

SUBJECT : COMMUNITY DIALOGUE/ MEETING WITH THE INDIGENOUS LOCAL COMMUNITY IN KANAO-KANAO, BONIFACIO, MISAMIS OCCIDENTAL

DATE : June 4, 2016

Forwarded to your end is the documentation report of the Community dialogue/ meeting with the Indigenous Local Community in Kanao-kanao, Bonifacio, Misamis Occidental conducted on June 4, 2016. Please be informed that the activity was actively participated by thirty-three (33) Indigenous Local Community headed by their Brgy. Chairman, Hon. Jovany G. Romo.

Brgy. Kanao-kanao is one of the buffer zone of Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park among sixty-five (65) barangays endowed with the scenic view of Natural resources and diverse form of life with its ecotourism facilities for tourists wish to visit the site. Majority of the residence are the Subanen tribe. And because of their full support in protecting Mother Nature, the DENR office takes a step to have a Community dialogue with the residence.



Above Photo showing the Brgy. Captain of Kanao-kanao, Jovany G. Romo giving a warm welcome message to the participants and thanked the DENR personnel for initiating the interactive dialogue and for giving opportunity to his people to experience such activity.



PENRO/ Concurrent PASu Belen O. Daba, Ph. D. giving an interactive lecture on RA 9304 or “Mt. Malindang Act” and management of MMRNP pursuant to RA 7586 or NIPAS act of 1992. She also incorporated in her discussion the overview of the MMRNP and presented the newly constructed Ecotourism facilities distributed in strategic areas of Mt. Malindang. She also encouraged everybody to actively support the endeavor of the DENR with their advocacy in protecting and conserving the environment as it is the central by geographic location and central source of life.



Photo showing Assistant PASu/ DMO III, Angel Jumawan discussing the RA 9175 also known as Chainsaw Act. The Indigenous Local Community was highly reminded of the detrimental effect of the illegal logging in upland, lowland and coastal areas as well.

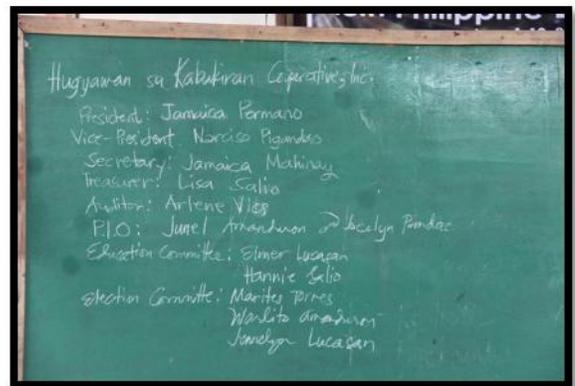


For. Armstrong Hedoquio discussing the RA 9147 or the “Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act”. during the discussion, he emphasizes that killing and destroying of wildlife is prohibited however, an exemption is considered if for the following reasons:

- it is used for religious rituals of established tribal groups or indigenous cultural communities.
- when the wildlife is afflicted by incurable communicable disease or it is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the wildlife and
- when the wildlife is killed or destroyed after it has been used in authorized research experiment or it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being

He also discussed the corresponding penalty/ sanction for every violation committed.

Aside from the DENR laws and regulations discussed, the ILC in Brgy Kanao-kanao had also organized an association which could help in strengthening the conservation and protection of Mt. Malindang and could help in uplifting their economic lives in the near future as the PENR Officer proposed livelihood for them.



The above photo (left) was captured during the selection of Officers. Right photo is the list of selected officers in their Organizations. Their Organizations was named “Hugyawanan sa Kabukiran Lumad Subanen Cooperative”.



Above photo showing the participants and the lecturers; PENRO/ Concurrent PASu Daba, Assistant PASu, Angel P. Jumawan and For. Armstrong Hedoquio