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Subject: Invitation to participate in the conduct of inspections on priority ecotourism destinations.

Dear **Undersecretary Adobo:**

Following the government's rehabilitation of Boracay Island in 2018, the President issued Cabinet Action/Decision File No. 535-091118-15-16-17 instructing the Departments of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and Tourism (DOT), to continuously monitor and be vigilant in the supervision of all other island resorts to avoid similar closure for rehabilitation.

In response thereto, the DILG issued on 16 September 2019, the Memorandum Circular No. 2019-152 titled "Establishment of Regional Inspection Committees (RIC)" which aims to verify the compliance of commercial and household establishments with relevant local, national, and environmental laws including applicable permits.

Initial activities were conducted upon issuance of the said memorandum. However, due to the declaration of quarantine protocols caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, RIC inspection activities were temporarily halted.

With the reopening of tourism this second semester of 2021, the DILG is reinitializing the conduct of RIC activities under the new normal. In this regard, may we invite your Department to participate in the RIC activities by ensuring the presence of your Regional and Field Offices covering the following areas:

- Municipalities in **MIMAROPA**, which includes El Nido & Coron, Palawan, and Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro;
- Municipality of Panglao, Bohol, **Region 7**; and
- Municipality of General Luna, Surigao del Norte, **CARAGA**.

Please be informed that the activities shall be conducted subject to the prevailing guidelines of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) Resolutions. The DILG Regional Offices shall coordinate with your respective regional and field offices to further facilitate the conduct of activities.

Attached is a copy of the Memorandum Circular No. 2019-152 for your reference.

For questions and further clarifications, your Office may send an email to the DILG Beach Tourism Monitoring Team - Project Management Office at dilg.btmt@gmail.com.

Very truly yours,


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