



CNMI DLNR CITIZEN CENTRIC REPORT 2021

DLNR was established by Public Law 10-57 on April 18, 1997.

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EMPLOYEES CARRY OUT ITS MISSION. DLNR HAS FOUR (4) DIVISIONS, EACH LED BY A DIRECTOR WHO REPORTS TO THE SECRETARY OF DLNR:



DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE: To protect the natural resources of the islands, the marine environment, the endangered species, and prevent the spread of invasive species. In June 2020, over 50% of its personnel were put on furlough.



DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE: Promotes agricultural programs, animal industry, and health; and prevent the introduction and spread of plant and animal diseases, including invasive species.



DIVISION OF LAND REGISTRATION AND SURVEY: To conduct surveys of public lands; To preserve and protect land documents and maps.



DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION: In charge of landscaping and beautification projects for all Commonwealth parks. This Division was temporarily transferred to the Department of Public Lands to prevent furlough of staff.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Mariana Crow (Aga) Conservation Research



The Mariana Crow or Aga are endangered and now only occur on Rota. DLNR, in cooperation with the University of Washington and the San Diego Zoo, has been conducting a long-term research and conservation program. This program identifies the threats facing the Aga. It doubles the output of selected nests to increase the population.

Endangered Plants and Deer Management

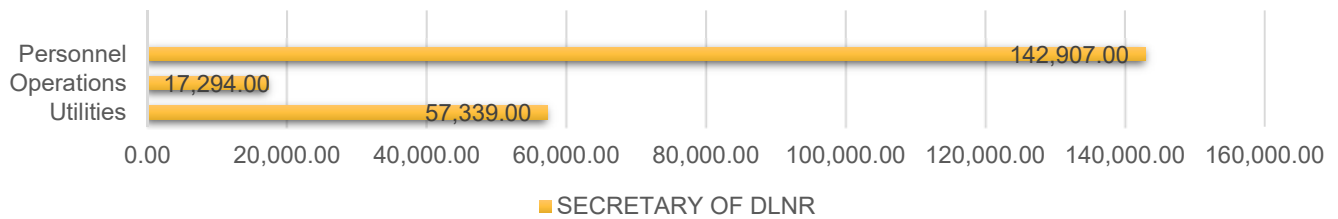


We conducted our abundance estimation of the population of Philippine brown deer (*Rusa Marianna*) on Luta. We have been conducting quarterly surveys to reestablish a monitoring program for these endangered plants, estimate current population sizes, and map occurrences. The deer biologist has assessed depredation at naturally occurring

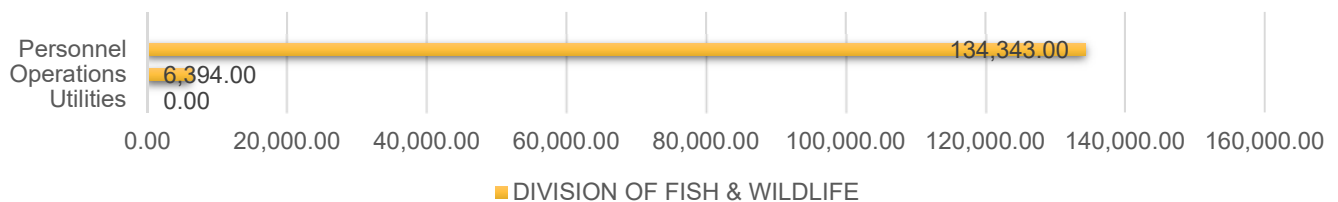
and outplanted sites for all three protected plant species. Seed collection and propagation of *Serianthes nelsonii* and *Osmoxylon mariannense* are ongoing in the nursery.

DLNR'S ANNUAL BUDGET

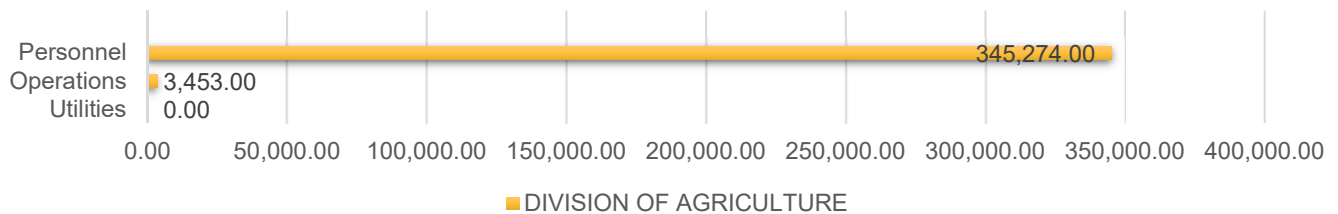
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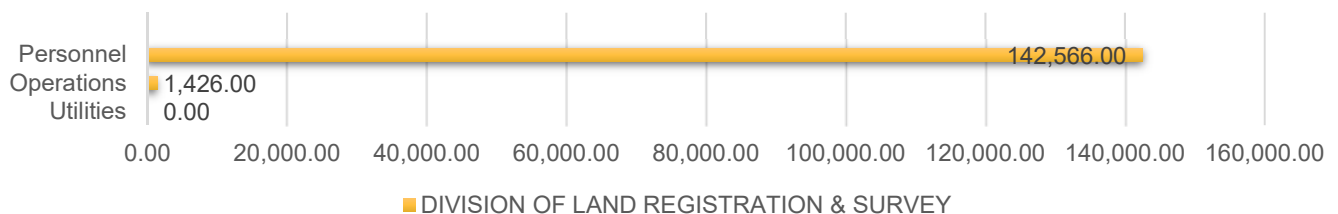
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WHAT IS NEXT?

DLNR will continue to carry out public service while adhering to the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force protocol to ensure everyone's safety. The main office and all its divisions remain open between Monday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

DLNR will continue to seek funds for the following:

- To build and fully staff a brand-new **Outer Cove Marina**,
- To operate the **Marpi Public Cemetery**,
- To start running a **Submerged Land Office**, and
- To work with partnering agencies in the protection of our border against diseases and invasive species, maintain and beautify our islands, and keep our Commonwealth a safe place to live and visit.

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