



FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

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A. Forest Protection and Law Enforcement

The ISEP-TF Operatives composed of representatives from the ENR Office, DENR, MLGUs concerned, PNP & Philippine Army Personnel conducted continuous massive ground operations in the implementation and enforcement of forest protection laws, rules and regulations within the province. From **March 23, 2014 to April 9, 2014**, at least three apprehensions were conducted by the ISEP-TF, to wit:

Table 1: Shows the Confiscated Forest Products

DATE	SPECIES	NO. OF PIECES	DIMENSION	VOLUME	REMARKS
3/23/14	CHW Lumber	25	Assorted sizes	396 bd. ft. 0.93 cu. m.	Barangay 2, Jones
	Narra Fitches	2	Assorted sizes	122.50 bd. ft. 0.29 cu. m.	
3/29/14	CHW Lumber	119	Assorted sizes	2,996.00 bd. ft. 7.07 cu. m.	Villa Miranda, San Mariano
	Narra Fitches	11	Assorted sizes	312.00 bd. ft. 0.74 cu. m.	
4/9/14	CHW Lumber	50	Assorted sizes	1,221.33 bd. ft. 2.88 cu. m.	Purok 3, Minanga, San Mariano

B. Forest Resources Development

1. Nursery Operations

Two (2) nurseries are being maintained by the Office, namely: the Provincial and Mega nurseries located at the Capitol Compound and Villa Imelda, City of Ilagan, respectively.

At the Provincial nursery, it is manned by **four (4) full time laborers** and **one (1) part time laborer** since he functions a multi-task assignments. From April 1-24, 2014, they were able to maintain nursery operational activities and produced **2,800** pieces of **mahogany** tree seedlings. In addition to their nursery activities, the labourers including the 2 job order workers assisted in reconstructing the fish ponds and another pond for shrimp production at the nursery site.



For the Mega nursery at Villa Imelda, it is being watched over by another part time labourer doing nursery maintenance activities with seedling production of **125 cacao, 80 caimito and 100 gmelina seedlings** as he is but more often assigned to assist as ISEP-TF operative at Abuan Checkpoint.

A total of **186 pieces** of assorted fruit, forest and ornamental seedlings were disposed to recipients from the City of Ilagan, Gamu and Cauayan City.

2. Donation of Confiscated/Apprehended Forest Products

The province in its desire to fully support the project undertakings of the STEP/LRC Capitol, the ISEP-TF Checkpoint at Yeban Sur, Benito Soliven, tarpaulin frame and arc construction for the Isabela Day Celebration, PDRRMC and the Provincial Jail have granted their requests for the donation of **315 pieces CHW lumber** with a total volume of **7,533.02 board feet** confiscated forest products for the completion of their respective projects.

C. Other Intervening Events

1. Served as Focal Person in the conduct of Farmers' Congress activities held in the municipalities of Maconacon, Burgos and Luna, Isabela.
2. Attended the Consultative Meeting on Rubber scheduled by the CVARRD Secretariat to discuss the following concerns:
 - Evaluation/financial report on the conduct of the regional Forum on Rubber: Its Potentials and Opportunities in Northern Luzon;
 - Preparation of Proposals on the establishment of regional nurseries: As taken up during the meeting, the needed amount is approximately P23.6 M for research, nurseries and trainings on rubber. It was also targeted that each province will have their own rubber nurseries that will provide the seedling requirements good for establishment and maintenance of the 10,000 hectares target for rubber plantation/province.
3. Attended meeting with STEP Program implementers re: Annual Management Plan for implementation this CY 2014 particularly within the different Learning Resource Centers (LRCs) in the Capitol, Villa Imelda, ISU Cabagan, Quezon, San Mateo and San Guillermo; the riparian project along the Cagayan River, organic farming, and the proposed site in Divilacan. Activities for the upcoming PermaFiesta, launching of the LRC Capitol and possible hosting for the 2nd South East Asian Bio-Regional Permaculture in the month of May, 2014 were also tackled and discussed by the group.
4. Participated as one of the key informants composed of representatives from the different departments of the Provincial Government in the



conduct of the LGU Guided Self-Assessment (GSA) on the State of Environmental Governance in the Province of Isabela facilitated by the B+WISER Program staff.

The GSA is a tool developed by the USAID-funded Philippine Environmental Governance Project (EcoGov) to assess the performance of Local Government Units (LGUs) in environmental governance. It comprises of four questionnaires for each of these sectors: forest and forestland management (FFM), Coastal and Marine and other Aquatic Resources Management (CMA), Urban Environmental Management (UEM), and LGU Internal Management Practices (LIM). The assessment tracks how the LGU applies four governance principles: functionality, transparency, accountability, and public participation in the conduct of mandated functions in: planning and plan implementation; law enforcement; permitting, licensing and tenure issuance; and contracting, bidding and procurement; budgeting. The GSA process ends with an action planning session to address gaps in performance.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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As member of the Provincial Program Management and Implementing Unit (PPMIU) representing Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES) together with PPDO representatives, conducted ground working/networking activities with the grassroots level.

Gathering and consolidation of data for the Dairy Multi-Purpose Cooperative (DMPC) enterprise and profiling of Cooperative members needed in the completion of the Business Plan.

Attended workshop on the refinement of Social and Environmental Safeguards presentation of the proposed 5-kilometer Farm to Market Road along the stretch of Magassi-Union, Cabagan, Isabela and connecting to Sitio Buraga, Tumauini, Isabela. Finishing touches to be complied per instruction from the National Program Coordinating Office consultant.

Consistent monitoring and supervision of the two (2) job order labor forces for environmental production/protection systems through multiple agro-forestry production, vermicomposting and organic fertilizer production, and soil and water conservation structures showcased within the office premises.



MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

By: For. Celia N. Badua, CDO II/Division Chief

A. PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS

From April 1-25, 2014, this Office has accredited additional **Six (6)** 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 **Fifteen Thousand One Hundred Twenty Pesos (Php 15,120.00)**.

B. ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES CONCERNING MINERAL RESOURCES

During the same period, **Seventeen (17)** Accreditation Stickers were issued to different haulers conspicuously pasted in their dump trucks with corresponding payments collected in the amount of **Eight Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 850.00)**.

C. FIELD MONITORING OF QUARRY AND MINING OPERATIONS

1. Quarrying and Mining Operations

Relative to the passage of the Provincial Ordinance Regulating the Extraction, Disposition, Utilization and Processing of Quarry and other Mineral Resources in the province and in compliance with the provisions of RA No. 7942 or the Philippine Mining Act of 1995, this Office issued Thirty Eight (38) letters to all concerned sand and gravel haulers and permit applicants to temporarily stop their extraction and quarrying operations until such time they complied with all the requirements for approval of the corresponding permits by the Provincial Governor.

D. OTHER INTERVENING ACTIVITIES

1. On April 1, 2014, ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. together with two (2) other personnel attended the Committee Hearing regarding the proposed Ordinance Regulating the Extraction, Disposition, Utilization and Processing of Quarry and other Mineral Resources in the province and in compliance with the provisions of Republic Act No. 7942 otherwise known as the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 held at Balaj, Capitol Compound, City of Ilagan, Isabela, at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Said Committee Hearing was joined by the Provincial Treasurer's Office (PTO), Provincial Accountant and Provincial Planning Development Coordinator (PPDC) – all members of the Provincial Finance Committee.



2. After which, it was followed by Public Hearing held on April 7, 2014 during the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Regular Session at 9:00 o'clock in the morning to which it was attended and participated by twenty (22) Municipal Mayors and their authorized representatives of the province.
3. Then attended again the 2nd and Final Reading of the proposed Ordinance on April 8, 2014 held during the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Session at 9:00 AM. After thorough review and evaluation, the body unanimously approved the passage of the former. It is now on the process of publication and posting – condition precedent for its implementation.
4. Stemmed from the complaint regarding territorial dispute between Mr. Edwin Uy and Mr. Jun Bulos, this office together with some members of the Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) conducted on-site ocular inspection and field verification of the quarry area under conflict at Furao, Gamu, Isabela.

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF ISABELA DURING THE ONE EARTH, ONE FAMILY ADVOCACY WALK FROM SAVEMORE, BARANGAY ALIBAGU TO DENR-R02, CITY OF ILAGAN IN CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD'S EARTH DAY WITH THE THEME "EARTH DAY EVERYDAY, EVERYWHERE, FOR EVERYONE" HELD ON APRIL 22, 2014.



ENR OFFICER GERONIMO P. CABACCAN, JR. TOGETHER WITH FOUR (4) ENR PERSONNEL SERVED AS FOCAL PERSON DURING THE CONDUCT OF FARMERS' CONGRESS HELD AT THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MACONACON, BUROGOS AND LUNA, ISABELA.





OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN:

Date	Venue/Location	Activity/ies	Remarks
April 1-3, 2014	LGU Maconan, Community Center	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. and CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala.
April 10, 2014	LGU Burgos, Community Center	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala, CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario together with Ms. Maricelle B. Tadeo & Ms. Loida S. Sevilla as secretariat.
April 22, 2014	LGU Luna, Coliseum	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala, CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario together with Ms. Maricelle B. Tadeo & Ms. Loida S. Sevilla as secretariat.
April 22, 2014	From Savemore, Barangay Alibagu to DENR-R02, City of Ilagan, Isabela.	One Earth, One Family Advocacy Walk in celebration of the world's Earth Day with the theme " Earth Day Everyday, Everywhere, for Everyone ".	Attended and participated by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. together with ten (10) other personnel with their respective slogans.
April 23, 2014	ENR Office, Capitol Compound, Alibagu, City of Ilagan	Admission and Orientation of Twenty Seven (27) Summer Job Students accommodated by the Office to be working for thirty (30) days on nursery operational activities.	Facilitated by CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala and C/Admin. Officer II Gina Ruiz.