

MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
DENR Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)

ATT’N : The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer
PENRO Occidental Mindoro

The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer
The CENR Office, Sablayan

FROM : The Assistant Director,
Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Director

SUBJECT : **INVITATION FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA
STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME (SCS-SAP) WRITE-SHOP ON
SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2021 VIA ZOOM**

DATE :

This is in reference to the project entitled “Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand” financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

To introduce, the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) lead the project in partnership with the Ministries responsible for the environment in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. It was approved by the GEF Council last November 2016. The overall objective of the project is to assist the governments of the participating countries in meeting the targets of the approved Strategic Action Program (SAP) through the provision of technical assistance as required in implementing national activities in support of the SAP; and the provision of strong regional coordination of the process of SAP implementation.

The Project reinforces the Philippines’ coastal and marine biodiversity conservation initiatives and complements the DENR’s Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP) in reducing habitat degradation and loss and enhancing coastal habitat management in priority sites including the West Philippine Sea. It is currently in its Inception Phase which gives an opportunity for the countries and project partners to collectively review and discuss the project design and activities after a lull from the adoption in 2008.

As the Chair of the National Technical Working Group (NTWG) on Seagrass for the Implementation of the South China Sea Strategic Action Programme (SCS-SAP), the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) is in the process of the preparation of the National Implementation Report in support to the National Technical Advisor, Mr. Romeo Trono of UNOPS. Because of its rich biodiversity and extent of seagrass bed cover, BMB has pre-selected Looc and Lubang as one of the priority sites for the program. The specific target output for this site is the establishment of a mechanism for monitoring management, ecological and socio-economic indicators (based on SAP results framework).

Relative thereto, we would like to invite you and/or your representative/s to a virtual meeting and workshop on **02 September 2021 (8:30AM-12PM) and 03 September 2021 (8:30AM - 4:00PM)** for a brief orientation and overview of the SCS-SAP, its targets and the preparation of the activities for 2021. Moreover, in preparation for the workshop, we would like to request for your office to accomplish the attached worksheets, in coordination with your respective Local Government Unit (LGU) and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Field Office for supplementary data. **Kindly be reminded that the accomplished worksheets shall be presented during the meeting.**

The meeting details are as follows:

Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/99400888117?pwd=YTVmRHRUK3U0WG51Zll6a1dCT0tiQT09>

Zoom ID: 994 0088 8117

Zoom Passcode: SCSSAP

Attached are the worksheets and the provisional agenda for your consideration. Kindly confirm your attendance through the link **<https://tinyurl.com/scssapworkshopregistration>**. Should you have any clarifications/queries, you may contact Mr. John Michael Cornito and/or Ms. Jacqueline V. Concepcion of the Coastal and Marine Division, BMB at email address cmd@bmb.gov.ph.

For your information and consideration.

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