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SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF INFORMATION, EDUCATION

AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN AT BARANGAY

SAN IGNACIO, NAUJAN, ORIENTAL MINDORO

Forwarded is the report of CENRO Socorro regarding the conduct of IEC campaign located in Brgy. San Ignacio, Naujan, Oriental Mindoro.

Please be informed that during the conduct of said activity, a total of forty-six (46) participants (30 male and 16 female) had attended.

Attached are documentations of the activity that will serve as MOV under Enforcement Activity.

For information and reference.

For the PENR Officer:

Chief Administrative Officer/Chief, MSD In-Charge, Office of the PENRO

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SUBJECT: SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF INFORMATION EDUCATION

AND COMMUNICATION (IEC) CAMPAIGN WITH FOREST COMMUNITIES AT BARANGAY SAN IGNACIO, NAUJAN,

ORIENTAL MINDORO

We are pleased to submit the minutes of IEC campaign conducted on April 20, 2023 at Brgy. San Ignacio, Baco, Oriental Mindoro.

The invited participants were Barangay Officials, Sitio Leaders, selected Forest Occupants, and representatives from the Baco Municipal Police Station. A total of 46 participants (30 male and 16 female) had attended the said IEC campaign.

The participants were informed of the following:

- a) Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines as amended by EO 277 and further amended by RA 7161;
- b) Republic Act 9175 "Chainsaw Act of 2002";
- c) Guidelines for the Issuance of Tree Cutting Permit

Attached are minutes of the IEC campaign, geo-tagged photos, and attendance sheet. Thus documents serve as our MOV under the target Menu 5.1 Involvement of Forest Communities in Forest Protection Works.

For information and record.

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MINUTES OF INFORMATION EDUCATION CAMPAIGN WITH FOREST OCCUPANTS

April 20, 2023

Barangay San Ignacio, Baco, Oriental Mindoro

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I. OPENING PROGRAM

The IEC meeting was conducted by Monitoring and Enforcement Section (MES) on April 20, 2023 at Brgy. San Ignacio, Baco, Oriental Mindoro. The invited participants were Sitio Leaders, Barangay Officials and selected Forest Occupants. A total of 46 participants (16 female and 30 male) had attended the said meeting. Representatives from the Baco Municipal Police Station had also attended. The meeting started at 9:00 o'clock in the morning with an opening prayer followed by singing of Philippine National Anthem and roll call of the participants. Part of the IEC is the distribution of IEC materials such as flyers, posters and signboards containing some relevant information and services of this office.

a. Welcome Remarks

Barangay Captain, Belen M. Jardinero welcomed the participants as well as the DENR personnel, and the PNP personnel in their Barangay. He thanks the DENR for choosing their Barangay for such IEC meeting. She assured that they will support DENR in their mandate to protect the environment.

II. OBJECTIVES

 To educate Sitio Leaders, Barangay Officials and selected Forest Occupants on selected ENR Laws.

III. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

a. Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines as amended by EO 277 and further amended by RA 7161

Legal Researcher, Sherlyn A. Layesa presented and discussed the Presidential Decree P.D. 705 its purpose, rationale and amendments as well as the criminal offenses, penalties and some related laws. She also explained the objectives of PD 705 as follows:

- 1) WHEREAS, proper classification, management and utilization of the lands of the public domain to maximize their productivity to meet the demands of our increasing population is urgently needed;
- WHEREAS, to achieve the above purpose, it is necessary to reassess the multiple uses of forest lands and resources before allowing any utilization thereof to optimize the benefits that can be derived therefrom;

- 3) WHEREAS, it is also imperative to place emphasis not only on the utilization thereof but more so on the protection, rehabilitation and development of forest lands, in order to ensure the continuity of their productive condition;
- 4) WHEREAS, the present laws and regulations governing forest lands are not responsive enough to support re-oriented government programs, projects and efforts on the proper classification and delimitation of the lands of the public domain, and the management, utilization, protection, rehabilitation, and development of forest lands (See Whereas Clauses of PD 705, as amended).

She presented and discussed in details the following criminal offenses and its penalties:

- Cutting, Gathering and/or Collecting Timber, or Other Forest Products Without License [includes illegal possession of forest products] (Section 77);
- 2) Unlawful Occupation or Destruction of Forest Lands and Grazing Lands [includes kaingin making] (Section 78);
- Pasturing Livestock Without Authority in Forest Lands, Grazing Lands, and Undisposed Alienable and Disposable Lands (Section 79);
- 4) Illegal Occupation of National Parks Systems and Recreation Areas and Vandalism Therein (Section 80);
- 5) Destruction of Wildlife Resources (Section 81);
- 6) Survey by Unauthorized Person (Section 82);
- 7) Misclassification and Survey by Government Official or Employee (Section 83);
- 8) Issuance of Tax Declaration by any Public Officer or Employee without a Certification from the Director of Forest Development and Director of Lands (Section 84);
- 9) Coercion and Influence of Public Officer or Employee (section 85);
- 10) Unlawful Possession of Implements and Devices Used by Forest Officers (Section 86);
- 11) Failure or Refusal to Pay, Collect or Remit Forest Charges (Section 87);
- 12) Sale of Wood Products without Compliance to Grading Rules and Standards (Section 88.

She also discussed the meaning of Forest Products and the term Permit as defined in PD 705 as well as the general rule in the issuance of tree cutting permit which states that Tree Cutting Permit is required prior to cutting and possession of timber/lumber from any public or private land. Otherwise, she said that the act is illegal under PD 705, as amended but there are also exceptions like on the following circumstances:

- Cutting of trees/timber found within a duly registered private tree plantation (CTPO/PLTP) pursuant to DENR Memorandum Circular 97-09;
- 2. Trimming, pruning, cutting, or clearing activities for tall growing plants within the power line corridor the owner or operator of the power lines need not secure prior clearance or permit from DENR but must give due notice to DENR or PCA, as the case may be, concerned LGUs, and other relevant government agencies pursuant to Section 7 in relation to

- Section 12, RA 11361 or "Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act", but see FMB Technical Bulletin for 69 kV to 500 kV, cutting permit is required); and
- 3. Indigenous people with similar factual circumstances pursuant to Diosdado Sama Y Hinupas and Bandy Masanglay Y Aceveda, Petitioners v. People of the Philippines, Respondent, G.R. No. 224469, 05 January 2021. Lazaro-Javier, J. En Banc. She further explained by presenting the facts, the issue and the ruling of this case.

She further discussed the prohibition on the issuance cutting permit in the following:

- 1. Mangroves (Section 43, PD 705 in relation to DENR administrative Order No. 15-90); and
- 2. Naturally growing or planted trees of any kind, flowering or ornamental plants and shrubs, or plants of scenic, aesthetic and ecological values, along public roads, in plazas, parks other than national parks, school premises or in any other public ground or place, or on banks of rivers or creeks, or along roads in land subdivisions or areas therein for the common use of the owners of lots therein, or any species of vegetation or forest cover found therein shall, be punished with imprisonment for not less than six months and not more than two years, or a fine of not less than five hundred pesos and not more than five thousand pesos, or with both such imprisonment and fine at the discretion of the court; Except when public safety requires but with prior approval from DENR. (Section 3, PD 953 or "Requiring the Planting of Trees in Certain Places and Penalizing Unauthorized Cutting, Destruction, Damaging and Injuring of Certain Trees, Plants and Vegetation"

In addition, she elaborated the classification of lands of the public domain pursuant to Section 3, Article XII of 1987 constitution and further explained Forest Lands, Public Forest, Permanent Forest or Forest Reserves and Forest Reservations pursuant to PD 705.

b. Chainsaw Act

Legal Researcher, Sherlyn A. Layesa presented and discussed R.A. 9175 "Chainsaw Act of 2002" He explained the following:

- Basic Policy of the State and Objectives
- Overview of the Process
- Definition of Chainsaw
- Permit to Purchase
- > Permit to Sell, Re-sell, Dispose, Distribute, or Transfer
- Authority to Lease, Rent, or Lend
- Certificate of Registration and Renewal
- Penal Provisions
- Confiscation of Chainsaw
- Revocation or Recall of Registration, Permit, or Authority
- Reward

She discussed who are the persons authorized to manufacture, sell and import chainsaws, persons authorized to purchase, transfer the ownership, import, manufacture, distribute, and/or sell, re-sell chainsaws and persons authorized to own, possess and use chainsaws. She enumerated and discussed in details the requirements in securing permit to purchase, permit to sell, re-sell, dispose, distribute or transfer ownership and in securing Certificate of Registration as well as the requirements for renewal of Certificate of Registration. She also discussed the procedure in the renewal of Chainsaw Registration as well as the requirements in renewal.

She also discussed the some penal provisions under this law:

In Section 12.1 "Selling, purchasing, reselling, transferring, distribution or possessing a chainsaw without a proper permit" the penalty is imprisonment of four (4) years, two (2) months and one (1) day to six (6) years, fine of not less than 15,000.00 to 30,000.00 depends on the discretion of the court and the Chainsaw will be confiscated in favor of the government.

In Section 12.2 "unlawful importation or manufacturing of chainsaw" the penalty is imprisonment of not less than one (1) month but not more than six (6) months and fine not less than 1,000.00 to 4,000.00.

In Section 12.3 "*Tampering of Engine Serial number*" Imprisonment of not less than one (1) month nor more than six (6) months and fine of not less than Php 1,000.00 nor more than Php 4,000.00.

In Section 12.4 "Actual Unlawful use of Chainsaw" Any person who is found to be in possession of a chainsaw and uses the same to cut trees and timber in forest land or elsewhere except as authorized by the Department shall be penalized with imprisonment of six (6) years and one (1) day to eight (8) years or a fine of not less than Thirty Thousand Pesos (P30,000.00) but not more than Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) or both at the discretion of the court without prejudice to being prosecuted for a separate offense that may have been simultaneously committed. The chainsaw unlawfully used shall likewise be confiscated in favor of the government.

She also discussed those Chainsaw subject for confiscation (Judicial and Administrative) pursuant to Section 13 and 14. She further elaborated about the revocation or recall of registration permit, or authority. She encouraged the participants to buy Chainsaws only in authorized dealer of DENR to register their chainsaw easily. She mentioned the registered dealer in Oriental Mindoro are Coolot and Powersaw in Calapan City.

c. Guidelines for the Issuance of Tree Cutting Permit

Forester Jessilyn Villanueva, presented and discussed the DAO 2021-11 also known as "Guidelines in the processing and issuance of permits for the cutting, removal and relocation of naturally growing trees". She explained the scope, coverage and objectives of the said law. She also explained some terms such as Development Plan, Earth-balling Permit, Forest Charges, Forest Lands, Naturally-Grown trees, Planted Trees, Private Land, Special/Private Land Timber Permit (S/PLTP), Special Tree Cutting Permit (STCP), Special Tree Cutting and/or Earth-Balling Permit (STC/EP, Tree Inventory and Utilization plan.

She also discussed the requirements for the issuance of Tree Cutting Permit for Naturally Grown Trees within private lands and issuance of Tree Cutting Permit for the Naturally Grown tree/s within Public or Forest Lands. She reiterated the Issuing authority pursuant to Section 6 and the duration of the tree cutting permit which shall not exceed to one (1) year. She also said that payment of Forest Charges is required for all naturally grown trees to be cut and harvested inside private and public/forest lands pursuant to RA No. 7161.

She explained the objectives of DAO 2020-18 also known as "Promoting tree plantation development and liberalizing harvesting and transport of planted trees and tree derivatives for inclusive growth and sustainable development".

She further explained Section 6 of the said DAO. "Planted Trees in Private Land", Private landowner shall follow these harvesting and transportation guidelines:

- When private landowner will engage in tree plantation, he/ she shall register said plantation to the nearest CENRO Office. No fees shall be collected by the CENRO;
- 2) No tree cutting permit and Self-Monitoring Form (SMF) are required in harvesting and transporting harvested logs from registered plantations. Only Certification is issued;
- 3) For ease of transport, the logs and tree derivatives shall be accompanied by the original copy of Certification stating that the products are from the landowner's private property. The Certification shall be displayed prominently in the vehicle where the log and derivatives will be carried;
- 4) When the logs and tree derivatives will only be used inside the landowner's private property, no Certification shall be needed.

She also mentioned the private tree plantation to be register are newly established plantation, established plantation and even those matured plantation. She also discussed the requirements for the registration of private tree plantation.

VII. OPEN FORUM

TANUNG	SAGOT
Sino ang may karapatan sa	Kung nasasakupan ng tituladong lupa, ang mga
mga kahoy na nasa kalsada	kahoy ay sa may-ari ng tituladong lupa. Kung
na patanim ng Barangay?	ang mga puno ay nasa public land at gagawing
	kalsada or iwidening, DPWH ang magrerequest
	ng cutting permit tapos ituturn-over sa DENR at
	ang DENR idodonate naman ito sa mga
	government agency kung saan DEPED ang
	priority.
	Kung dinonate naman ng may-ari ang lupa sa
	Barangay sa Barangay po ang mga kahoy.
Noong pinuputol na po	Dapat po malinaw sa kasulatan na kasama ang
namin ay hinabol po ng may-	mga puno sa idodonate din nila sa Barangay at
ari ang mga kahoy?	notaryado ang kasulatan. Hindi po pwede ang
	verbal na usapan.

Nabibigyan po ba ng permit Hindi po. Kahit po ung tampered ang serial ang mga Chainsaw na number. Considered po iyon na illegal walang serial number? possession at kapag ginamit at nahuli illegal use na po un. Pwede po kayong magkakaso. Basta walang permit mula sa DENR, illegal po iyon. Paano ang Chainsaw ng Considered din pong illegal kasi hindi na din Barangay, matagal n pong pong mairerehistro dahil unang una hindi nivo nabili, hindi nakarehistro sa binili sa authorized dealer, pangalawa, wala po DENR, wala na din po ang kayong resibo which is requirements po iyon sa mga resibo at hindi po binili pgpaparehistro. sa sinasabi niyong authorized dealer? Paano po kapag Kapag nahuli po kayo maari po kayong ginamit iyon? makasuhan, kapag government employee maaring matanggal sa serbisyo ganun din kapag Barangay Official pwede ding masuspindi. Isa sa requirements namin sa pg bibigay ng Bakit po ang mga road widening po dito eh hindi cutting permit sa mga DPWH projects av nagpapaalam sa may-ari. waiver/consent sa mga may-ari ng lupa kapag Basta na lng napuputol ang private ang madadaan. Kapag naputol na ang mga puno at ng wiwidening mga puno sa may-ari ng lupa ibibigay ang mga ng kalsada? puno kapag hindi nabayaran ang lupa ninyo ng DPWH, pero kapag nabayaran kayo ng DPWH sa gobyerno po ang mga puno at idodonate po namin ang mga puno sa mga government agencies. Paano naman po ang mga Meron po tayong batas na RA No. 11361 or puno na pinuputol ng yong Anti-Obstruction of Power Lines Act kung **ORMECO?** saan hindi na kelangan ng cutting permit pero iinform nila ang DENR bago mgputol. Ganun din po kapag private ang dinadaan ng linya ng ORMECO sa may-ari ng lupa ang mga puno pero kapag public land sa DENR ang mga puno. Kelangan lang po namin ang titulo ng lupa para makita kung sakop talaga sa inyong lupain ang mga puno. Kelangan pa po ba ng permit Opo. Basta lahat ng mga produkto na galing sa sa pagharvest ng rattan? gubat. Ang rattan po ay nabibilang sa minor Paano namin maikuha ng forest products. Meron pong rehistrado na rattan permit? gatherer dito sa Baco. Ang sakop ng area niva ay Baco at Naujan. Kapag itransport niya ang mga rattan kelangan po niya mgrequest sa opisina ng transport permit kung saan imomonitor ng opisina ang loading activity niya. Marami pong kelangan na dokumento para makakuha ng permit para sa rattan. Unang una dito kelangan meron ka munang supply contract ng pagbebentahan mo. Ang Secretary po ang mag aaprove ng permit para dito.

VIII. CLOSING PROGRAM

Forester Leonida Mindaros ended the program by giving her heartfelt appreciation to all the participants in behalf of CENRO Rodel M. Boyles for their active participation. She requested the cooperation and support of the participants by informing the CENR Office of any environmental violations in their Barangay.

The IEC meeting was ended at around 1:30 PM.

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Photos of food during the IEC meeting with forest occupants in Brgy. San Ignacio, Baco, Oriental Mindoro







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