



MEMORANDUM

FOR : DENR Regional Executive Directors
CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and Region VII

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

SUBJECT : **REITERATING THE MEMORANDUM PROVIDING ALTERNATIVE
ACTIVITIES FOR GREEN FINS IMPLEMENTATION**

DATE : **MAR 01 2021**

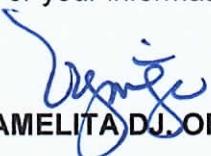
The Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP), is a national program which aims to comprehensively manage, address and effectively reduce the drivers and threats of degradation of coastal and marine ecosystems in order to achieve and promote sustainability of ecosystem services, food security and climate change. As such, Green Fins is one of its approaches used for conservation and sustainable management of coral reefs which has been implementing by DENR for nearly 7 years.

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, the implementation of several Green Fins activities in 2020 was hampered. Pursuant to this, the BMB provided a guide to its implementation for 2020 in a Memorandum dated 8 October 2020 (as attached here). Considering the physical and financial implications of the pandemic, this Bureau wants to reiterate the following suggested activities that can be conducted in lieu of the usual Green Fins activities:

1. **Establish contact with Green Fin members to determine business status (operating or not) and whether they want to continue as Green Fins members.**
Output: Updated inventory with business and membership status
2. **ONLY IF travel is possible and safe to do so, conduct Green Fins awareness raising sessions with staff of members.**
Output: Green Fins awareness raising registration logs (# pax trained)
3. **Produce member packs with posters targeting the biggest threats from the last assessments in that location (teams may contact Reef-World for help with assessment data analysis).**
Output: Member packs with posters addressing the biggest/highest threats
4. **Find missing solutions for environmental threats - e.g. local enquiries for battery and used oil disposal. (teams may contact Reef-World for help with identifying missing solutions)**
Output: Report on protocols/ mechanism for accessing those solutions & distributed to all assessors in that location for use in the next assessments
5. **Build scuba diving capacity of field staff**
Output: Active assessors = do Refresher or Advanced skills training if required.
Potential assessors < 50 dives gain more dive logs
6. **Conduct clean-up activities with Green Fins members (note Region 4A is already doing this) - use guidelines (attached) to create educational components (awareness raising).**
Output: Log of members participating, log of participants, log of debris collected

In addition, please take note that this Bureau highly encourages the conduct of **Environmental Risk Assessments** wherever it is safe and possible to do.

For your information and guidance.


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