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MGB 13 PARTICIPATES DISASTER RISK REDUCTION FORUM



The Provincial Planning & Development of Surigao del Norte, in its effort to strengthen disaster preparedness conducted a one (1) day Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) FORUM on October 5, 2006. It was participated by the Office of Civil Defense, Caraga, PHILVOCS Central Office, DILG, MGB 13 and thirty eight (38) barangay captains, including municipal mayors & representatives from municipalities whose jurisdictions are assessed with a "high rating " for landslide prone areas.

This office was invited to present the Results of the DENR – MGB Rapid Field Assessment on Landslide Prone Barangays of Surigao del Norte. Noel G. Lumague, Senior Science Research Specialist was the presenter. A total of 186 barangays, covering 10 mainland municipalities and one (1) island municipality were being assessed. Of these, 38 barangays were rated as high, 49 were moderate and 55 were low and the rest were none. The criteria for said ratings were agreed upon by MGB geologists during their conference prior to the conduct of the said assessment. Lumague also added, that a landslide threat advisory was given to each barangay being assessed, which contains findings and recommendations from the team.