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April 26, 2023

MEMORANDUM

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

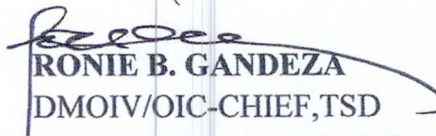
FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer


SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED CUTTING OF
FOREST TREES LOCATED WITHIN THE CBFM AREA OF
BARANGAY ISUGOD, QUEZON, PALAWAN**


Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated April 14, 2023 from CENRO Quezon, Palawan with attached pertinent documents relative on the investigation report on the alleged cutting of Forest Trees located within the CBFM area of Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan.

For your information and further instruction.

"For the PENRO"


RONIE B. GANDEZA
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April 14, 2023


MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

FROM : The OIC, Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer, Quezon, Palawan
Concurrent Protected Area Superintendent, MMPL

SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED CUTTING OF FOREST TREES LOCATED WITHIN THE CBFM AREA OF BARANGAY ISUGOD, QUEZON, PALAWAN**

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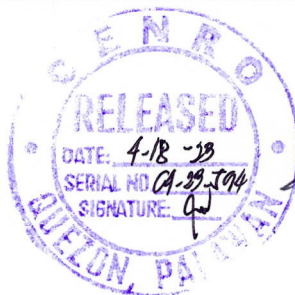
Respectfully forwarded is the memorandum dated March 31, 2023 of the Multi-Sectoral Team regarding the above stated subject.

Please be informed that the Investigating Team come up with the following recommendations, to wit:

- a. Create a Multi-Sectoral Inspection Team to closely monitor the cutting, loading and transporting of forest products inside CBFM area;
- b. Ensure all activities conducted inside CBFM area is based on Community Resource Management Framework and Five Year Work Plan;
- c. That the PO must be penalized in violating the terms and conditions stipulated in their CBFMA, CRMF and Five-Year Work Plan;
- d. Invite Mr. Leon Pansil for dialogue regarding the cutting of trees/kaingin making;
- e. Conduct Information and Education Campaign (IEC) based on existing DENR policies, rules and regulations;
- f. Regular patrolling of CBFM PO, together with LGU Barangay, MENRO and CENRO Quezon, Palawan with coordination with other Law Enforcement Agencies.

Attached are geo-tagged photos, tally sheet, map showing the area and duly filled out attendance sheets.

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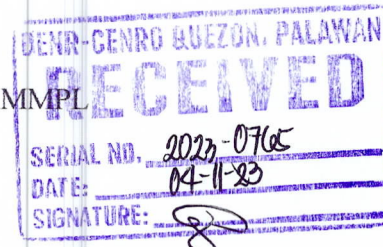
March 31, 2023

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The OIC - Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer/Concurrent PASu MMPL Quezon, Palawan

FROM : The Multi-Sectoral Team

SUBJECT : **INVESTIGATION REPORT ON THE ALLEGED CUTTING OF FOREST TREES LOCATED WITHIN THE CBFM AREA OF BARANGAY ISUGOD, QUEZON, PALAWAN**



This pertains with the investigation relative to the above subject, hereunder are the details of investigation conducted, to wit;

I. Investigation:

- a. Date : March 27, 2023
- b. Time : Around 10:00 AM
- c. Place : Bgy Isugod, Quezon, Palawan

II. Investigating Team:

- a. Monitoring and Enforcement Section Quezon Team
- b. Conservation and Development Section
- c. LGU-Quezon MENRO Representative
- d. LGU-Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan
- e. CBFM- IUAI Represented by PO President Gilbert B. Cudio

III. Facts/ Background:

1. That on December 1, 1990, the Isugod Uplanders Association Incorporated (IUAI) formerly Isugod Multi-Purpose Cooperative (IMPC) is a holder of **Community Based Forest Management Agreement No. RIV-1999-07** covering an area of 1,671.919 hectares located at Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan.
2. That on August 18, 2022, the Isugod Uplanders Association Inc. (IUAI) **Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) and Five Year Work Plan (FYWP)** has been affirmed and approved by Regional Executive Director Lormelyn E. Claudio, *CESO IV*.
3. That on March 8, 2023, a letter received from Punong Barangay of Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan Glendy Cacho, requesting to have a meeting/dialogue together with MENRO Esperanza B. Caabay re: the alleged cutting of forest trees within the CBFM area of Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan.



4. That on March 20, 2023, this Office facilitated a meeting/dialogue with Barangay Officials led by Punong Barangay Glendy Cacho of Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan and MENRO Esperanza B. Caabay at CENRO Quezon, Palawan. In the said meeting/dialogue, the Barangay Official believed that the cutting of forest trees occurred within the watershed area and CBFM area which are within the administrative area of jurisdiction of Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan.
5. That on March 21, 2023, a letter sent to IUI President Gilbert B. Cudio and legitimate contractor of IUI Mr. Felix T. Duran wherein, this Office advised to temporarily suspend the operation of cutting/harvesting of planted trees (*mangium, mahogany and gmelina*) within the CBFM area of Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan.

IV. Ground Validation and Investigation of Multi-Sectoral Team at CBFM Area of Isugod Uplanders Association Inc.

1. That on March 22 2023, a CENRO Special Order No. CSN-05-2023 was issued creating a Multi-Sectoral Team to conduct investigation on the alleged cutting of forest trees situated at Barangay Isugod, Quezon, Palawan.
2. That on March 27, 2023, the team went to CBFM area of Isugod, Quezon, Palawan and carried out the validation and investigation.

V. Findings and observations:

1. That, there was a cutting/harvesting of naturally grown trees like Molave, Bunot-bunot, binunga and lampong and planted trees below 15 cm. in diameter which are not included or stated in their approved project sustainability plan within the CBFM area specifically in the areas managed and cultivated by the following members, Mr. Rodeline Galas, Mr. Marcelino Candellario and Mr. Livy Villaran ;
2. That, the CBFMA holder already consumed 250 cu.m. out of 266.8 cu.m. of their annual allowable volume to be cut without harvesting the planted trees indicated in their approved Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) and Five Year Work Plan (FYWP);
3. That there were one hundred thirty seven (137) cubic meter total volume of felled/cut (raha) of the said naturally grown trees and planted trees below 15 cm. diameter stockpiled along the side of the road within the mentioned specific areas;



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4. That, the said raha will be transported by their authorized shipper/buyer named Mr. Felix Duran to coal power plant located in Bgy. Bato-bato, Narra, Palawan; and,
5. That, total clearing/ kaingin making was observed within the CBFM area claimed by a certain Mr. Leon Pansil. There were a total of twenty one (21) naturally grown trees with a total volume of 3.6779 cu.m. were cut. The above mentioned alleged perpetrator were not caught in the act of cutting/clearing in the area.

VI. Other findings, issues and concerns raised during Exit Conference

1. That, the PO President Gilbert B. Cudio illegally cut and transported trees outside the CBFM area using the permit to cut and transport issued to IUAI by DENR;
2. That, the Barangay Council of Bgy. Isugod and the PO suggested that issuance of transport permit be temporarily stop thru their Barangay Resolution to deter further illegal activities within CBFM area and watershed area;
3. That, LGU-Quezon MENRO representative EMS II Hazel Joy Sison advised the Barangay Council to formulate a barangay resolution to declare the watershed near/adjacent the CBFM area as Critical Watershed to prevent rampant illegal activities and to strengthen the forest protection activities thereat;
4. That according to the members of IUAI, Mr. Duran already transported the said raha five times (5) on different occasions however based on DENR records he only transported three (3) times;
5. That, the Special Power of Attorney (SPA) was given to Mr. Duran by the IUAI however, some of the members were not informed prior to the issuance of the said SPA; and,
6. That, the PO Officers did not properly informed their other members regarding the cutting and harvesting of planted trees indicated in their approved CRMF which resulted to the said illegal cutting of planted trees and naturally grown trees within their CBFM area.

VI. Recommendations:

- a. Create a Multi-Sectoral Inspection Team to closely monitor the cutting, loading and transporting of forest product inside CBFM area;
- b. Ensure all the activities conducted inside CBFM area is based on Community Resource Management Framework and Five Year Work Plan;
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VII. Attachments:


- a. Geo-tagged photos
- b. Tally Sheet
- c. Maps showing the area
- d. Attendance Sheets


For your information, records and further instruction.


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Geo-tagged pictures during the courtesy call with the Punong Barangay Glendy M. Cacho re alleged cutting of naturally grown trees within the CBFM area of Isugod Uplanders Association, Inc. (IUAI)



Geo-tagged pictures of Multi-Sectoral Team during the conduct of ground verification/investigation last March 27, 2023 within the CBFM area of the said PO.





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Geo-tagged pictures of the forest trees in which allegedly cut by Mr. Leon Pansil





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Geo-tagged pictures of the stumps located within the CBFM area of IUAI





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Geo-tagged pictures during exit conference/meeting of Multi-Sectoral Team at
Bgy. Hall of Isugod Quezon, Palawan



Prepared and Geo-tagged by:


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Forest Tech. II/Multi-Sectoral Team, Member

**TALLY SHEET OF INVENTORIED FELLED/CUT TREES WITHIN CBFM AREA
LOCATED IN BGY. ISUGOD, QUEZON, PALAWAN**

No.	SPECIES	DIAMETER(cm)	HEIGHT (m)	VOLUME (cu.m)
1	Ipil	26	10	0.53093
2	Duguan	17	4	0.09079
3	Duguan	20	6	0.18850
4	Duguan	24	6	0.27143
5	Duguan	18	6	0.15268
6	Mangium	18	6	0.15268
7	Putian	15	6	0.10603
8	Duguan	20	6	0.18850
9	Duguan	18	6	0.15268
10	Maraitom	16	7	0.14074
11	Maraitom	22	7	0.26609
12	Maraitom	20	7	0.21991
13	Duguan	16	4	0.08042
14	Putian	16	8	0.16085
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17	Duguan	18	7	0.17813
18	Duguan	15	6	0.10603
19	Putian	14	5	0.07697
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21	Maraitom	18	6	0.15268
	TOTAL			3.67787

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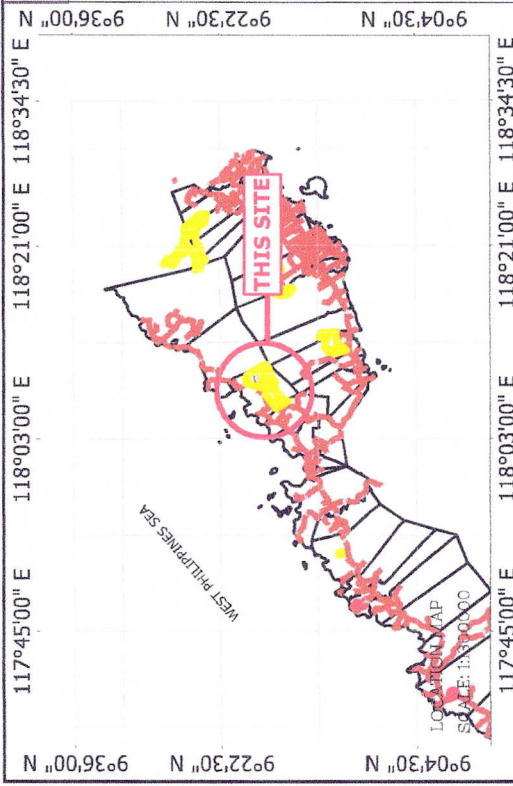
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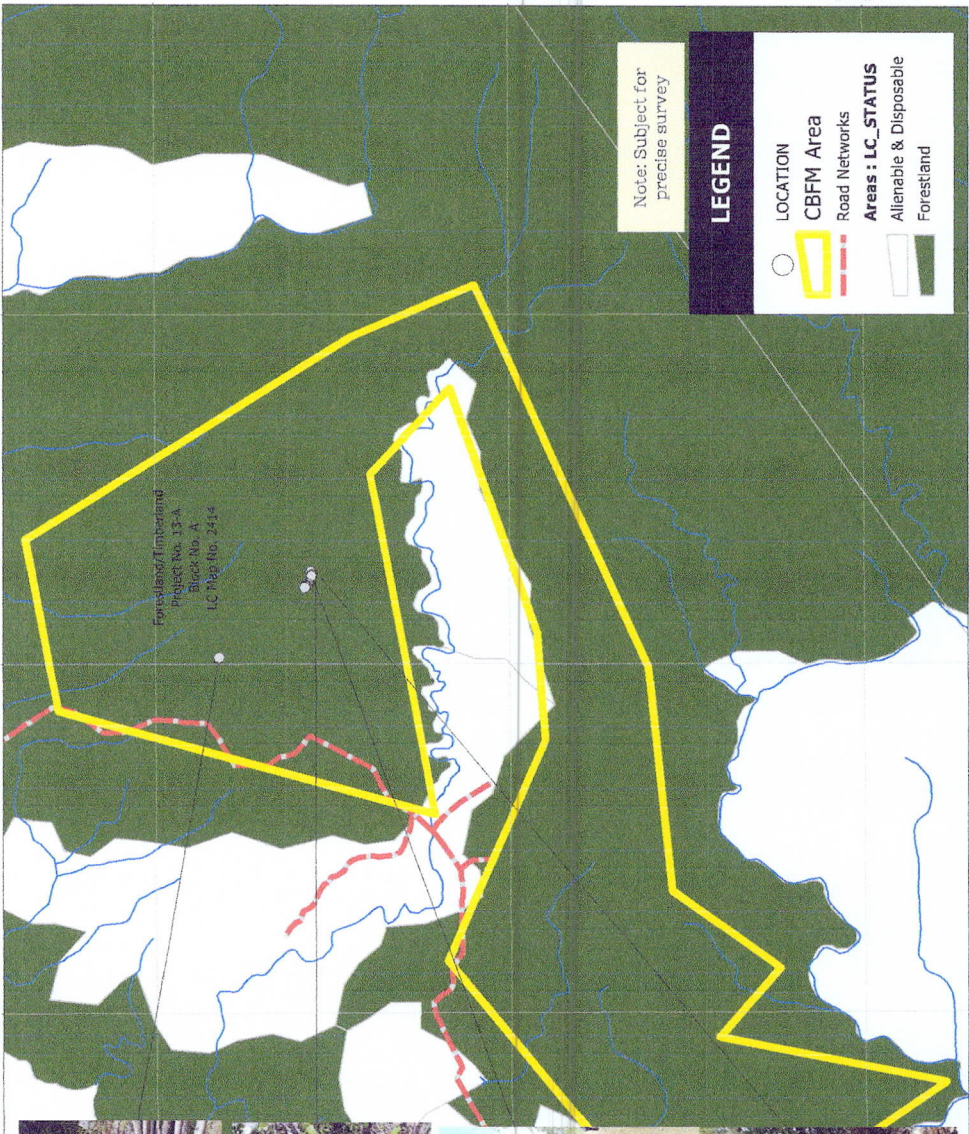


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MAP

showing the location of
Stockpile of Raha within
CBFM Area awarded to
Isugod Uplanders Association Inc.
Located at
Bgy. Isugod, Quezon, Palawan

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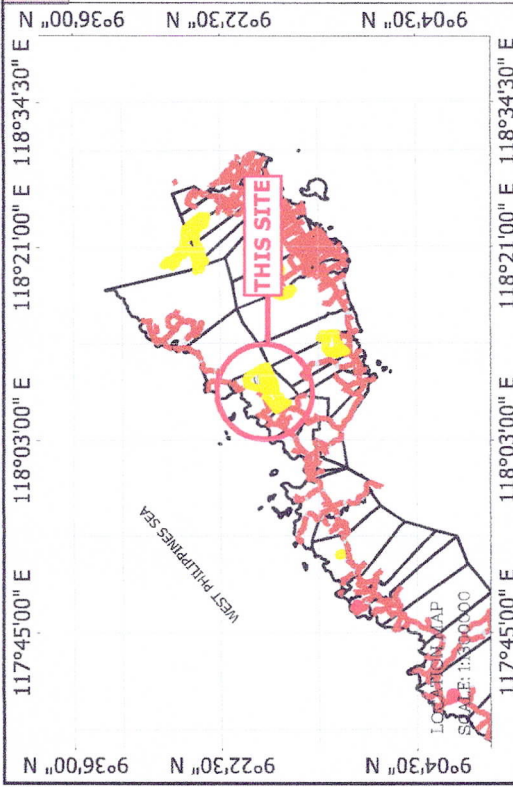
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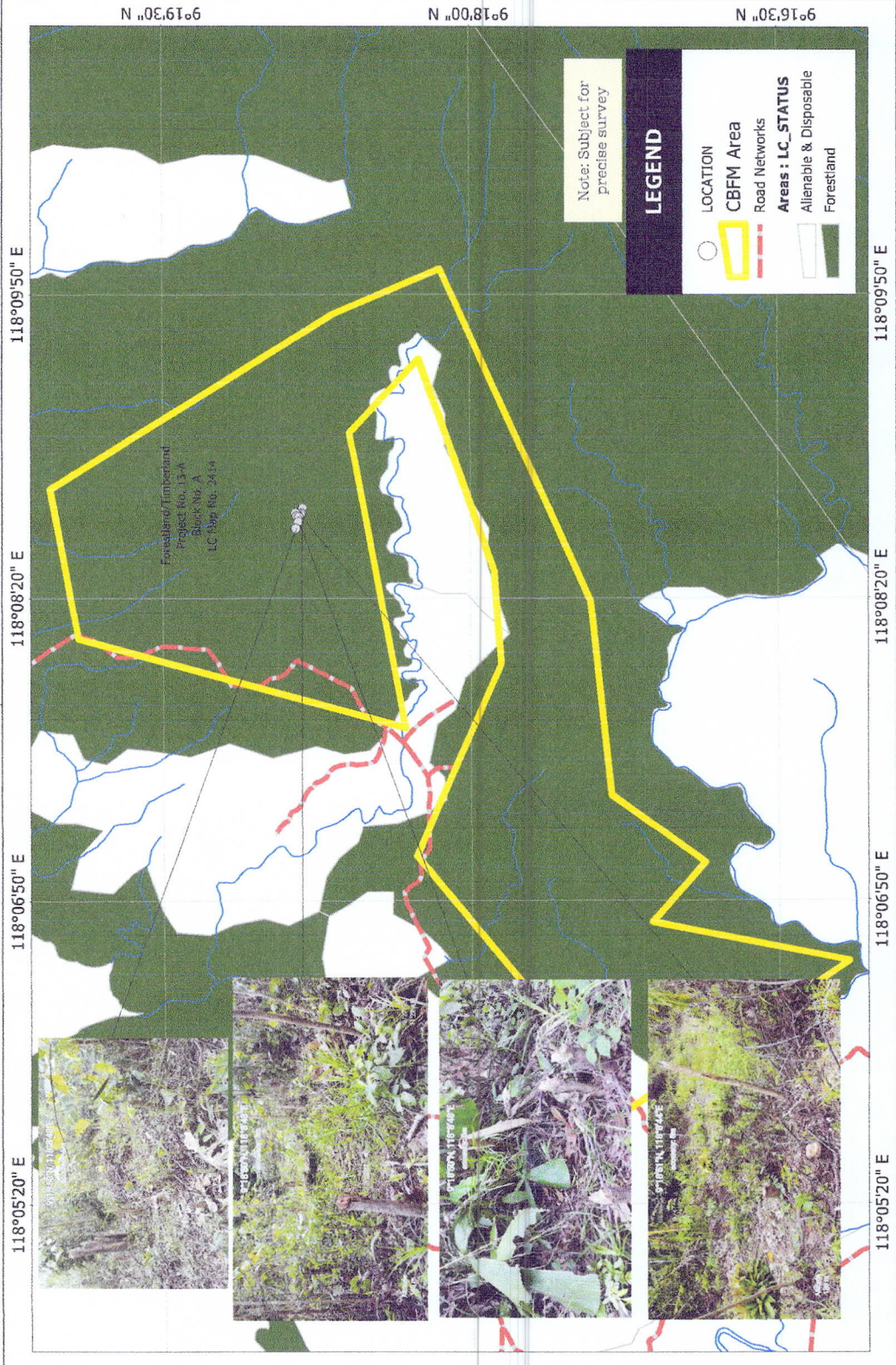
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showing the location of stumps for fuelwood or raha within CBFM Area awarded to Isugod Uplanders Association Inc. Located at Bgy. Isugod, Quezon, Palawan

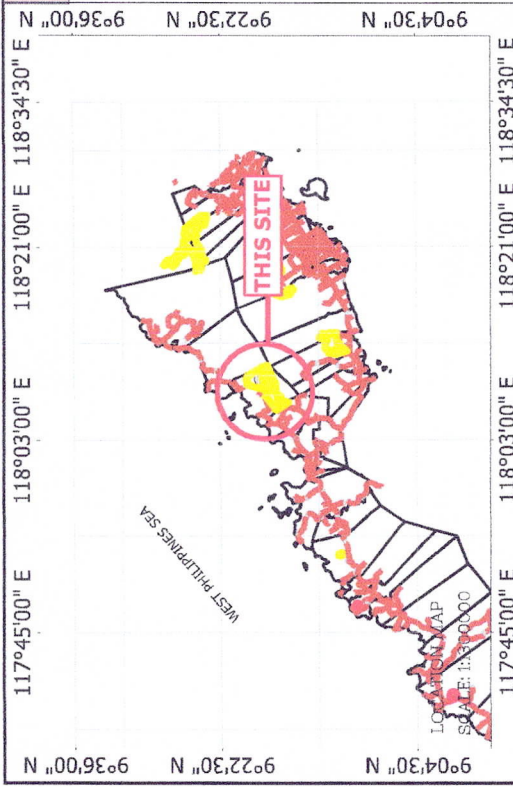
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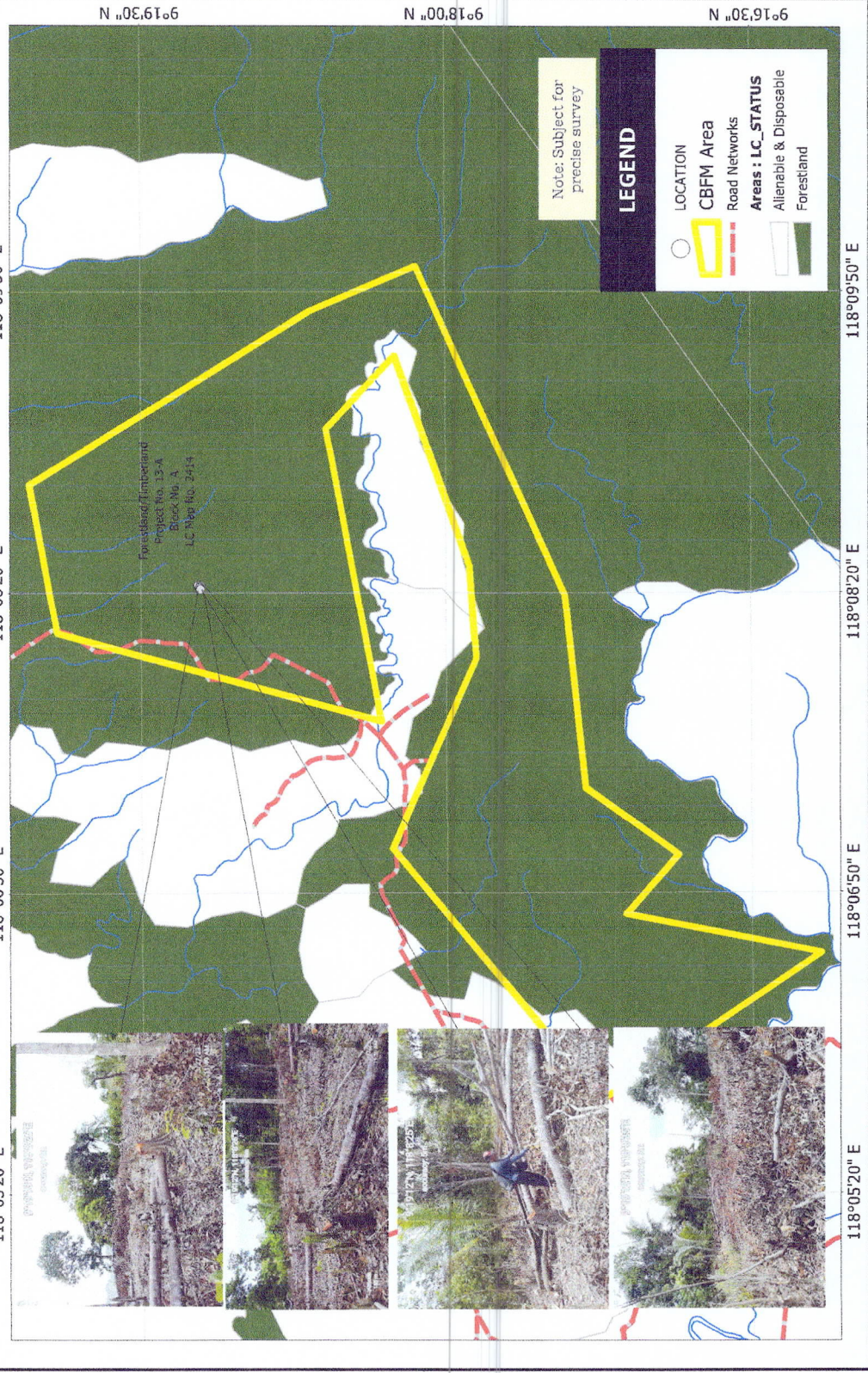
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showing the location of cleared area of Mr. Leon Pansil within CBFM Area awarded to Isugod Uplanders Association Inc. Located at Bgy. Isugod, Quezon, Palawan

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Conduct investigation on alleged cutting of forest trees within
March 27, 2023
CBFM area, Brgy. Lagid, Quezon, Palawan

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March 27, 2023
CBFM area, Bgg. Isugod, Suron, Palawan

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