



MEMORANDUM

TO : The Regional Executive Director
All DENR Regions except CAR

FROM : The Undersecretary for Special Concerns
and Director, in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT : HIGHLIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS MADE DURING THE
NATIONAL ORIENTATION OF THE IFIT IUU FISHING INDEX
AND THREAT ASSESSMENT TOOL

DATE : AUG 09 2021

This is in reference to the recently conducted National Orientation For The Roll-out Of the Philippine Illegal, Unreported And Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Index And Threat Assessment Tool (I-FIT) last 27 July 2021.

The IUU fishing assessment using the I-FIT Tool seeks to provide an in-depth understanding of the vulnerability, prevalence and current responses to IUU fishing in specific sites, for consolidation to a national database which may be used by all concerned government agencies and private institutions. Together with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and USAID FishRight Project, we target the implementation of long-term solutions to threats to biodiversity and the coastal and marine environment.

The Workshop was able to provide our DENR Regional participants with the overview and scope of the I-FIT, including the way forward on the activities to be supported by the Regions. Our attendees were able to provide an initial list of NIPAS MPAs and a tentative list of local government units where I-FIT can be implemented.

In relation thereto, kindly see attached Records of Discussion of the said orientation, together with the initially-identified areas by the participating representatives from your respective offices. You may access the zoom recording of the orientation at <https://tinyurl.com/IFITNationalOrientation> and the google site of the IFIT at <https://tinyurl.com/IFITGSite>.

We hereby request your office to provide us with your concurrence on the use of the IFIT Tool and your determined list of priority areas, **on or before 13 August 2021**, for our consolidation and endorsement to BFAR and FishRight. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Jacqueline V. Concepcion at email address cmd@bmb.gov.ph or at phone number +(632)9258948.

For your information and appropriate action.



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Cc: The National Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
The Administrator, USAID