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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
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Roxas Blvd., Bgy. 668, Ermita, Manila

**THRU :** The ARD for Management Services

**FROM :** The PENR Officer  
Puerto Princesa City

**SUBJECT :** **ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT ON ACTIVITY PER WFP  
(GREEN FINS IMPLEMENTATION IN EL NIDO, PALAWAN)**


In connection with our target activity under Coastal and Marine Resources – Green Fins Implementation, respectfully forwarded is the report of CENRO Taytay, Palawan regarding the conducted assessment of dive/snorkel operators within El Nido, Palawan.

Per report submitted, Yva Travel and Tours requested to be assessed in order to become a certified member of Green Fins. Yva Travel and Tours was assessed on-board during one of its tours and have scored 198 points, which means that they are operating with lower negative impact on the environment, though their controls/other practices need to be improved.

This report is being submitted to serve as MOV for the above-mentioned target activity.

For information and record.

“For the PENRO”

  
**RONIE B. GANDEZA**  
DMO IV/OIC-Chief, TSD  
In-Charge, Office of the PENRO



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March 30, 2023

MEMORANDUM

BY: [Signature]  
DATE: 03.30.2023 CN 23-3216

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 Assistant Protected Area Superintendent/PMF Jenuel P. Casel dated March 21, 2023 (CN 1950 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 March 15, 2023. 2. Photo documentation 3. Assessment Report for Yva Travel and Tours (2 pages)				
<b>Gender &amp; Development (GaD) data</b>	Male = 7	Female = 13	LGBTQ+ = 0	Prefer not to say = 0
<b>Age Grouping</b>	60 and above	18-59	17 and below	TOTAL
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**Instruction:** PAMO is hereby reminded that the MOVs for Green Fins is the number of dive or snorkel shops/operators assessed with an 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  
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**CONRADO M. CORPUZ**

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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 OF YVA TRAVEL AND TOURS**


MAR 21 2023

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

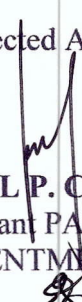
In the report, Green Fins Assessors conducted on-board assessment of Yva Travel and Tour on March 9, 2023 with 7 male and 13 female with a total of 20 guests. Per on-board assessment, Yva Travel and Tour garnered 198 points and was discussed with the owner/managers. Further, the three action points for improvements were recommended to help them gain much lower scores in the future which indicates lower environmental impact to the environment and have been agreed upon implementation by the owner/manager.

This serves as Means of Verification (MOV).

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ENTMRPA,  
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By:   
Date: 03-21-2023  
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For the Protected Area Superintendent,

  
**JENUEL P. CASEL**  
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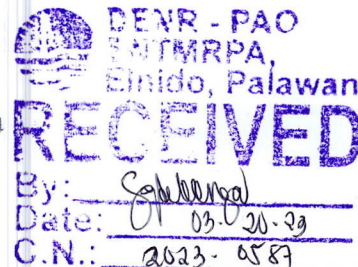
March 15, 2023

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 YVA 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 Yva Travel and Tours on March 09, 2023 with 20 guests, 7 male and 13 female.

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.

Yva Travel and Tours requested to be assessed and to become a certified member of Green Fins. 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. The lower score, the lower its environmental impact.

Per this year's on-board assessment, Yva Travel and Tour gathered 198 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. Attached is the assessment report and photo documentation.

For information and record.

  
MARY ANN D. BULACAN



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**PHOTO DOCUMENTATION**



Photo during the on-board assessment dated March 09, 2023.



## Yva Travel and Tours IV-B, El Nido, Palawan, Philippines



**Assessment Date:** 03/09/2023

**Assessor:** Mary Ann Bulacan

**Boat:** M/bca

**Staff on board:** Bong (Boat Captain), Dodoy and Nonoy (Boat crew), Mark (Tour Guide)

**Tour Site:** Tour A (Seven Commando, Big Lagoon, Secret Lagoon, Umbrella Beach, and Twin rock)

### Summary

Yva Travel and Tours requested to become a certified member of Green Fins and coordinated to be assessed this year. They were very cooperative and quickly organized the schedule of their assessment.

I went on board on March 09, 2023, the company's boat named M/bca with a 4DR5 diesel engine for tour A with 20 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 06:00 in the evening.

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 instead they use recycled materials like paper and plastics to decorate.
7a	RED	- No monitoring of coral reefs was conducted
7b	RED	- No record of monitoring.
8	YELLOW	- Bins are present on the boat but no lids. - No toilet - 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	RED	- No indication that the staff understands the consequences of breaking the environmental laws and regulation.
11	RED	- The tour guide does not provide 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	YELLOW	- Operator does not visit any MPAs for their snorkel trip.
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	Provide adequate garbage facilities like 2 trash bins with proper lids and segregation.
2	Used natural organic products of dishwashing liquid that have 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	Displayed certificate, COC guidelines, and ICONS for public information.
Back up 2	Participate in the installation of mooring buoys activity in your community if possible.

Score: 198