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**MEMORANDUM**

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

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

**SUBJECT :** **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD  
ASSESSMENT IN EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE  
PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA) EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

Respectfully forwarded is the Memorandum dated March 3, 2023 of the CENRO Taytay, Palawan re: the accomplishment report on activity per WFP El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA).

This serves as **Means of Verification (MoV)** for target activities of 2023.

For information and record.

  
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March 3, 2023

MEMORANDUM

BY: [Signature]  
DATE: 03-04-2023 CN 23-2416

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer- Palawan  
FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer  
SUBJECT : **ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT ON ACTIVITY PER WFP  
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA)**

<b>Activity:</b> Green Fins Implementation within demonstration sites of pilot region				
<b>Performance Indicator:</b> Number of dive or snorkel shops/operators assessed on green fins environmental risk assessment				
<b>Frequency of submission:</b> Twelve (12) memo report with attachments endorsed to PENRO				
<b>Current submission:</b> Memo report of Protected Area Superintendent/SvEMS Mildred A. Suza dated February 22, 2023 (CN 1376 in the eDATS) submitting the report on Green Fins activities for Protected Area Management Office of El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA).				
<b>Attachment:</b> 1. Memo report of FT I Mary Ann D. Bulacan dated February 15, 2023 and FT II Precy O. Obrique dated February 16, 2023. 2. Photo documentation 3. Assessment Report (2 pages)				
<b>Gender &amp; Development (GaD) data</b>	Male = 7	Female = 4	LGBTQ+ = 0	Prefer not to say = 0
<b>Age Grouping</b>	60 and above	18-59	17 and below	TOTAL
	0	11	0	11
<b>Environmental Management System (EMS Compliance)</b>	✓ Compliant to 5S 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)			

**Instruction:** PAMO is hereby reminded that the MOVs for Green Fins is the number of dive or snorkel shops/operators assessed with assessment report each for a total of twelve (12) and completed up to 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of CY 2023.

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

**DENR CENRO  
TAYTAY, PALAWAN  
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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 CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD ASSESSMENT IN EL NIDO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA (ENTMRPA) EL NIDO, PALAWAN**

DENR CENRO  
TAYTAY, PALAWAN  
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DATE 2.28.23 BY BJV

Respectfully forwarded is the reports of Green Fins Assessors Ms. Mary Ann D. Bulacan and Ms. Precy M. Obrique dated February 15 and 16, 2023 pertaining to the target 001 Green Fins Implementation- conduct of assessment of dive/ snorkel operators.

Please be informed that the Green Fins Assessor conducted on-board assessment on the following travel and tours together with their assessment score, to wit;

No.	Name of Travel and Tour	Assessment Score	Date of Assessment
1	Life Simple Pleasure Travel and Tours	156	February 8, 2023
2	Tarawis El Nido Islands Tours	135	February 8, 2023

Be informed further that the assessors conducted the feedbacking session and discussed the findings with the owner/ manager including the three (3) action points for improvement to help them gain lower scores in the future which indicates lower environmental impact to the environment.

This serves as Means of Verification (MOV).

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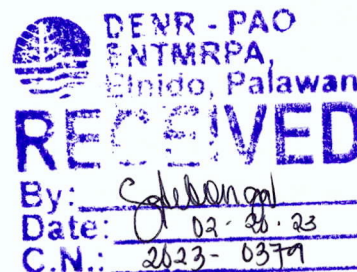
February 15, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Protected Area Superintendent  
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area  
El Nido, Palawan

FROM : Green Fins Assessor

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD  
ASSESSMENT OF LIFE SIMPLE PLEASURE TRAVEL AND  
TOURS**



This pertains to our target activity on the conduct of the assessment of dive/snorkel operators (monitors the performance/compliance of dive centers/resort owners to GF) for El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA), El Nido, Palawan. Please be informed that this Office conducted Green Fins on-board assessment of Life Simple Pleasure Travel and Tours on February 08, 2023.

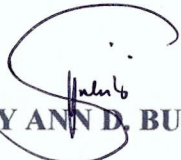
The assessors used the guidelines of the Green Fins to rate the tour operators on their behaviors during the island hopping and snorkeling tour. All observations were listed and assessed including the materials and facilities within the boat.

Life Simple Pleasure Travel and Tours became a member of Green Fins year 2019 and had undergone an onboard assessment and scored 161/330. Further, Amid of Covid-19 pandemic, the tourism industry in El Nido stopped, thus, no on-board assessment had been conducted on the year 2020-2022. The goal of this assessment is to know if our members adhere to the principle of the Green Fins by lowering their assessment scores as the year goes by. The threshold of final grades/score on on-boars assessment is from 0-330 to which 0-27 means Green or control(s) to mitigate risk are in place and operating efficiency; 28-204 means Yellow or control(s) are in place but there is room for improvement and 205-330 means Red or control(s) are missing or inadequate.

Per this year's on-board assessment, Life Simple Pleasure Travel and Tour gathered 156 points. The undersigned commend the managers and their staff for the job well done and persuade them to aim for Green scores/grades. The said score was discussed with the owner/managers and three action points for improvements were recommended by the assessors to help them gain much lower scores in the future and have been agreed upon implementation by the owner/manager.

Green Fins IEC materials, flags, and shirts were given to the tour operators during the feedback session as part of the promotion for adapting the Green Fins Approach for the snorkeling industry. Attached is the assessment report and photo documentation.

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MARY ANN D. BULACAN





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### PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Photo during the on-board assessment dated February 08, 2023.

**Life Simple Pleasure Travel and Tours**  
**IV-B, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines**



**Assessment Date:** 02/08/2023

**Assessor:** Mary Ann Bulacan

**Boat:** Christ Bearer

**Staff on board:** Ismael (Boat Captain), Marlon (Cook), Kevin (Tour Guide)

**Tour Site:** Tour C (Secret Beach, Hidden Beach, Helicopter Island, Matinloc Shrine & Talisay Beach)

*Summary*

Life Simple Pleasure Travel and Tours became a member of Green Fins year 2019 and had undergone an onboard assessment and scored 161/330. Further, Amid of Covid-19 pandemic, the tourism industry in El Nido stopped, thus, no on-board assessment had been conducted on the year 2020 to 2022.

This year, the owner, Ms. Sharon requested an on-board assessment. They were very cooperative and quickly organized the schedule of the assessment.

I went on board on February 08, 2023, the company's boat named Christ Bearer with a 4DR5 diesel engine for tour C with 6 guests. All staff was very cooperative in answering our questions/queries. They are visibly interested in learning how they can protect the environment as they said that protecting the environment means protecting their livelihood.

We conducted the feedback session on the same date at exactly 05:00 in the afternoon.

COC #	Rating	Description
1	GREEN	- The owner and their tour organizer are very cooperative in the conduct of the onboard assessment.
2	RED	- No evidence of certificates or any posters in the shop, booking office, or on the boat.
3	YELLOW	- All staff follows the majority of the GF Icons. - Staff acts as responsible role models during the tour but did not always correct guests' bad behavior.
4	YELLOW	- Verbal assurance that they are participating in clean-up drives but no records are kept and some indication of the training.
5a	RED	- Has not participated in any mooring buoy installation last year.
5b	YELLOW	- No anchoring while on board but evidence suggest it is not always materialized. - Not all destinations have mooring buoys.
6	GREEN	- No marine products such as sea shells, corals, clams and etc. are used as displays in their office or in the boat.
7a	RED	- No monitoring of coral reefs was conducted
7b	RED	- No record of monitoring.
8	YELLOW	- Bins are present on the boat with proper lid. - Ashtray is present on the boat. - Unclear how the rubbish was removed from the boat - Uses re-useable containers like plates and utensils for lunch.
9	RED	- Chemical dishwashing liquid was found in the boat. - Verbal assurance that the spent oil is safely collected, stored, and disposed of. - No fish feeding was witnessed during the tour. - Batteries used are rechargeable.
10	YELLOW	- They do not break laws. - Some indication that marine and environmental laws & regulations are known. When I asked questions the staff has not had as much knowledge about it.
11	GREEN	- The tour guide provides the guests with Green Fins Friendly Snorkelling Guidelines.
12	YELLOW	- Verbal assurance that staff was trained to follow environmental guidelines. - The staff confirmed that the company provides or offers environmental education courses. - No evidence of clean-up drives and some monitoring activities.

13	RED	- No environmental educational materials are available for the guest's information.
14	GREEN	- The staff provides information about MPAs during the tour.
15	GREEN	- No contact with live marine life or coral reefs was witnessed. - Tour guides actively corrected the behavior of the guests. - No gloves policy strictly enforced during the tour.

THREE ACTION POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT	
	Description
1	Displayed certificate, COC guidelines, and ICONS for public information.
2	Use natural/organic products of dishwashing liquid that has no impact on corals or other marine life.
3	Participate in regular marine habitat/marine life monitoring and promote it to your guests for a positive review of your travel and tour company.
Back up 1	Participate in the installation of mooring buoys activity in your community if possible.
Back up 2	

Score: 156





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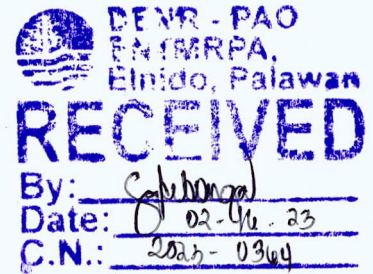
February 16, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Protected Area Superintendent  
El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area  
El Nido, Palawan

FROM : Green Fins Assessor

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED GREEN FINS ON-BOARD  
ASSESSMENT OF TARAWIS ELNIDO ISLAND TOURS**



This pertains to our target activity on the conduct of assessment of dive/snorkel operators (No. of dive/snorkel shop/operators assessed on Green Fins environmental risk assessment) for El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (ENTMRPA), El Nido, Palawan. Please be informed that this Office conducted Green Fins on-board assessment of Tarawis El Nido Island Tours on February 8, 2023.

The assessor used the guidelines of the Green Fins to rate the tour operators on their behaviors during the island hopping and snorkeling tour. All observation were listed and assessed including the materials and facilities within the boat.

Based on the assessment, Tarawis El Nido Island Tours garnered a score of 135. It is much lower than the 197 score garnered last 2018. The said score represents the environmental impact of the travel and tours in the marine environment. The score range from 0-330 with lower score representing lower impacts. The said score was discussed with the owner/managers and three action points for improvements recommended by the assessors and been agreed for implementation by the owner/manager.

Green Fins IEC material and shirt were given to the tour operators during the feed backing session as part of promotion for adapting Green Fins Approach for snorkeling industry.

Attached is the assessment report and photo documentation.

For information and record.

  
PRECY M. OBRIQUE



## PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Photo during the on-board assessment dated February 8, 2023.



Photo during the feed backing session dated February 9, 2023.



## Tarawis El Nido Island Tours IV-B, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines



**Assessment Date:** 08/02/2023

**Assessor:** Precy Obrique

**Boat:** NEB-Eight

**Staff on board:** Marvin (Boat Captain), Welmar (Cook), Derek (Tour Guide)

**Dive Site:** Tour A (Twin rocks, Shimizu Island, Secret Lagoon, South Miniloc and Big Lagoon)

### Summary

Tarawis El Nido Island Tours became member of Green Fins on year 2018. They had been undergone on-board assessment and scored 197/330. Further, Amidst of Covid-19 pandemic, the tourism industry in El Nido stopped, thus, no on-board assessment had been conducted on year 2019 to 2022.

This year, the owner, Mr. and Mrs. Benly Lim requested for an on-board assessment. They were very cooperative and quickly organised the schedule of the assessment.

We went on board the company's boat named NEB-EIGHT with 4DR5 diesel engine for our private tour with 2 british tourist and planned to have a tour A. All staff was very cooperative in answering our question/queries. They are visibly interested in learning on how they can protect the environment as they said that protecting the environment means protecting their livelihood.

COC #	Rating	Description
1	GREEN	- The owner and their tour organizer are very cooperative on the conduct of on-board assessment.
2	YELLOW	- COC guidelines, GF certificate, or icons are visible in their office but no certificate/icons or COC guidelines is posted on boat.
3	YELLOW	- All Staff follow majority of the GF Icons. - Staff acts as responsible role models during the tour but did not always correct the guest bad behaviour.
4	GREEN	- They actively participates 4-5times a year on the coastal and underwater clean up within the Protected Area. They have pictures and attendance from the PAMO ENTMRPA as evidence.
5a 5b	GREEN YELLOW	- They participate in the mooring buoys installation programs. - They anchor when there is no mooring buoy within the area but actively use buoys if there are. - Not all destinations have mooring buoys (only in Big lagoon and Twin Rocks)
6	GREEN	- No marine products such as sea shells, corals, clams and etc. use as display in their office instead they use recycled materials like papers and plastics as decorate.
7a 7b	RED RED	- No monitoring of coral reefs conducted - No record of monitoring found
8	RED	- One trash bins without lid were found inside the boat and did not observed separating of rubbish. - No stray is were provided to the tourist nor staff when smoking - Uses re-useable containers like plates and utensils for lunch
9	RED	- Chemical dish washing liquid found in the boat. - Unintentional fish feeding observed during the washing of plates within the boat. - Food scraps were placed in an empty container and removed from the boat. - Cleaning of dishes was done in the boat result to unintentional fish feeding.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uses 4 stroke/ diesel engines</li> <li>- Verbal assurance that their used oil is surrendered to the Philippine Coast Guard</li> </ul>
10	YELLOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Some indication of breaking the law such as presence of hook and line found in the boat.</li> <li>- El Nido as protected area is being included in the orientation. When some staffs asked, they have some knowledge on most of the prohibited acts within the PA.</li> </ul>
11	GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Guide provided briefing using all green fins icon printed on the green fins shirt provided to the guide during the green fins orientation.</li> </ul>
12	YELLOW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Only Tour guide Derek undergo eco-tour guiding training and Green Fins IEC/Training.</li> <li>- The other staff confirmed that the company does not provide or offer environmental educational courses.</li> </ul>
13	RED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No environmental materials found and/or being offer to guests.</li> </ul>
14	GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- El Nido is a protected area had been included to the orientation of the guide;</li> <li>- The guides and the boat staff provided information on the local MPAs in El Nido.</li> </ul>
15	GREEN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No contact with marine life or stepping on the corals witnessed.</li> <li>- No fins and gloves provided to avoid destruction and touching of corals and other marine organisms.</li> <li>- The tour guides always reminded the tourist to wear their life vest most especially if they are not comfortable to water/swimming.</li> </ul>

THREE ACTION POINTS FOR IMPROVEMENT	
	Description
1	Avoid using Chemical dishwashing liquid or use organic dishwashing liquid (Messy Bessy) or just simply bring back all used dishes and other utensils to their office to avoid washing it in the sea.
2	Provide at least 2 Trash bins with lid and ashtray on board.
3	Display Green Fins IEC materials to their shop and to the boat and used it during the briefing of the guest.
Back up 1	
Back up 2	

**Score: 135**

Tarawis El Nido Island Tours  
El Nido, Palawan

Dear Mr. Benly Lim and the Tarawis El Nido Island Tours team,

We always welcome you to Green Fins! We are pleased to have you as an active member who joined the growing network of dive and snorkel operators that are protecting our reefs. As you know, being a Green fins member means you go through an annual assessment and training session to help you improve your environmental standards.

This year, we conducted your first assessment on February 8, 2023- we snorkelled and island hopped with Marvin (Boat Captain), Welmar (Cook), Derek (Tour Guide) and 2 guest at Twin rocks, Shimizu Island, Secret Lagoon, South Miniloc and Big Lagoon. We are impressed with the excellent role model behaviour displayed by the staff. It is inspiring to see that the staff encouraged the guest to follow all rules related to environmental guidelines while on the tour.

After each assessment, you are allocated a score which represents the environmental impact of your agency. The score range from 0-330 with lower score representing lower impacts. This year, your score is 135 which is lower than your score of 197 last 2018. For that, we truly commend you and your team for the job well done. As discussed with you during the feedback session, this high score (high impact) even for a new member. However, the assessment process has shown that correcting a few small points can drastically reduce your score for next year.

We discussed and agreed that you would take the following actions before your next assessment:

**1. Display of Green Fins Icons and materials on the boat that will be used during the Briefing of the tourist**

The Green Fins Icons and IEC materials will greatly help the tour guides and crew to promote the environmental awareness to the tourist. Following the said set of icons will help minimize impacts of the tourist and the boat to the marine environment.

**2. Place atleast 2 trash bin with lid (for proper segregation) and ashtrays**

Placing two trash bin with lid will greatly help not only on the awareness of the tourist on the proper segregation of trash but also to prevent the trash from getting back to the sea. Ashtray on the other hand will help minimizing or avoiding the ash from the cigarette get back to the sea. With the simple act like these, you are minimizing the tourist impacts to the marine environment but also in protection and conservation of the area.

**3. Avoid using Chemical dishwashing liquid or use organic dishwashing liquid (Messy Bessy)**

Chemical dish washing liquid when goes to the sea will greatly affect the marine organism more especially coral reef.

Protecting the environment also means protection our business. Thank you again for your cooperation and dedication to the environment. If you have any questions about any of the above points, please do not hesitate to contact us. It is fantastic to have you on board with Green Fins and we look forward to working with you again next year.

With kind regards,

Precy  
Green Fins Assessor