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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The CENR Officer**
CENRO Belison

FROM : **The Supervising EMS/PASu**
CENRO Belison/Sibalom Natural Park

SUBJECT : **TRAVEL COMPLETION REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF
GROUND VALIDATION FOR THE DELINEATION OF SNP-STRICT
PROTECTION ZONE**

As the designated Protected Area Superintendent for Sibalom Natural Park, the undersigned conducted the ground verification of proposed boundaries of Sibalom Natural Park Strict Protection Zone on August 16-19, 2022 at Barangay Cabladan and Imparayan, Sibalom, Antique.

The following are the activities and observations.

1. The undersigned with Deputy PASu Joery D. Oczon and LGU hired laborer of Barangay Cabladan Mr. Leonardo Fortin and Jenebert Cabigunda conducted verification of proposed boundaries for SNP-Strict Protection Zone designated as block 1, So. Tig-idan, Barangay Cabladan, Sibalom, Antique on August 16-17, 2022.
 - a. On the northeastern portion of Sibalom Natural Park, is an isolated forestland of more or less 170 hectares, almost 80% covered with vegetation.
 - b. That portion was subjected to validation for Strict protection Zone which is covered by natural forest reinforced by some exotic Mahogany and Gmelina trees planted during the implementation of Contract reforestation program of the government.
 - c. The existence of natural stand as characterized by high topography and steep slope shows high value of natural environment which needs to be strictly protected.
 - d. On the other hand, per record the issued individual Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program of the Department of Agrarian Reform overlapped on the boundaries of timberland within the SNP in the particular area.
 - e. Further the bantay gubat from Cabladan informed that there are also some claims within the timberland area which is subject for verification and assessment.
 - f. Regular Lawin Patrolling, IEC with the adjacent community and inventory of forest occupants within the area is recommended.
2. On August 18-19, 2022, the undersigned with Deputy PASu Joery D. Oczon, PA admin Assistance Gwyn Paduganao and LGU hired laborers of Sibalom Namely; Gabrel Paduganao, Rowelo Alentajan, Richard Alentajan, Leonard Alentajan and Ayman Agting, conducted field validation of proposed boundaries for SNP-Strict Protection

Zone designated as block 5, located at the slope of Mount Poras facing So. Igmaru, Barangay Imparayan, Sibalom, Antique

- a. The proposed corner for Strict Protection Zone of Sibalom Natural Park is located above the 7th Falls of Butac along the Butac creek which is one of the ecotourism sites within the PA.
- b. The area is also characterized by the presence of diversified natural forest, steep slope and high terrain.
- c. Presence of wildlife such as Tariktik hornbill and monkeys in the area qualifies for its designation as Strict Protection Zone.
- d. Regular patrolling shall be conducted to protect and conserve the natural resource within the area.

For information and record.

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Photos above showing the SNP PASu, DPASu and LGU Sibalom Hired laborers during the conduct of ground verification of corners for SNP-SPZ on August 16-17, 2022. Other photos showing the area for designation as



Photograph above showing the Butac Falls a natural treasure of Sibalom Natural Park designated to be a Multiple-Use Zone.



Geotagg Photos taken during the validation of area for the proposed management zone designated as Strict Protection Zone, Block 5 of the Sibalom Natural Park