



FOREST MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

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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. During the period, there were no confiscations/apprehensions happened.

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 May 19, 2014 to June 6, 2014, they were able to maintain nursery operational activities and produced **One Hundred Eighty (180)** pieces of **mahogany** tree seedlings and **One Hundred Seventy (170) Golden Shower** tree seedlings.

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 **Three Hundred (300)** pieces of potted **Mahogany** tree seedlings as he is but more often assigned to assist as ISEP-TF operative at Abuan Checkpoint.

A total of **Four Hundred Fifty Three (453) pieces** of assorted fruit, forest and ornamental seedlings were disposed to various recipients from the City of Ilagan, Gamu and Santiago City.

2. Partnership Activities with the DENR B+WISER Program

Forest Landscape Restoration Project in Divilacan, Isabela

The restoration of the forest focuses on the natural ecosystem functions (regulatory, habitat, production and information functions) while considering human needs. Forest restoration goes beyond the planting of trees. It is defined as the **“actions to re-instate, re-establish”** forest cover



and service delivery of the forest. The methodologies to be employed for forest restoration depend on the condition of the site and purpose of the restoration project.

Considering the above premises, the ENR Office has targeted 50 hectares for its initial forest restoration project located within the NSMNP along the proposed road network at Barangay Sapinit and 10 hectares mangrove rehabilitation at Barangay Dimasalansan, Divilacan, Isabela with technical assistance from the B+WISER Program of the DENR.

Initial activities undertaken were as follows:

- Actual field validation and survey of the areas eligible for 50 hectares forest restoration project of the Provincial Government thru this Office in support to the NGP. The site is located within the NSMNP area in barangay Sapinit, Divilacan, Isabela. The team composed of the PLGU-ENRO represented by For. Rosemarie T. Zabala together with partners from DENR B+WISER Program, PENRO & CENRO Palanan Sub-Office in Maconacon.
- Forest Management Unit (FMU) Planning Workshop attended by the PO officers and members of ANAK ng Divilacan, Sapinit Tribal Council and the Barangay Council and LGU Divilacan representatives led by the Municipal ENRO. Said activities were conducted in Barangay Sapinit Session Hall on May 27-31, 2014 with the desired outputs hopefully attained as follows:
 - ✓ Common understating of the Forest Management Unit concepts among the participants;
 - ✓ Development of sample FMU plans, and
 - ✓ Agreement on road map for FMU plan development of the forest restoration project.

Consolidation of the survey and data gathered thru GIS mapping followed.

The B+WISER Program had earlier conducted FMU Planning Workshop in Camp Samal Training Center, Tumauini, Isabela which aimed at prioritizing the critical watersheds of Tumauini Watershed Forest Reserve (TWFR) that currently provides important ecosystem services like irrigation to lowland farms. This is also one of the pilot areas for forest restoration by the DENR. This activity was participated by For. Joyce N. Cabalonga with participants from the People's



Organization existing in the area – the Sito Maguli Marginal Farmers Producers Cooperative (SMMFPC) and other farmers within the watershed vicinities of Barangay Antagan 1st, Tumauni, Isabela.

3. Conduct of Certificate of Stewardship Contract (CSC) Evaluation

Simultaneous with other activities of equal importance is the conduct of performance assessment and field evaluation of individual CSC holders within the Integrated Social Forestry (ISF) Project areas in the municipalities of Maconacon, Divilacan and Cordon. Using the DENR prescribed CSC evaluation rating sheet, herewith is the partial result of the holders that were assessed and evaluated, to wit:

| MUNICIPALITY/BARANGAY | NO. OF CSC HOLDERS | CSC HOLDERS EVALUATED |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Maconacon | | |
| 1. Aplaya | 38 | 20 |
| 2. Diana (Dirayrayan) | 21 | 2 |
| 3. Reina Mercedes | 10 | 0 |
| 4. Sta. Marina (Dianggo) | 69 | 56 |
| Divilacan | | |
| 1. Sapinit | 45 | 24 |
| 2. Ditarum | 50 | 22 |
| 3. Dication/Dicaruyan | 4 | 1 |
| Cordon | | |
| 1. Sitio Dicawal, Caquilingan | 97 | 24 |
| T O T A L | | 150 |

4. Donation of Confiscated/Apprehended Forest Products

The province in its desire to fully support the project undertakings of PHPNP Isabela Provincial Public Safety Company and Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD) granted their request for the donation of **Thirty Five (35) pieces CHW lumbers** with aggregate volume of **845.67 board feet** confiscated forest products for the completion of their respective projects.



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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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).

Continuous production of vermin-composting and organic fertilizer production, and soil and water conservation structures showcased within the office premises of the two (2) job labor workers.

OTHER INTERVENING ACTIVITIES:

1. Attended and participated to the five-day training on Participatory Resource Appraisal – Resources and Social Assessment (PRA-RSA) and Financial Management aiming to help the Regional Program Coordinating Offices (RPCOs), Provincial Program Monitoring and Implementing Units (PPMIUs) and Proponent Groups in the finalization of their respective business plans, particularly on the financial side, of their proposed enterprises.

MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

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

A. PROCESSING OF PERMIT APPLICATIONS

This Office received and processed an additional **One (1) Sand and Gravel Commercial Permit Application** of **Lapogan Multi-Purpose Cooperative** represented by **Rizalino Garcillam** with the corresponding administrative/processing fees collected by the Provincial Treasurer's Office amounting to **Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Pesos (Php 11,330.00)**.

B. ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES CONCERNING MINERAL RESOURCES

From May 19, 2014 to June 6, 2014, there were no Accreditation Sticker was issued to different haulers.

C. FIELD MONITORING OF QUARRY AND MINING OPERATIONS

1. Quarrying Operations

As per request by the Municipal Council of Tumauni during their regular session held on May 26, 2014, an actual field survey, ocular inspection/assessment and verification were conducted at the quarry site



applied for Commercial Sand and Gravel Permit by Hon. Christopher B. Uy having a distance from the bridge of Sta. Visitacion, Tumauni, Isabela. And after thorough measurement of the area, Mr. Uy is recommended to have his extraction beyond five hundred meters from the foot of the bridge.

Moreover, one (1) staff of Mineral Resources Management Division conducted relocation of quarry area of Mr. Arnold S. Ferrer situated at Barangays Carpintero and Minanga, Tumauni, Isabela.

2. Mining Operations

On June 2, 2014, Office Order No. 2045 was issued by the Office of the Local Chief Executive to conduct compliance monitoring to issued Cease and Desist Order (CDO) to illegal miners at Sitio Dimakawal, Bukal Norte, Dinapigue, Isabela. Several members of Isabela Environment Protection – Task Force (ISEP-TF) led by ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. proceeded to Dinapigue to implement the Order.

Following activities were undertaken:

1. Coordinated with the Office of the Municipal Mayor, DENR Sub-office, Local Police Station and the Barangay Officials.
2. Conducted dialogue with all stakeholders to plan course of action in relation to the issued Cease and Desist Orders.

Findings:

1. Miners were no longer in the area.
2. Ball mills still intact with presence of old piles of ores.

Actions:

The team dismantled all existing Ball Mills in the area. Several parts of Ball Mills were taken down and brought to the office for custody and others were just left behind in the area.

D. OTHER INTERVENING ACTIVITIES

1. Together with ENR Officer Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. attended Sangguniang Bayan Regular Session of LGU Tumauni, Isabela relative to the implementation 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.
2. After thorough deliberation/review of the Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (PMRB) of Isabela led by Engr. Mario A. Ancheta, Chairman/PMRB



during the Special Meeting held on May 15, 2014, **the Board endorsed to the Honorable Governor Faustino G. Dy III the approval of Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG) Permit Applications** in which out of Sixteen (16) CSAG Applications only Fourteen (14) were qualified for complying all the requirements, the application of Mr. Jun P. Bulos and Mr. Edwin P. Uy, both from Furao, Gamu quarry site were excluded from the list subject for further evaluation.

3. Joined and assisted together with the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau (MGB) personnel in the five-day delineation of areas for the Declaration of Minahang Bayan at Barangays Anonang, Camarao, Caquilingan and Villa Miemban, Cordon, Isabela from June 3-7, 2014.

OTHER ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN:

| Date | Venue/Location | Activity/ies | Remarks |
|--------------|---|---|---|
| May 20, 2014 | AIM Igorot Lodge, Baguio City | Joint Review of the Sub-Project Proposals under the IBUILD by the Philippine Rural Development Program – National Program Coordination Office and Program Support office Luzon A Cluster | Attended and participated by ENR Officer For. Geronimo P. Cabaccan, Jr. |
| June 5, 2014 | Our Lady of Guibang, Gamu to DENR-CENRO Naguilian | Environmental Symposium cum Tree Planting in celebration of World Environmental Day with official slogan “Raise your Voice Not the Sea Level | Attended and participated by Asst. ENR Officer Edgardo C. Cadatal and three ENR Personnel |

PICTURES ARE THE TOOLS USED BY THE ILLEGAL SMALL-SCALE MINERS IN THEIR MINING ACTIVITY IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF DINAPIGUE WHICH WERE CONFISCATED BY THE MEMBERS ISABELA ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION – TASK FORCE (ISEP-TF) AND SOME MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND BROUGHT AT ENR OFFICE FOR SAFEKEEPING PURPOSES.



PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND FIELD EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUAL CERTIFICATE OF STEWARDSHIP CONTRACT (CSC) HOLDERS WITHIN THE INTEGRATED SOCIAL FORESTRY (ISF) PROJECT AREAS IN THE MUNICIPALITIES OF MACONACON AND DIVILACAN CONDUCTED BY THE ENR PERSONNEL.



ATTENDANCE DURING THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN REGULAR SSESSION OF LGU TUMAUI NI HELD ON MAY 26, 2014 TACKLING AS ONE OF THEIR AGENDA THE IMPEMNTATION OF PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 05, SERIES OF 2014.



PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING THE ACTUAL FIELD SURVEY, OCULAR INSPECTION/ ASSESSMENT AND VERIFICATION AT THE APPLIED QUARRY SITE FOR COMMERCIAL SAND AND GRAVEL PERMIT BY HON. CHRISTOPHER B. UY CONDUCTED BY ENR PERSONNEL ON MAY 26, 2014.

