

(Civil Jurisdiction)

BETWEEN: CHARLES BICE WONGRASS

(COMPLAINANT)

AND: JOHNSON MOSES

(DEFENDANT)

**MATTER: PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION IN THE SUM OF VT 15,000 FOR
STEALING NANGAI, MANIOC AND THREATENING TO ASSAULT**

Coram: Justice David Lug
Justice Badley George
Justice Phillip Morres Tabé

Clerk: Fredington Aru

JUDGMENT

This case concerns compensation claims filed before this Court by the complainant against the defendant. The complainant alleges that the defendant went to his garden one early morning on 19th August 2012 and stole and ate nangai from his piece of land. He added that the defendant also stole manioc from his land. From there he said the defendant has threatened to assault his laborer by the name of Kipen. With all the defendants' actions, he claimed before this Court from the defendant a compensation amount of VT 15,000.

This Courts duty in this case is to determine whether or not the defendant stole and ate nangai from the complainants land as well as taking manioc without permission. The admission and liability of the defendant in this case would mean the Court will be in the position of deciding the compensation amount to be paid by the defendant to the complainant.

The defendant testified that he went through the complainants cocoa plantation on his way to man's garden by the name of Wokap who is also the land owner to collect manioc. He admitted that he ate nangai from the complainant's tree. He said he was given permission from the land owner to collect manioc from wild manioc plants.



The Court noted that the defendant disagrees with the claim filed by the complainant despite the defense by the complainant. On the other hand however, the defendant admitted that he did eat nangai which the complainant in this case is accusing him of before this Court.

With this, the Court is giving the following orders:

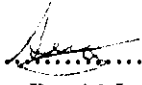
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
- 1. The defendant to pay to the complainant VT 4,000**
- 2. Pay VT 1,000 as costs**
- 3. Pay before 11th November 2012**
- 4. Any aggrieved party to lodge an appeal before 30 days as of the date of this orders.**

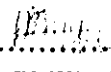


DATED AT GAUA THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2012

BY THE COURT


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Justice David Lug


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Justice Badley George


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Justice Phillip Morres Tabé

