Test- Nagmamala kayo ang request Friday ng hapon
 Mr. Arif Simproso- Umaga po ang request, hapon po kami naghakot
 Mr. Dave- Tanghal po ang request
 Ka Test- Neg umipis siya Friday, katan siya nagbigay ng bayad?
 Mr. Dave- Friday po at binalik ito na po.

Kap Test- Ang opina ng PMRB ay hindi naghihiwalay sa mga government projects, at
 iyong sa mga personal na gawali at iyon ay pinapalumaning sa Kapitlan at pina pa inspection ko
 sa tao namin kaya may monitoring team. SA pagbabayad dapat bago mag inspection, ang bayad
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 hindi na kayo mapapagyan na maghakot doon sa inyong hinahakutan, at nagpapalamat ako
 na namin niyo din ang inyong pagkakamali. Ang inyong project ay government project pero
 namali kayo ng proseso, na confiscate po ba ang mga buhangin?

Chairman- Pinababa ko lang po.

Kap Test- Confiscated na po iyon at hindi na dapat mabalik kay Mr. Simproso, at hindi na
 papayagan na kumaha ng buhangin sa Taberna kasi linaabuso dahil hindi dumadaan sa proseso,
 doon naling papayagan sa mga applied area (Cutt/Overlog), ang Taberna ay hindi na pwede at
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 ang PMRB at ang barangay ay hindi magkaroon ng hindi pagkakamali. Hinaap nating ng
 ibang pagkakataonan, mag usap po kami ng ating mga staff kaya humingi po ako ng
 pamilya natin at ita - assure ko na hindi na mauul, at action be taken immediately sa nangyari.
 Ang may permit ay sa Dipuyl at si Fable pero si Fable ay hindi na allowed kasi wala siyang
 quarry permit at meron siya 30 cubic na stockpile hanggang doon lang bala i lang po ang meron.
 Halinindihan nating kaya na accommodate nating pero simula sa araw na ito ang Taberna ay
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 nagbigay kami ng humanitarian consideration, at iyong buhangin na naka sa ay hindi na
 bibigay sa inyo.

Mr. Simproso- Error po talaga nating naghabol po kasi kami sa lalam ng dagat
 Kgs. Bacuel- Hindi po ako nakasama sa apprehension pero nakatan po talaga ako kasi
 hindi po rason na naghabol po tayo, dapat lung meron kayong kakatahan kumotok tayo at
 sana magag aral po sa lahat at respeto din po.

Kap Test- Wala pong bayad ang respeto
 Kgs. Victorio- Iyong Taberna shed Bridge totally ban na talaga

Kap Test- Opo, kasi malapad na po talaga at hindi rin matibay, at wag na po natin
 yagan, doon naling po sa mga applied area kasi dapat gina po kumuluha hindi gila.

Chairman- Inasasalang alang natin ang humanitarian consideration, hindi po tayo
 nagbabawal ang sa aming lang respeto, ang buhangin nasa barangay namin at iyong mga
 kumuluha dito rin lang sa aming, ang masakit sa aming ang mga kumuluha hindi mga taga
 aming lang sa aming po ay respeto lang po at iyong humanitarian consideration ay hindi natin
 puputulin

Kap Test- Iyong sa Taberna, pero inspeksiyonin po muna nating pero mag limit lang po
 tayo mga 5-10 cubic at iyong sa sinubay/thapel ay libre at pirmado po ng barangay pati ang sa
 samantary request lang po at dapat dadaan po talaga sa barangay
 (Nagpapalumaning sa Byernes 3:00 ng hapon magkaroon ng inspection barangay at
 PMRB at ang buhangin ay gaganin ng barangay)

Kap Test- Nagpapalamat ako sa barangay sa pagbigay ng permit at pamilya po sa
 nangyari

Kgs. Ferrer- AT nangyari po ang humanitarian consideration unahin po be
 Kap Test- Muna po tayo kasi guto ko Makita para magbigay ko ang humanitarian
 consideration

Kgs. Catili- SA pagkakataon kay Kagsawad Simproso, at nasa ang paghakot sa request ang
 pinakaugap po doon ay ang hindi pagdagan sa proseso. Ang pinaka reason naman namin dahil sa
 pag protekta sa aming ilog kasi baka magbaha kami din po ang apeltado, at iyong sa
 humanitarian consideration kasi nabuho po kasi ang kailang kinakita ay pang negosyo po
 talaga, huwag lang po sana natin kalimutan na ang Taberna po ay nabuho at buhog na po
 baka po pwede pagbabigayin muna.

Kap Test- Ang Taberna ay sinara namin iyon dahil sa buwanang Crude kaya lang hindi nag
 prosper kaya nagbigay natin ang mga taga SAriego. Tingnan muna natin ang Taberna at
 kung Makita natin na hindi na pwede, kailangan po ay ma inspection natin at magbigay ako
 ng instruction para hindi makadagdag ng erosion.

Kgs. Victorio- Kung magpapalayan ang humanitarian consideration dapat mga taga
 salvation lang o.

Chairman- Iyong sa ibang barangay dapat doon sa mga applied area

Kgs. Catili- Clarification po doon sa request form

Kap Test- Request letter at noted po ng Kapitlan, ang pagbigay ay hindi sa kumay ng
 barangay, nasa opina nating, ang aming po ay pagbigay ng respeto sa barangay, pwede din
 na hindi ko gawin kaya lang kailangan po namin na respeto lang barangay kaya pinapalumaning
 sa kapitlan para naman din ng barangay na mayroon movement.

Kgs. Bacuel- Ang Barangay SAriego ay mahigpit pero nasa kumay ng PMRB po din,
 pero sa sunod sunod po tayo sa protocol.

Chairman- SA mga nakaraan wala po tayong dinila at tama po ang ating ginawa, wala
 pong ibang intention kundi proteksiyon an galing barangay at ginagawa lang natin ang mandato
 sa akin, sa mull maraming alamat po sa inyong pagtugon, intayin nating po nating kayo sa
 Byernes, resume tayo sa ating mga agenda

Kgs. Catili- Pina agenda ko ang sa curfew at iyong mga kabataan na nagpapaharurot at
 nagmumurahon pa, ano po ang ating strategy?

Chairman- An getting tenod ay hanggang 12 lang at nag IEC na po tayo sa High school

Kgs. Catili- Ang mga tenod po alam po natin na ita ay naga ronda, ang sa akin po ano
 po ang mga ginawin natin kasi hindi na ita pinapaligiran

Chairman- Kung guto nyo na experience ang pag ronda welcome po ang lahat

Kgs. Ferrer- Ang hinhi po ay strategy maganda sana kung meron walong

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Kgs. Catili- Si Bilang kabataan magkaroon kayo ng programs, mag schedule nating tayo
 sa WPU at kung pwede mag at tayo ng committee meeting.

Wala nang ping usapan ang konseho ang pakong ay natapos sa ganap na ita

12:15 ng umaga

Kgs. Victorio L. Bacuel - Moved the session be adjourned

Kgs. Idrad R. Mayo - Seconded the motion

Pinatotohanan ko ang kawastohan ng
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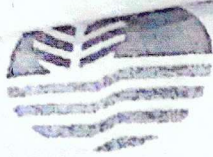
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 Sangguniang Barangay Member

Kgs. JAMES ARAZA
 SK Chairman

Inaprobahan:

Kgs. HENRY G. YALA
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Annex 2. Minutes of the Meeting.



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20 February 2023

Hon. Henry G. Yala
Punong Barangay
Salvacion, Busuanga

Dear Hon. Yala:

Greetings!

This pertains to the site investigation conducted by Ms. Alessa Anne S. Estorninos, Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officer of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, last 15 February 2023, regarding the seabed quarrying in Busuanga River.

Pursuant to Section 8 of DAO 2010-21 or the "Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. 7942, otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995" the *Local Government Units (LGUs) have a role to coordinate with the Department and Bureau in the implementation of the Act and these implementing rules and regulations in their respective jurisdictions.*

With this, we respectfully request your office for a **copy of the Minutes of the Meeting and other pertinent documents** in relation to the hearing held with the individuals apprehended due to seabed quarrying.

Rest assured that all information will only be used to support the ongoing investigation.

For your information and appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,


RODNEY G. VERIAN
OIC-CENRO, Coron



Received by:
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2/21/2023
2:47 p.m.

Date: January 21, 2023
Time: 2:30 PM

APPROPRIATION (CIVIL)
ILLEGAL QUARRYING; HAWKING
GRAVEL AND SAND

Site: So. Loh, Bgy. Silvacion Bawanga
Palawan

The individuals listed hereunder are caught quarrying and hauling gravel and sand at So. Loh, Barangay Silvacion Bawanga, Palawan without permit or any documents allowing them to do so and without the knowledge or proper consent to the Barangay.

Upon questioning, they claim that a certain HILARIO SIMPROSO, a barangay Kagawad of Barangay San Isidro had contracted them to quarry and haul gravel and sand at the said location.

The individuals listed hereunder are from Bgy. San Isidro Bawanga, Palawan

ARUELIO DABUT -

MANUEL DABUT -

CARLO DABUT -

BENTIE BAL DABUT -

GERMAN CABODAC -

TUBIE ZAMAR -

MELWIN DABUT -

JERICO MANONGGOL -

FILIFE MANONGGOL -

RONALD MANONGGOL -

ROBERT MANONGGOL -

RAYMARK SANTIAGO -

REMUEL DABUT -

MARLON DABUT -

ELMER DABUT -

ED ESPANOL -

ALVIN SIMACIO -

GELACIO DABUT -

JIMMY MACANG -

REMUEL FLORES -

RIO ARINA -

VIQNONGGOL

ap o kasi rampant na po talaga ang illegal logging.

Chairman-Magkakaroon na po ng checkpoint dito sa atin sa papuntang Demegán at ang harap naman ay ang PMRB, at paimbitahan din natin sila Mr. Patric Panlilio at tayo ay mayroon taga timbre, at meron po tayong mga bisita na mga taga PMRB at si Mr. Arik Simproso ng Barangay San Isidro. Ito ay patungkol sa nangyari na ating pagkakahuli ng mga buhangin na diumanoy kay Mr. Simproso. Tulad ng pagtawag ko kay Kap Tess at si ABC ang nakasagot, ganon din sa mga taong naka assigned na wala din sumagot. Ito ay patungkol sa aktuwal na aming naaktohan at meron incident report kami na ginawa at at ang binanggit ay si Kgg. Simproso at 23 katao at 8 bangka ang aming naabutan, pero noong nag usap kami sabi niya ay 12 bangka ang kanyang inutusan at bawat 1 bangka ay kailangan 10 kubiko kasi ang kanilang project ay seawall, at dahil po sa walang courtesy sa barangay ang nangyari po ay nasita po namin sila. Ang sa panig po namin ay kailangan pong ma proteksyonan an gaming nasasakupan at ito po ay trabaho lamang at ang mga ganitong pangyayari ay kailangan ma i-report at si Kagawad Simproso daw ay nagbayad ng penalty, pero wala siyang maipakita sa amin na resibo.

Kap Tess- SA totoo lang hindi ko po alam ang nangyari, nasabon ko na silang lahat at since si Dave ang pinagkakatiwalaan namin sila ang magpapaliwanag

Mr. Dave- Request palang po ang binigay Friday po binigay

Kap Tess- Kelan kayo nagsimula?

Mr. Simproso- Friday lang po

Ka Tess- Ang sabi ay 3 araw na kayo naghahakot, nagbayad po ba kayo?

Mr. Simproso- Naghahabol kasi kami ng lalim ng dagat, ang error po talaga ay sa akin, ang ano ko po papadala nalang ang payment

Kap Tess- Nagmadali kayo ang request Friday ng hapon

Mr. Arik Simproso- Umaga po ang request, hapon po kami naghakot

Mr. Dave- Tanghali po ang request

Ka Tess- Nag umpisa siya Friday, kelan siya nagbigay ng bayad?

Mr. Dave- Friday po at binalik ko na po.

Kap Tess- Ang opisina ng PMRB ay hindi naghihigpit sa mga government projects, at iyong sa mga personal na gamit at iyon ay pinapapirmahan sa Kapitan at pina pa inspection ko sa tao namin kaya may monitoring team. SA pagbabayad dapat bago mag inspection ang bayad at bibigyan ng order of payment bago pa maghakot, at humihingi po ako ng pasensya in behalf ng mga kasama ko, malaking pagkakamali ng aming mga tao, I am very disappointed, and I am not tolerating action like that at sa nangyari may mga consequences, at si Mr. Simproso ay matagal ng mino-monitor. I don't have knowledge sa inyong operations, since nangyari na at hindi na kayo mapapayagan na maghakot doon sa inyong hinahakutan, at nagpapasalamat ako na inamin niyo din ang inyong pagkakamali. Ang inyong project ay government project pero namali kayo ng proseso, na confiscate po ba ang mga buhangin?

Chairman- Pinababa ko lang po.

Kap Tess-Confiscated na po iyon at hindi na dapat mabalik kay Mr. Simproso, at hindi na papayagan na kumuha ng buhangin sa Taberna kasi inaabuso dahil hindi dumadaan sa proseso, doon nalang papayagan sa mga applied area (Catiil/Sariego), ang Taberna ay hindi na pwede at ang request ay dadaan sa barangay at pirmado ni Kap para magbigay galang sa barangay para ang PMRB at ang barangay ay hindi magkaroon ng hindi pagkakaunawaan. Hanap nalang ng ibang pagkukuhanan, mag uusap po kami ng aking mga staff kaya humihingi po ako ng paumanhin at ina-assure ko na hindi na mauuli, t at action be taken immediately sa nangyari. Ang may permit ay sa Dipuyai at si Fabia pero si Fabia ay hindi na allowed kasi wala siyang quarry permit at meron siya 30 cubic na stockpile hanggang doon lang bale 1 lang po ang meron. Naliintindihan naming kaya na accommodate naming pero simula sa araw na ito ang Taberna ay hindi na pwede at sa applied area nila Catiil at Sariego at magpaalam. Ang importante sa amin ay magpadala ng request at pirmado ni Kap at magbayad sa office at inspection namin bago maghakot. Pinapayagan din naming mangilan ngilan para sa pagpapagawa ng bahay kaya nagbibigay kami ng humanitarian consideration, at iyong buhangin na nakuha ay hindi na ibibigay sa inyo.

Mr. Simproso- Error po talaga naming naghahabol po kasi kami sa lalim ng dagat

Kgg. Bacuel- Hindi po ako nakasama sa apprehension pero nasaktan po talaga ako kasi hindi po rason na naghahabol po tayo, dapat kung meron kayong kakatukin kumatok kayo at sana maging aral po sa lahat at respeto din po.

Kap Tess- WALa pong bayad ang respeto

Kgg. Vizcarra- Iyong Taberna Steel Bridge totally ban na talaga

Kap Tess- Opo, kasi malapad na po talaga at hindi rin matibay, at wag na po natin ayagan, doon nalang po sa mga applied area kasi dapat gitna po kumukuha hindi gilid.

Chairman-Isinasaalang alang natin ang humanitarian consideration, hindi po tayo nagbabawal ang sa amin lang respeto, ang buhangin nasa barangay namin at iyong mga kumukuha dito rin lang sa amin, ang masakit sa amin ang mga kumukuha hindi mga taga amin, ang sa amin po ay respeto lang po at iyong humanitarian consideration ay hindi natin puputulin

Kap Tess- Iyong sa Taberna, pero inspeksyonin po muna naming pero mag limit lang po tayo mga 5-10 cubic at iyong sa simbahan/chapel ay libre at pirmado po ng barangay pati ang sa sementery request lang po at dapat dadaan po talaga sa barangay

(Napagkasunduan sa Biyernes 3:00 ng hapon magkakaroon ng inspection barangay at PMRB at ang buhangin ay gagamitin ng barangay)

Kap Tess- Nagpapasalamat ako sa barangay sa pagiging vigilant at pasensya po sa nangyari

Kgg. Ferrer- AT nabanggit po ang humanitarian consideration unahin po ba

Kap Tess- Mauna po tayo kasi gusto ko Makita para mapagbigyan ko ang humanitarian consideration

Kgg. Catiil- SA pagkakahuli kay Kagawad Simproso, at nauna ang paghakot sa request ang pinakaugat po doon ay ang hindi pagdaan sa proseso. Ang pinaka reason naman namin dahil sa pag protekta sa aming ilog kasi baka magbaha kami din po ang apektado, at iyong sa humanitarian consideration kasi naabuso po kasi ang kanilang kinukuha ay pang negosyo po talaga, huwag lang po sana natin kalimutan na ang Taberna po ay naabuso at bugbog na po baka po pwede pagpahingahin muna.

Kap Tess-Ang Taberna ay sinara namin iyon dahil sa Busuanga Cruise kaya lang hindi nag prosper kaya napagbigyan natin ang mga taga SALvacion. Tingnan muna natin ang Taberna at kung Makita natin na hindi na pwede, kailangan po ay ma inspection natin at magbibigay ako ng instruction para hindi makadagdag ng erosion.

Kgg. Vizcarra- Kung mapagbigyan ang humanitarian consideration dapat mga taga salvacion lang o.

Chairman- IYong sa ibang barangay dapat doon sa mga applied area

Kgg. Catiil- Clarification po doon sa request form

Kap Tess- Request letter at noted po ng Kapitan, ang pagpayag ay hindi sa kamay ng barangay, nasa opisina naming, ang amin po ay pagbibigay ng respeto sa barangay, pwede din na hindi ko gawin kaya lang kailangan po namin ma respeto ang barangay kaya pinapapirmahan sa kapitan para malaman din ng barangay na mayroon movement.

Kgg. Bacuel- Ang Barangay SALvacion ay mahigpit pero nasa kamay ng PMRB pa din, pero sa susunod sumunod po tayo sa protocol.

Chairman- SA mga nakaraan wala po tayong sinita at tama po ang ating ginawa, wala pong ibang intention kundi protektahan an gating barangay at ginagawa lang natin ang mandato sa atin, sa muli maraming salamat po sa inyong pagtugon, antayin nalang po naming kayo sa Biyernes, resume tayo sa ating mga agenda

Kgg. Catiil- Plna agenda ko ang sa curfew at iyong mga kabataan na nagpapaharurot at nagmumurahan pa, ano po ang ating strategy?

Chairman- An gating tanod ay hanggang 12 lang at nag IEC na po tayo sa High school

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Chairman- Kung gusto niyo ma experience ang pag ronda welcome po ang lahat

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Wala nang pinag usapan ang konseho ang pulong ay natapos sa ganap na ika 12:15 ng umaga.

Kgg. Victorio L. Bacuel -Moved the session be adjourned

Kgg. Ismael R. Mayo -Seconded the motion

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January 30, 2023

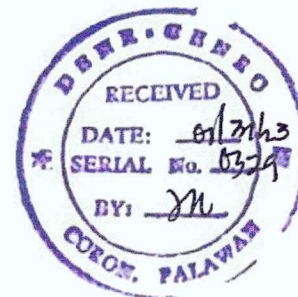
MEMORANDUM

FOR : **RODNEY G. VERIAN**
OIC-CENRO
CORON, PALAWAN

THRU : **QUERUBIN G. QUINTANA**
FORESTER II
OIC-Chief, MES

FROM : FTI – Patrick Israel T. Panlilio

SUBJECT : ***INCIDENT REPORT REGARDING ILLEGAL QUARRYING
LOCATED AT SO. LOD BARANGAY SALVACION, BUSUANGA
PALAWAN.***



On Sunday around 3:33 pm of January 29, 2023, I was called to assist in apprehension of illegal quarrying activities, I immediately seek advice from the MGB personnel formerly assigned in CENRO Coron. I was advised to collect the names of the accused and to seize the evidence and conveyances if any I then instantly relay the information to apprehending barangay officials.

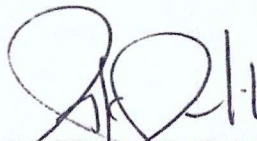
According to them, On Sunday 2:30 pm of January 29, 2023, the barangay officials caught individuals listed hereunder quarrying and hauling gravel and sand at So. Lod, Barangay Salvacion Busuanga Palawan without permit or any documents allowing them to do so.

Upon questioning, they claim that a certain Hilario Simproso, a barangay kagawad of Barangay San Isidro had contracted them quarry and haul gravel and sand at the said location.

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| • Manuel Dabuit | • Felife Manonggol |
| • Carlo Dabuit | • Ronald Manonggol |
| • Benjie Bal Dabuit | • Robert Manonggol |
| • Gerson Cabudac | • Raymark Santiago |
| • Tubie Zamar | • Remuel Dabuit |
| • Melvin Dabuit | • Marlon Dabuit |

- Elmer Dabuit
- Ed Espaniol
- Alvin Simacio
- Gelacio Dabuit
- Jimmy Macanas
- Lemuel Abina
- Remuel Flores
- Rio Abina

For information and record.



PATRICK ISRAEL T. PANLILIO
Forest Technician I