

FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

A. Forest Protection and Law Enforcement

The aerial surveillance conducted within Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP) and its buffer zones reveals the presence of illegally cut forest products last February 12, 2014. Immediately, a composite team of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Philippine Army (PA), Philippine National Police (PNP) and Environment and Natural Resources Office (ENRO) conducted ground operation, along Pinacanuan de Ilaguen River at Tappa and Dicamay, San Mariano, Isabela the team apprehended various sizes of common hardwood lumber, to wit:

Table 1: Shows the Confiscated Forest Products

DATE	SPECIES	NO. OF PIECES	DIMENSION	VOLUME (CU.M.)	REMARKS
Feb. 22, 2014	CHW Lumber	One Hundred Thirty Five (135)	Assorted Sizes	5,022.67bd. ft. 11.85 cu.m.	Abandoned along the Pinacanuan de Ilaguen River at Tappa and Dicamay, San Mariano, Isabela.
March 5, 2014	CHW Lumber	One Hundred Fifty One (151)	Assorted Sizes	5,017 Bd. Ft. 11.832 cu.m.	Abandoned at Gilingan, Benito Soliven, Isabela

B. Forest Resources Development

1. Field Assessment and Performance Evaluation of CSC Holders

To date, the Evaluation Team composed of representatives from DENR CENRO Naguilian, MENRO San Mariano and from ENR Office dispatched to conduct assessment of CSC holders were able to cover Fifty Eight (58) beneficiaries out of Sixty Two (62) members at Barangay Marannao, San Mariano, Isabela.

2. Donation of Confiscated/Apprehended Forest Products

The Provincial Government thru the office of the Provincial Administrator granted the letter request of Upi, Gamu, Isabela represented by their Barangay Captain Mr. George E. Gatering a total of **forty (40) pieces common hardwood lumber** with an equivalent volume of **807.34 bd. ft. and 1.90 cu.m.** to be used as flat forms on the on-going barangay road concreting taken from 2013 stock pile.

Photographs showing the presence of illegally cut forest products CHW Lumber abandoned along the Pinacanauan de Ilaguen River at Tappa and Dicamay, San Mariano deposited at the Provincial Capitol Gym for safekeeping.





ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

In coordination with Philippine Rural Development Program (PRDP) beneficiary on the execution of technical activities concerning Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES) on sub-project 6-km Farm to Market Road starting from Magassi, Cabagan, Isabela to Camasi, Tumauni, Isabela and as representative from this office the technical group coordinated with Municipal Engineer Gil Tuazon with technical personnel on the conduct of parcellary survey along the proposed FMR.

MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

A. PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS

At present, this Office accredited an additional **Twelve (12)** haulers/dealers/traders/retailers and processors in trading mineral products and by-products with the corresponding fees collected by the Provincial Treasurer's Office (PTO) amounting to **Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Forty Pesos (Php 30,240.00)**.

B. ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES CONCERNING MINERAL RESOURCES

An additional **Fifty Four (54)** Accreditation Stickers were issued to different haulers conspicuously pasted in their dump trucks with corresponding payments collected in the amount of **Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pesos (2,700.00)**.

C. FIELD MONITORING OF QUARRY AND MINING OPERATIONS

1. Mining Operations

In response to the letter complaint forwarded to this Office from the Office of the Punong Barangay of Barangay Bucal Norte, Dinapigue, Isabela on February 2, 2014, ENR Personnel together with the members of the Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) conducted ocular visit/inspection on the alleged illegal mining undertaken at Sitio Dimacawal, Barangay Bucal Norte, Dinapigue, Isabela.

CONDUCTED FIELD INSPECTION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION WITHIN THE
IDENTIFIED QUARRY SITES OF THE PROVINCE





OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN

Date	Venue/Location	Activity/ies	Remarks
March 6, 2014	Pinaroc Hall, PENR Office, City of Ilagan, Isabela	Workshop on Emerging Sustainable Financing and Mechanisms for Protected Areas, back to back with NSMNP Training Workshop on Gender and Indigenous People Inclusion and Roles to be followed by the NSMNP-PAMB En banc Meeting.	Attended by C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga
March 04, 2014	Magassi and Union, Cabagan; and Sitio Buraga, Camasi, Tumauni, Isabela	Census population and parcellary survey of the identified read right of way on the proposed Farm to Market Road.	Assisted and supervised by SEMS Cecilia M. Asuncion
February 28, 2014	CCVPED ISU Cabagan Campus	Consultative Meeting for Northern Sierra Madre (Nueva Vizcaya, Cagayan, Quirino and Isabela) regarding 5 th Operational Phase of the GEF-Small Grants in the Philippines).	Attended and participated by CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala
February 27, 2014	Roxas, Isabela	Farmer's Congress	Facilitated and assisted by SEMS Cecilia M. Asuncion, CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala and ENR Staff
February 20, 2014	Divilacan, Isabela	Ocular inspection to quarry areas needed in the construction of various infrastructure projects along coastal areas.	Conducted by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan Jr.