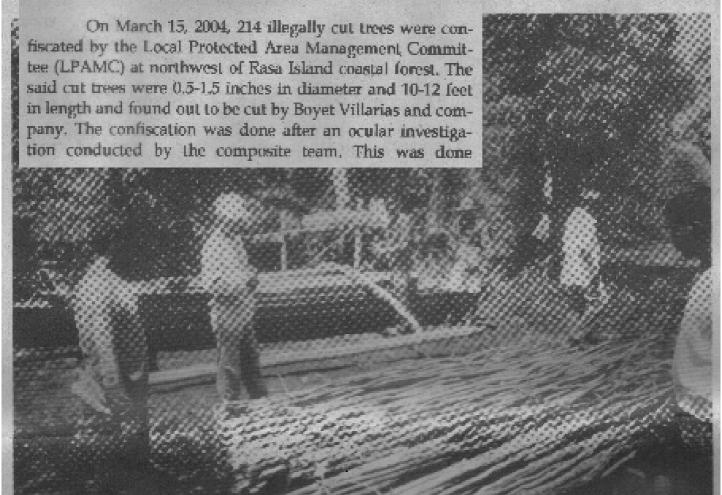
LPAMC confiscates illegally cut trees

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through the initiative of the LPAMC host organization, the PCCP/Katala Foundation and the Sagip Katala Movement - Narra Chapter, Inc. with the approval of LPAMC Chairman, Hon Lucena D. Demaala.

During the LPAMC meeting on March 22, 2004, Boyet Villarias apologized and agreed to make an affidavit stating that he will not cut trees again. A promissory note was previously made by the concerned in the presence of PAWS OIC Emmanuel Alfaro of the DENR-CENRO during their on-site visit and ocular investigation. Certificate of search was also issued by the Special Deputy Environment and Natural Resources Officers (SDENRO), wildlife wardens of Rasa Island.

This joint effort is pursuant to the powers and functions of the LPAMC particularly the Committee on Law Enforcement, Patrol and Apprehension under Executive Order No. 12, Sec. 6,6.1 (b) stating the function "To monitor and apprehend any person or persons committing or about to commit any illegal activities in Rasa Island and its vicinities".

The composite team was composed of the members from PCCP/Katala Foundation, Inc; Sagip Katala Movement - Narra Chapter, Inc.; SDENRO/Wildlife wardens; DENR-CENRO; Task Force/Kilusang Sagip Kalikasan; Bantay Dagat and PNP Narra. Further, continued support from the LPAMC Chairman, Mayor Lucena Demaala is making a great role in the protection and conservation of Rasa Island particularly the critically endangered Philippine cockatoo and other wildlife.