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Regional Executive Director
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Dear Ma'am:

Environmental Greetings!

The Research and Evaluation Committee of the RIWS – PAMB will be having a meeting on August 27, 2021 to discuss and decide on the proposed project of the DA – BFAR's Ecosystem Restoration and or Coral Rehabilitation within Lolo, Mantaquin (Rasa Island) and Bato – bato bays of Narra, Palawan


The above meeting is a continuation of its first meeting held on August 13, 2021 at the RIWS – PAMOffice re: the above project proposal.

Hence, to share and clarify some issues and concerns regarding coral gardening/ rehabilitation, may we respectfully request your presence on the above calendared meeting for the purpose.

We are enclosing copies of the draft minutes of the previous meeting for your information and reference.

The zoom link together with the copy of the DA – BFAR's revised Coral Rehabilitation project proposal will be sent thru email on August 26, 2021 or as soon as we received the document from the proponent.

Respectfully,



PABLO L. CRUZ
PASu, RIWS

Republic of the Philippines
PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD
Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary
Barangay Panacan, Narra, Palawan

**MINUTES OF RESEARCH, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR RASA
ISLAND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY VIA ZOOM ON AUGUST 13, 2021**

PRESENT

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| 1. Indira Dayang L. Widmann | - Chair, Katala Foundation Inc.
Host/ Presiding Officer |
| 2. Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta | -Member, PCSDS |
| 3. Peter Widmann | - PAMB Adviser |

SECRETARIAT

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| 1. Pablo L. Cruz | - Protected Area Superintendent |
| 2. Jerry P. Bautista | - Asst. PASu/Forest Ranger |
| 3. Nikki E. Ripalda | - Research Aide |
| 4. Niña Liza B. Navanes | - Research Aide |
| 5. Jeter E. Manliguez | - Forest Protection Officer |
| 6. John Lerry S. Suza | - Forest Protection Officer |

GUESTS

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| 1. Anna Rose Agullo | - Representative/Katala Foundation Inc. |
| 2. Antonio A. Gammad | - Municipal Agriculturist/ MAO |
| 3. Noli D. Dieron | - Aquaculturist/ MAO |
| 4. Jaysee Matillano | -Representative/ MAO |
| 5. Reynaldo Azucena | - Representative/ MAO |
| 6. Apollo Regallo | - Representative/ PCSD |
| 7. Kristina Rodriguez | - Representative/ PCSD |

MEETING PROPER

1 **I. PRELIMINARIES**

2 The meeting started at 9:00 in the afternoon with an opening prayer led by
3 Ms. Niña Liza Navanes.

4 **II. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

5 PASu Pablo L. Cruz read and acknowledged the attending Research,
6 Planning and Development Committee members present via zoom and the
7 presenters from MAO in the PAMO – RIWS conference room.

8 Ms. Indira Dayang Widmann being the chair of the committee presided the
9 meeting.

10 **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

11 The Chair enumerated the agenda of this meeting. First, the presentation of
12 project Proposal of the Municipal Agricultural Office of Narra entitled “Marine
13 Ecosystem Restoration” a Coral Reef Rehabilitation project.

14 **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

15 **A. PRESENTATION OF PROJECT PROPOSAL OF MAO ENTITLED** 16 **“MARINE ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION”**

17 Mr. Jaysee Matillano, the MAO resource person presented and discussed
18 the overview of their Marine Ecosystem Restoration proposal, a Coral Reef
19 Rehabilitation project including the involvement of the community.

20 After the presentation of the project proposal, PASu Cruz ask the research
21 committee members for their questions and comments regarding the project
22 proposal.

23 Mrs. Widmann commented that the intentions of the proposed project was
24 good only that the proposal lacks the reference of literature or the literature cited,
25 methods on the schedule of works of the involvement of the community and the
26 budget allocation. She also added that they want to see the consistency of writing
27 a paper or proposal. She also commented that the site selection criteria was not
28 really emphasized, the indicators were not clearly defined and also the risk
29 analysis. She also asked where is the source of the corals that will be used for the
30 coral planting and/or rehabilitation.

31 Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta also commented that the budget allocation and
32 risk analysis should be added in the project proposal. He also suggested that there
33 should be an annual or quarterly assessment to see the progress if the corals are
34 actually growing and conduct quarterly monitoring with the PCSD, KFI and DENR.
35 He also added that if the proposed project becomes successful, the area can be
36 classified as Critical Marine Habitat and can be used for research purposes.

37 Mr Widmann commented that the project was good. He also added that the
38 proposal was lacking of indicators, he also said that there is no control area, the
39 site selection was not clear and also asked if the proposal includes scientific
40 literature. He also added that the project was budgeted in the proposal but the
41 monitoring later on was not clearly budgeted.

42 Mrs. Widmann asked if where is really the ideal site because they don’t want
43 to damage the corals that are already existing.

44 Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta also asked if there is baseline information on coral
45 regrowth or coral recovery in the area.

46 Mr. Apollo Regallo commented that the coastal resource assessment and
47 Monitoring in the coastal areas of Narra was done a long time ago. He also asked
48 that why are they going to use the iron dome as a base for coral planting if there is
49 already concrete blocks. He also suggested that there might already be studies with
50 success stories or established structure that can be used in coral rehabilitation like
51 the porcelain.

52 Mrs. Widmann answered Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta that there are already
53 studies conducted by the WPU through Dr. Roger Dolorosa regarding the corals
54 and other marine resources of Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary.

55 Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta added that the success of the project can be used
56 as a Baseline information for research purposes.

57 After further questions, comments and suggestions from the research
58 committee, the presenter took time to address each question. Firstly, regarding the
59 risk analysis and mark board, it will be included in the revised proposal. Secondly
60 about adding a control area, it was not yet included in the proposal but since it's a
61 research it will be accommodated in the revised proposal for the comparison
62 purposes. About the lacking scientific references in the proposal, the presenter
63 answered that the proposal was made last 2017 and the scientific references was
64 not yet included but the requirements that they will submit to PCSD particularly
65 with the feasibility study and management plan the scientific evidences will be
66 incorporated. Regarding the time frame for monitoring, it will be extended and be
67 possibly conducted yearly. For the baseline information on coral research,
68 presenter said that there are already existing studies conducted in Palawan
69 particularly on coral reef rehabilitation.

70 After further addressing the comments and questions, the presenter
71 promised to revised the proposal to accommodate all the comments and
72 suggestion of the research committee.

73 PASu Cruz and the rest of the research committee members suggested that
74 the proposal should be finalized before the end of the month of August. The rest of
75 the committee suggested to have another meeting before giving the clearance to
76 endorse for the confirmation of PAMB En Banc this coming September. PAMO will
77 wait for the final proposal to schedule another meeting with the Research
78 Committee prior to the 3rd en Banc meeting.

79 Jaysee Matillano of Municipal Agricultural office together with Municipal
80 Agriculturist Mr. Antonio Gammad and their Aquaculturist Mr. Noli Dieron
81 promised to submit the copy of final revised proposal on August 26, 2021.

82 The research committee members and the presenters have agreed to conduct
83 another meeting on August 27, 2021 after the submission of final proposal.

84 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

85 There being no further matters to be taken up, the meeting was adjourned
86 by PASu Cruz and seconded by Ms. Widmann at 10:16 a.m.

Prepared by:

Approved by:

PABLO L. CRUZ
PASu, Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary

INDIRA DAYANG L. WIDMANN
Presiding Chair

Affirmed:

MARIA LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO IV
Regional Executive Director/PAMB Chairperson