



FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

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

A. FOREST PROTECTION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

The incessant conduct of massive ground operations in the province through the valiant efforts of the Isabela Environment Protection - Task Force (ISEP-TF) has brought about the confiscations of **746 pieces** abandoned forest products (common hardwood and narra flitches and lumber) and two (2) conveyances used by the violators from **May 5, 2014 to July 10, 2014**. The aggregate volume is **14,948 board feet or 35.25 cubic meters** with an estimated value of **Php 223,576.00, broken down as follows:**

Table 1: Shows the Confiscated Forest Products

DATE	SPECIES	NO. OF PIECES	DIMENSION	VOLUME	REMARKS
5/5/14	CHW Lumber	67	Assorted Sizes	973.00 bd. ft. (2.29 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Dalibubon, Jones
5/5/14	Isuzu Elf Bearing Plate No. UMP 505	1			Dalibubon, Jones
5/28/14	CHW Lumber	53	Assorted Sizes	1,618.00 bd. ft. (3.82 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Ibuhan, San Mariano
	Narra Flitches	3	Assorted Sizes	67.00 bd. ft. (0.16 cu.m.)	
6/2/14	CHW Lumber	90	Assorted Sizes	2,085.00 bd. ft. (4.92 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Guilingan, Benito Soliven
	Narra Flitches	2	Assorted Sizes	66.00 bd. ft. (0.16 cu.m.)	
6/7/14	Narra Flitches & Lumber	13	Assorted Sizes	314.00 bd. ft. (0.74 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Abuan River, Cabisera 10, City of Ilagan
6/19/14	CHW Lumber	75	Assorted Sizes	1,515.00 bd. ft. (3.57 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Dalena, Disulap, San Mariano
6/21/14	Narra Flitches	11	Assorted Sizes	295.00 bd. ft. (0.70 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Green Meadow, Marana 1 st , City of Ilagan
	CHW Lumber	94	Assorted Sizes	367.00 bd. ft. (0.87 cu.m.)	
6/21/14	Passenger Jeep bearing Plate No. BVP 851	1			Green Meadow, Marana 1 st , City of Ilagan
7/5/14	CHW Lumber	86	Assorted Sizes	2,537.00 bd. ft. (5.98 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Cadsalan, San Mariano
7/7/14	CHW Lumber	105	Assorted Sizes	1,323.00 bd. ft. (3.12 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Baculud, City of Ilagan



7/10/14	CHW Lumber	98	Assorted Sizes	2,506.00 bd. ft. (5.91 cu.m.)	Abandoned at Tappa, San Mariano
	Narra Flitches	8	Assorted Sizes	354.00 bd. ft. (0.83 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.

As of to date, the nurseries are manned by only two **(2) full time laborers** since the **two (2)** were assigned back to the checkpoints as ISEP TF operatives, and another **one (1)** now assigned as Administrative Aide II. From June 9, 2014 to July 11, 2014, they were able to maintain nursery operational activities.

A total of **One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Eight (1,678) pieces** of assorted fruit, forest and ornamental seedlings were disposed to various recipients from the City of Ilagan, Cabagan, Naguilian, Gamu and Cauayan City, Isabela.

2. Partnership Activities with the DENR B+WISER Program

As we continually advocate the protection of the Northern Sierra Madre Natural Park (NSMNP), the Provincial Government thru its ENR Office has targeted this year and committed to provide financial support to at least **50 hectares agroforestry development** and **10 hectares mangrove rehabilitation** for the **forest landscape restoration** project in Barangays Sapinit and Dimasalansan both in the municipality of Divilacan, Isabela. These projects were being implemented in partnership with the DENR B+WISER Program providing the technical assistance particularly in the conduct of Forest Management Unit (FMU) planning workshops with the project beneficiaries in the two identified barangays. For this period under report, the FMU planning workshop for Dimasalansan was conducted last June 17-19, 2014 which was attended by members of the Asosasyon ng mga Nagmamalasakit sa Kalikasan (ANAK) ng Divilacan and some barangay officials. Said activity was facilitated by the Team composed of the B+WISER Technical Staff Forester Restituta V. Antolin & Forester Ruel C. Lazaro; from ENRO represented by Forester Rosemarie T. Zabala and the MENRO of Divilacan Forester Arthur V. Umengan.



3. Donation of Confiscated/Apprehended Forest Products

The Provincial Government of Isabela granted the request for the donation of **three hundred ninety six (396) pieces CHW lumbers** with aggregate volume of **10,521.97 board feet** confiscated forest products for the completion of the respective projects of the following entities, to wit:

- Provincial Women's Center (PWC);
- Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Region II;
- STEP Program Learning Resources Center (LRC) Capitol;
- Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) Tumauni Monitoring Checkpoint;
- Barangay Local Gov't Unit of Tagaran, Cauayan City;
- Office of the Provincial Engineer (OPE); and
- Regional Highway Patrol, Unit 2.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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

1. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITH THE PHILIPPINE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PRDP)

As member of the Provincial Program Management and Implementing Unit (PPMIU) representing Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES) together with PPDO representatives, the group conducted the following activities:

- ✓ Initial profiling in the following Barangays of Mallig, Isabela, namely: Olango, Siempre Viva Sur, Siempre Viva Norte, Manano and Trinidad intended for the preparation of economic analysis on the proposed Farm to Market Road (FMR);
- ✓ Gathering and consolidation of data for Malaya Development Cooperative (MDC) enterprise, and profiling of Cooperative members needed in the completion of the Business Plan; and
- ✓ Obtained technical data on geographical location of the proposed project needed in the preparation of Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) Report mandated under PD 1586 (Environmental Impact System) consistent with Social and Environmental Safeguards aspect of the proposed project.

2. MAINTENANCE OF THE MATERIAL RECOVERY FACILITY

- ✓ Organic Fertilizer Production - Continuous production of vermi-composts, bio-intensive gardening and soil and water conservation



structures showcased within the office premises by the two (2) job contractors.

3. PROVINCIAL ECOLOGY CENTER OPERATIONS

- ✓ Advocacy campaign to interested walk-in clients and explaining to them about the need to use organic fertilizers (vermi-compost) and plant growth enhancers (fermented plant juices and indigenous micro-organisms) thru organic/natural farming/gardening practices to contribute in averting the ill effects of global warming and climate change; and
- ✓ Display of different worthwhile products made out of waste materials from collected from the City and Municipal ENR Offices, schools and other concerned groups. This is to serve as showcase for others to know that something useful can still be taken out of the things we already consider as wastes.

MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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

A. PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS

For this period under report, this Office received and processed additional **Eleven (11) Sand and Gravel Commercial 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 **Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Pesos only (Php 27,720.00)**.

On July 11, 2014, this Office issued **One (1) Ore Transport Permit** in favor of Golden Summit Mining Corporation valid until August 11, 2014 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 June 9, 2014 to July 11, 2014, additional **Thirty Six (36) Accreditation Stickers** were issued to different haulers conspicuously pasted in their dump trucks with corresponding payments collected in the amount of **Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Five Pesos (Php 3,550.00)**.



C. FIELD MONITORING OF QUARRY AND MINING OPERATIONS

1. Quarrying Operations

With the strict enforcement of 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 thru its concerned personnel conducted regular monitoring, field verification and ocular inspection of different quarry areas within the province.

2. Mining Operations

The Team from the DENR Mines & Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB) Region II requested one (1) personnel from this Office to assist in the conduct of delineation survey of areas within the following barangays of Cordon, Isabela, namely: **Anonang, Caquilingan, Camarao and Villa Miemban**. The result of which is one of the basic requirements needed for the declaration as **Minahang Bayan** to the aforesaid **Barangays**.

In addition to the above activity, ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. and five (5) staff from this Office assisted the representatives from DENR Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB), Region II during the conduct of delineation of areas subject for Minahang Bayan at **Sitio Dimacawal which is being claimed by both Barangays of Bucal Sur and Bucal Norte in Dinapigue, Isabela**. The team was able to identify the boundaries of the proposed areas with approximately **One Hundred (100) hectares**.

As member of the **Multi-Partite Monitoring Team (MMT) of the Isabela Nickel Mining Project of Geogen Corporation**, ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. joined the 2nd Quarter field monitoring of small-scale mining activities as to their compliance with existing mining rules and regulations at Dinapigue from June 16-21, 2014.

D. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO ARISING CONFLICTS/DISPUTES

1. Stemmed from the Resolution submitted to this Office of the three (3) Barangays of Cordon namely: Anonang, Camarao and Villa Miemban **“A Resolution Earnestly Requesting the Hon. Faustino “Bojie” G. Dy III, Provincial Governor thru For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. ENR Officer to Please Allow Dredging Company to Dredge Diadi River within their Territorial Jurisdiction in the Municipality of Cordon, Isabela”**, this Office conducted dialogue last July 7, 2014 together with all the Barangay Councils and came up with the conduct of field inspection and verification of the aforementioned areas and public hearing to all the residents



affected and living therein, which thereafter, attended by the two (2) ENR Personnel last Friday July 11, 2014 held at Barangay Anonang, Cordon, Isabela.

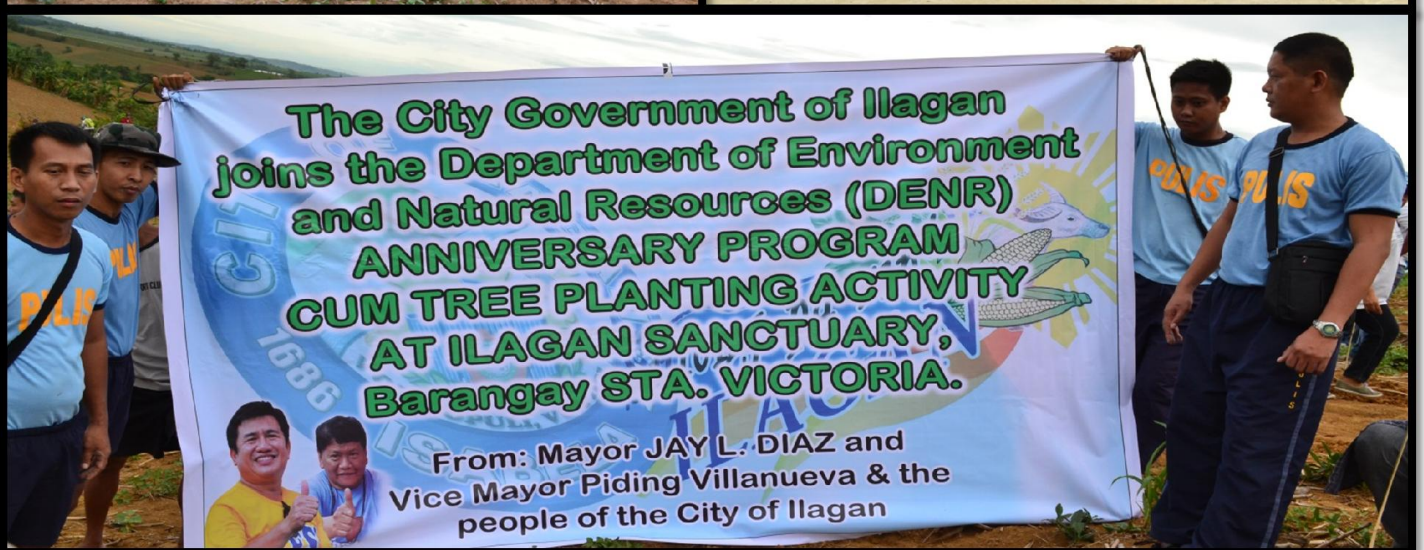
2. The confusion on Barangay Shares derived from quarry fees and charges brought about the **boundary dispute between Barangays Minanga and Carpintero**, Tumauni, Isabela. Barangay Captain of the latter requested to this Office for the actual survey of areas to determine its exact measurement. With that, three (3) Personnel of this Office together with their Barangay Captain and Municipal Assessor of Tumauni conducted actual survey with the following results, to wit:

- Identification of the actual area with Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit.
- Actual boundaries of the two (2) Barangays were not identified since some parts of the Cadastral Map of Barangay Carpintero was blurred and being forgotten by Barangay Minanga.
- Finally, it was agreed by both Parties to have follow-up survey of the said areas under conflict. Meantime, the Barangay Shares will be on 50%-50% basis between Minanga and Carpintero until such time that the issue will be resolved.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN:**

Date	Venue/Location	Activity/ies	Remarks
July 11, 2014	Coliseum of LGU Dinapigue	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr., CDO II Celia N. Badua and C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga
July 9-11, 2014	Las Palmas de San Jose Leisure Club, Tuguegarao City	Training Regarding the conduct of Delivery of Excellent Service through Integrity, Guidance and Nobleness towards Anti-Red Tape Survey (DESIGN-ARTS)	Attended and participated by CDA II Teodorico S. Bagunu
July 4, 2014	Community Center of LGU San Agustin	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario, C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga and two (2) ENR Staff
June 30, 2014 to July 3, 2014	Widus Hotel and Casino at Clark Freeport Zone, Angeles City, Pampanga	Orientation on the Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP), Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) and on the Former Rebels Information System (FRIS)	Attended and Participated by CDA I Rolando V. Lee
June 27, 2014	Community Center of LGU San Manuel	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario, C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga and two (2) ENR Staff
June 20, 2014	Community Center of LGU Quezon	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario, C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga and one (1) ENR Staff
June 17, 2014	Community Center of LGU Mallig	Farmers' Congress	Facilitated and assisted by CDO II Myrna B. Ordinario, C/CDA I Joyce N. Cabalonga and two (2) ENR Staff
June 10, 2014	EMB, Region 02, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan	Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) review on the proposed farm to Market Road Project	Attended by EMS I Dalisay A. Baligod

ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT BY THE ENR PERSONNEL AND DIFFERENT CONCERNED AGENCIES IN THE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM CUM TREE PLANTING ACTIVITY OF THE DEPARTMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DENR) HELD AT ILAGAN SANCTUARY, BARANGAY STA. VICTORIA LAST JUNE 10, 2014.



ENR OFFICER GERONIMO P. CABACCAN, JR. TOGETHER WITH COL. LONDRITO INNOVEHAS OF THE PROVINCIAL SECURITY GUARD (PSG) REITERATED TO THE ISABELA ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION – TASK FORCE (ISEP-TF) MEMBERS THE PREVIOUS INSTRUCTION REGARDING THEIR DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS IN MANNING THEIR RESPECTIVE CHECKPOINT AND THE OBSERVANCE OF PROPER DECORUM WHILE ON DUTY.

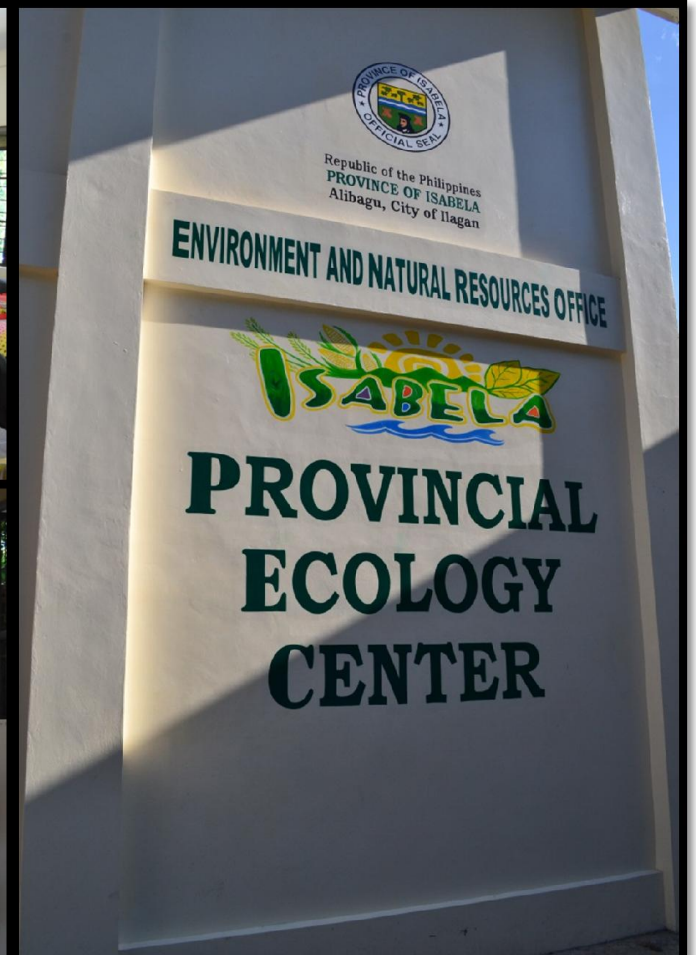


DIALOGUE WITH THE BARANGAY COUNCIL OF ANONANG, CAMARAO AND VILLA MIEMBAN ALL IN CORDON, ISABELA REGARDING THEIR RESOLUTION TO THE HON. GOVERNOR FAUSTINO G. DY III TO ALLOW THE DREDGING COMPANY TO DREDGE THE DIADI RIVER WITHIN THEIR TERRITORY.





PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWCASING THE DIFFERENT BY-PRODUCTS OUT OF WASTES COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS MENR OFFICES OF ISABELA WHICH BEING DISPLAYED TO THE PROVINCIAL ECOLOGY CENTER (PEC) FOR PROMOTION PURPOSES AND SEARCH FOR SEAL OF GOOD LOCAL GOVERNANCE.



FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT (FMU) PLANNING WORKSHOP FACILITATED BY THE B+WISER PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PGI-ENRO AND PARTICIPATED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ASOSASYON NG MGA NAGMAMALASAKIT SA KALIKASAN (ANAK) NG DIVILACAN, OUR PARTNER-PO FOR THE FOREST LANDSCAPE RESTORATION PROJECT UNDER THE ISABELA GREENING PROJECT (IGP) THRU AGRO-FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT AND MANGROVE REHABILITATION AT DIMASALANSAN, DIVILACAN, ISABELA.

