



FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

By: For. Rosemarie T. Zabala, CDO II/Division Chief

A. FOREST PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

With the continuous conduct of massive ground operations in the implementation and enforcement of forest protection laws, rules and regulations within the province by the Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) Operatives composed of representatives from the ENR Office, DENR, MLGUs concerned, PNP & Philippine Army Personnel, at least three (3) apprehensions were conducted from **April 9, 2014 to April 22, 2014**, to wit:

Table 1: Shows the Confiscated Forest Products

DATE	SPECIES	NO. OF PIECES	DIMENSION	VOLUME	REMARKS
4/09/14	CHW Flitches	55	Assorted Sizes	1,222.00 bd. ft. 2.88 cu.m.	Abandoned at San Isidro, San Mariano
	CHW Lumber	57	Assorted Sizes	3,176.00 bd. ft. 7.49 cu.m.	
4/14/14	CHW Lumber	351	Assorted Sizes	7,293.00 bd. ft. 17.20 cu.m.	Abandoned at Dumawing, Jones
4/22/14	CHW Lumber	4	Assorted Sizes	363.00 bd. ft. 0.86 cu.m	Abandoned at Abuan River, Cabisera 10, City of Ilagan
	Narra Flitches	10	Assorted Sizes	274.00 bd. ft. 0.65 cu.m	
	Narra Lumber	2	Assorted Sizes	10.00 bd. ft. 0.02 cu.m	

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 28, 2014 to May 16, 2014, they were able to maintain nursery operational activities and produced **Two Thousand Eighty (2,080)** pieces of **mahogany** tree seedlings.



A total of **Two Hundred Forty Seven (247) pieces** of assorted fruit, forest and ornamental seedlings were disposed to various recipients from the City of Ilagan, Cabagan and Reina Mercedes.

2. Donation of Confiscated/Apprehended Forest Products

The Provincial Government in its desire to fully support the construction of 6 Units Arc, Camera Gym Flat Form, 1 Unit of wooden stair, 2 Units of back wall for Queen Isabela II Park needed in the Celebration of the 158th Founding Anniversary of Province of Isabela granted the request for the donation of **Two Hundred Forty Seven (247) pieces CHW lumbers** with a total volume of **5,453.31 board feet** confiscated forest products.

C. OTHER INTERVENING EVENTS

1. Served as Focal Person in the conduct of Farmers' Congress activities held in the Municipality of Alicia, Isabela on April 30, 2014.
2. Joined and participated to the DENR B+WISER Program Team in the conduct of field validation of the targeted degraded areas for restoration activities, site assessment of degraded mangrove areas for rehabilitation and meetings with concerned local officials of the Municipalities of Maconacon and Divilacan, Isabela with the following objectives, to wit:
 - Geo-tagging of mangrove areas eligible for restoration/NGP;
 - Conduct of community meetings to confirm partnership with locals for enrolment in forest restoration; and
 - Conduct ground preparatory activities such as coordination to participants and venue for the upcoming/scheduled FMU Planning Workshop.
3. Two (2) Staff of ENR Office travelled to the municipalities of Maconacon and Divilacan, Isabela to conduct field Assessment and Evaluation of Individual Certificate of Stewardship Contracts (CSC) Holders within Integrated Social Forestry (ISF) Projects to be able to determine and validate the actual site status and occupants of the area as basis for recommendations and decision-making purposes as whether these areas will be subjected for renewal or cancellation. Activities to be undertaken are as follows:
 - i. Coordination and levelling off with the MENROs of Maconacon and Divilacan.



- ii. Organize the Evaluation Team composed of representatives from this Office, DENR CENRO Field Offices and MENROs of Maconacon and Divilacan;
 - iii. Conduct of field assessment and performance evaluation of individual CSC holders in the Barangays where the ISF Projects are located; and
 - iv. Consolidation of evaluation reports and exit conference with the MLGUs of Maconacon and Divilacan.
4. Conferred with B+WISER staff re: counterparting for the preparation of Information Education Campaign (IEC) materials and training designs for the ***Aral Kalikasan sa mga Barangay at Eskwela*** particularly within the nine (9) municipalities covered by the Northern Sierra Madre National Park (NSMNP).
 5. Together with members of the Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) and ENR Personnel facilitated the **Tree Planting Activity of the Thirty Four (34) candidates of Ms. Isabela 2014** on May 7, 2014 within the compound of Isabela Sports Complex.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

By: For. Cecilia M. Asuncion, SEMS/Division Chief

Continuous ground working/networking activities with the grassroots level together with Provincial Planning Development Office (PPDO) representatives as part Provincial Program Management and Implementing Unit (PPMIU) representing Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES).

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

OTHER INTERVENING ACTIVITIES:

1. Represented ENR Officer For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. to the Orientation on the **Seal of Good Local Governance** held at Cauayan City, Isabela on April 29, 2014. Said event were participated by the different LGU representatives. The responsibility identified for the office is any three among the following documents:
 - a. Enacted Ordinance consistent to RA 9003 (refer to Chapter **V** of Ordinance No. **05**, series Of 2001 Environment Code of Isabela);



- b. 10-Year Ecological Solid Waste Management Plan duly adopted by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Isabela (refer to duly endorsed document to the Office of the Governor thru the Provincial Administrator);
 - c. Material Recovery Facility (refer to 2013 Annual Accomplishment Report); and
 - d. Memorandum of Agreement to existing Sanitary Landfill site.
2. Attended and participated to the two-day workshop on the refinement of Carabao Dairy Farming and Marketing at the Department of Agriculture, Regional Office at Tuguegarao City, Cagayan from May 7-9, 2014.
3. Coordinated with the Municipal Assessors of the Municipalities of Cabagan and Tumauini over lot status of lands subject for donation to project proponent Dairy Multi-purpose Cooperative.

MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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

A. PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Awaiting for the completion of publication of the Provincial Ordinance No. **05** series of 2014 **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 received and processed **Thirteen (13) Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit Applications** from the different quarry locations within the province. The corresponding administrative/processing fees were collected by the Provincial Treasurer's Office amounting to **One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Pesos only (Php 147.290.00)**.

On May 13, 2014, this office issued **One (1) One Transport Permit** in favor of Golden Summit Mining Corporation at Barangay Anonang, Cordon, Isabela with a total volume of **Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Six metric tons (4,626 metric tons)**.

B. ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES CONCERNING MINERAL RESOURCES

From April 28, 2014 to May 16, 2014, additional One **(1)** Accreditation Sticker was issued to different haulers conspicuously pasted in their dump trucks with corresponding payments collected in the amount of **Fifty Pesos (Php 50.00)**.



C. FIELD MONITORING OF QUARRY AND MINING OPERATIONS

1. Quarrying and Mining Operations

Stemmed from the letter of PENR Officer For. William C. Savella regarding the issues on Special Land Use Area Production (SLUP) of Oriental Vision Mining Philippine Corporation (OVMPC), ENR Officer For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. and members of Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) together with the Provincial Administrator Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez conducted special meeting at DENR Sub-Office, Dinapigue, Isabela on April 23, 2014. In order to resolve the issue, the following were transpired during the meeting, to wit:

- Equipment and Security Guards of Smart and Geogen shall vacate the area at causeway.
- Allow the Oriental Vision Mining Philippine Corporation to install their security at their approved Special Land Use area Production effectively April 23, 2014.
- Give Geogen the access to use the road at the area for their passage of whatever purposes.
- Geogen and OVMPC were invited to attend to the Provincial Governor's Office for a Special Meeting anytime on May 12-15, 2014.

On the other hand, the team also Issue **Cease and Desist Order (CDO) to ten (10) identified owners** of Ball Mill presently conducting illegal mining activities Sitio Dimacawal, Bucal Norte, Dinapigue, Isabela.

D. OTHER INTERVENING ACTIVITIES

Together with ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. and two (2) ENR Office staff, attended and participated on a Special Meeting called for by the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) of Isabela led by Engr. Mario A. Ancheta, Chairman/PMRB held at the Governor's Mini-Conference Hall of the provincial Capitol, Alibagu, City of Ilagan, Isabela on May 15, 2014 at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon. Agendas presented and discussed with the board were as follows:

- Reconstitution of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB).



- Updates in the declaration of Minahang Bayan of the Municipalities of Cord and Dinapigue, Isabela
- Status regarding the operation of Golden Summit Mining Corporation
- Deliberation/Review of Commercial sand and Gravel Permit Applications.

Thereafter, it was followed by the execution of Resolution No.01, series of 2014 **Endorsing to the Provincial Governor Hon. Faustino G. Dy III the Approval of Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit Applications** wherein out of **Sixteen (16) CSAG Applications** only **Fourteen (14) were officially endorsed** by the Board for complying all the requirements, the application of Mr. Jun P. Bulos and Mr. Edwin P. Uy, both from Furaog, Gamu quarry site were excluded from the list subject for further evaluation.



OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN:

Date	Venue/Location	Activity/ies	Remarks
April 28, 2014 to May 2, 2014	Municipality of Dinapigue, Isabela	Mine Rehabilitation Fund Committee (MRFC) Meeting	Attended and participated by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr.
April 30, 2014	LGU Alicia, Community Center	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr., CDO II Rosemarie T. Zabala, CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario – focal persons together with Ms. Maricelle B. Tadeo & Ms. Loida S. Sevilla – usherettes
May 5, 2014	Material Recovery Facility (MRF) Building	Inauguration and Blessings of MRF Building beside ENR Office	Participated by ENR Personnel and Contractuals together with Rev. Father Floyd C. Codog, Parish Priest of San Manuel, Isabela.
May 7-10, 2014	Bacolod, Pavillon Hotel, Bacolod City	2014 National Convention of the Philippine League of Local Environment and natural Resources Officers (PLENRO)	Attended and participated by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr.
May 9, 2014	From Isabela Provincial Police Office (IPPO) to Provincial Capitol, City of Ilagan, Isabela	Family Fun Run	Attended and participated by the ENR Personnel and Contractuals.
May 10-11, 2014	Queen Isabela II Park, Capitol Compound, City of Ilagan	158th Founding Anniversary of Isabela	Assisted by ENR Contractuals who served as Ushers and Usherettes and some ENR Personnel headed by Asst. ENR Officer Edgardo C. Cadatal who helped in the Grand Float Parade Competition, Physical Arrangement and Trade Fair.
May 13, 2014	LGU San Mateo, Community Center	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr., CDO II Myrna



			B. Ordinario & C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga – focal persons together with Ms. Maricelle B. Tadeo & Ms. Loida S. Sevilla – usherettes
May 14, 2014	Metro Manila	Briefing on the Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (PH-EITI)	Attended and participated by ENR Officer For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr.
May 15, 2014	Governor’s Mini-Conference Hall, Provincial Capitol, City of Ilagan, Isabela	Dialogue regarding the On-going Mining Activities in the Municipality of Dinapigue and the Status of the Ore Stockyard thereat	Attended and participated by ENR Officer For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. together with representatives from Geogen corporation and Oriental Vision Mining Philippine Corporation (OVMPC), MGB OIC Director Engr. Mario A. Ancheta, LGU of Dinapigue headed by Hon. Mayor Rey Derije, PENR Officer For. William C. Savella and our Provincial Administrator Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez.
May 16, 2014	LGU Benito Soliven, Community Center	Farmers’ Congress	Facilitated and assisted by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr., CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario & C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga – focal persons together with Ms. Maricelle B. Tadeo & Ms. Loida S. Sevilla - usherettes

PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE DIALOGUE REGARDING THE ON-GOING MINING ACTIVITIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINAPIGUE AND THE STATUS OF THE ORE STOCKYARD THEREAT WITH THE PRESENCE OF ENR OFFICER FOR. GERONIMO P. CABACCAN, JR. TOGETHER WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM GEOGEN CORPORATION AND ORIENTAL VISION MINING PHILIPPINE CORPORATION (OVMP), MGB OIC DIRECTOR ENGR. MARIO A. ANCHETA, LGU OF DINAPIGUE HEADED BY HON. MAYOR REY DERIJE, PENR OFFICER FOR. WILLIAM C. SAVELLA AND OUR PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR ATTY. NOEL MANUEL R. LOPEZ HELD AT GOVERNOR'S MINI-CONFERENCE HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, CITY OF ILAGAN, ISABELA.



PICTURES SHOWING THE SPECIAL MEETING CALLED FOR BY THE PROVINCIAL MINING REGULATORY BOARD (PMRB) OF ISABELA WHICH WAS HELD AT GOVERNOR'S MINI-CONFERENCE HALL ON MAY 15, 2014 AT 2:00 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON.



THE INAUGURATION AND BLESSINGS OF MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY (MRF) BUILDING BESIDE ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES OFFICE (ENRO) WITH REV. FATHER FLOYD C. CODOG ON MAY 5, 2014.



TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY BY THE THIRTY FOUR (34) CANDIDATES OF MS. ISABELA 2014 ALONG THE COMPOUND OF ISABELA SPORTS COMPLEX ON MAY 7, 2014

