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**PAMB resolution for field research in 2022 (MIMAROPA region)**

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Dear Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO III

I am a researcher from the National University of Singapore (NUS), using genetic methods to study bird diversity and distribution in the region.

My institution is in the process of signing a MOA with the DENR and am hoping to commence fieldwork in 2022. We are now in the process of obtaining PAMB resolutions and FPICs to facilitate the issuance of the Gratuitous Permit. Attached are copies of my institution's profile, letter of collaboration with the DENR, and the research proposal that was submitted to the BMB for approval. I would be keen to schedule a meeting online to present my study to the PAMB to help you and your team have a better understanding of my work, if necessary.

My research hopes to better understand the distribution and diversity of birds in the Philippine archipelago. We will do this through mist-netting, obtaining genetic materials from, and releasing the birds unharmed on site. Subsequently, genetic analyses will be used to determine the relationships of the birds sampled across different islands in the archipelago. We suspect that much of the avian diversity of the region remains poorly known and there is a strong chance that many subspecies and forms will be elevated to full species.

The MIMAROPA Region is of particular importance to us because its avifauna remains understudied, especially in areas such as Mindoro, Romblon and Sibuyan. We hope to spend 4-5 days sampling each of the areas highlighted below for common species such as leaf-warblers, bulbuls, shortwings, flycatchers, monarchs, white-eyes, babblers, sunbirds and flowerpeckers. We hope that a better understanding of birds in the region, including the possible elevation of some subspecies to island-endemic species, would help to increase the biodiversity value of the region and its national conservation importance.

I would like to request access for fieldwork at the following sites under your purview:

1. Sablayan Prison and Penal Colony
2. Mount Guiting-Guiting Natural Park, Sibuyan
3. Balogo Watershed Forest, Tablas

Thank you for your kind consideration of this application.

Best wishes,  
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**2 attachments** **National University of Singapore Project Proposal (DENR).pdf**  
197K **Institution Profile (NUS).pdf**  
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