



EMB R8 director works with DENR, MGB to monitor mining operations in Homonhon Island

Regional Director Martin Jose V. Despi of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) 8, together with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) 8 Regional Executive Director Arturo E. Fadriquela and the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) 8 Regional Director Carlos A. Tayag, collaborated closely to monitor the operations and compliance of Emir Mineral Resources Corporation (EMRC) through an on-site inspection on September 6, 2022, in Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar.



During the visit, the regional directors along with the team attended a coordination meeting with the parish priest of Homonhon Island, Rev. Fr. Jonathan Pading, and then proceeded with EMRC's presentation of its mining operations and rehabilitation plans; a public forum on the issues and concerns raised relating to mining activities; and a tour of the company's mining area itself.



Also present during the site visit were CENRO Borongan Eugene B. Mozo, Bishop Crispin B. Varquez of the Diocese of Borongan, Rev. Fr. James Abella of the Diocesan Social Action Center, Esayra Abuzejo of Caritas Borongan Inc., representatives from the Philippine Misereor Partnership Inc. (PMPI), and some technical employees of MGB R8.

The said visit was a joint effort of the DENR, MGB, and EMB to ensure responsible mining in Eastern Visayas and mining corporations' compliance with the different environmental laws.

