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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **THE ADMINISTRATOR**
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Project Management Division, FASPS
Project Accounts and Management Division, FASPS
GEF/PPD-FASPS

FROM : **THE OIC DIRECTOR**
Foreign -Assisted and Special Projects Service

SUBJECT : **INCEPTION WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT ON**
"CORAL REEF RESCUE, RESILIENT CORAL REEFS,
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES" ON AUGUST 4, 2021, 1:00 P.M. –
5:00 P.M.

This refers to the proposed project entitled "Coral Reef Rescue, Resilient Coral Reefs, Resilient Communities" for funding under the Seventh Cycle of the Global Environmental Facility (GEF-7). The project aims to build capacity and solutions for safeguarding globally significant climate-resilient coral reefs to ensure the long-term survival of coral reef ecosystems and maintenance of associated blue economies and the resilience of communities who are dependent on the reefs.

In November 2020, the GEF approved the project preparation grant (PPG) for the development of a full proposal (ProDoc) with target for submission by December 2021 to the GEF Secretariat for review before the approval of the project for implementation.

To initiate the PPG process, we are inviting you to participate in the Inception Workshop for the project that will be hosted by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), in collaboration with the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) as the Implementing and Executing Agencies for the project, respectively.

The workshop will serve as a venue for the National and Regional Stakeholders to understand and discuss the (i) project objectives, components, design, and theory of change, (ii) project contribution to the Global Coral Reef Rescue Initiative, (iii) institutional arrangements, (iv) overall work plan, (v) stakeholders' engagement and concerns, and (vi) sharing of local and global best practices and initiatives that can be incorporated in the project design.

The Project Inception Workshop will be held online on August 4, 2021, from 1:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. The link for the workshop will be sent to your email addresses before the aforementioned date/time.

Attached are the (i) proposed Program of Activities and (ii) list of participants, for your information and reference.

For any concerns relative to this activity, you may coordinate with Ms. Maridel Villalon at maridel_villalon@yahoo.com of the Project Preparation Division/Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (PPD/FASPS). We, therefore, appreciate receiving the confirmation of your attendance on or before August 2, 2021.

We look forward to your participation in this activity.


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