



June 25, 2021

HON. Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer, CESO IV
Regional Executive Director
MIMAROPA Region
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
1515 L & S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila
Email:

Dear Director Ferrer,

Isang maka-kalikasang pagbati mula sa Blue finance at Blue Alliance!

Good news! The local government of Puerto Galera has signed already the 10-year co-management of LMMPAs agreement with Blue Alliance for the Or. Mindoro MPA Network, Inc. (Blue Alliance) last May 2021. As part of our governance framework, a separate Stakeholders Advisory Committee (SAC) has been set up for Puerto Galera represented by key stakeholders with DENR as one of its members. In this regard, may we invite you to the first Puerto Galera SAC meeting to be held at the Conference Hall of the Local Government of Puerto Galera on July 2, 2021 at 4:00-5:00 pm. The mandate of the SAC is to provide guidance to Blue Alliance in the planning, management and monitoring of the management of the LMMPAs.

As you may recall, Blue finance, an international non-profit social enterprise that aims to ensure effective management of the Locally-managed Marine Protected Areas (LMMPAs), facilitated the establishment of the Blue Alliance for the Or. Mindoro MPA Network, Inc., a SEC-registered non-profit, non-stock, non-government organization composed of People's Organizations as its founding Board of Trustees: Samasamang Nagkakaisang Pamayanan ng Silonay (SNPS), Calapan; LIKHA, Baco; Kabisig ng mga Mangingisda ng Ilag (KAMI) San Teodoro and and representatives from Blue finance. It also includes the Samahang Pangkabuhayan ng mga Taga Dulangan (SPTD) of Puerto Galera and Kakambal in Brgy. Lazerto, Calapan as members.

Our approach is realized under the supervision of the DENR-BMB and UNDP Philippines. The Protected Areas will restore crucial marine habitats, improve the tourism attractiveness and create significant job opportunities in tourism, fishery and other blue economy sectors. MPAs will also protect the country from coastal erosion and contribute to a more climate-change resilient economy (SDGs n°14, 1, 5, 8 and 13).

The MPAs will receive initial financing from various funding partners such as the Global Fund for Coral Reefs (https://undp-biodiversity.exposure.co/unimaginable-beauty?more=true&fbclid=IwAR0pOAbfRaRk1pPH0D5Nr3g5EljwG0JIYWxbchEzFGeibr_vxk3NiE54_Zc), UNDP BIOFIN, IUCN Blue Natural Capital Financing Facility (https://digital.iucn.org/marine/nature-based-solutions-and-business-working-for-planet-and-people/?fbclid=IwAR0ihisNCtA9zChEIUnFla3NG7IZV3r48xRt4vUT_dF9rL0LA9TLAOL3mmY), among others. In time, they are expected to be financially sustainable and generate their own incomes from innovative tourism models, mangrove crab aquaculture, and blue carbon, etc.

Due to travel restrictions and difficulty in internet signal, may we request a taped message instead? May you also send your representative from the PENRO?

Attached is the draft agenda and list of PG SAC members, for your reference and perusal.

Very truly yours,

ALAIN M. MAULION
Country Manager, Blue finance
Executive Director, Blue Alliance



ANNEX 1:

Draft Agenda:

July 4, 2021, 4:00-5:00 pm

1. Opening (Facilitated by Alain Maulion)
 - a. Welcome Remarks by Mayor Rocky Ilagan
 - b. Message from DENR Undersecretary Analiza R. Teh
 - c. Message from Blue finance CEO Nicolas Pascal
 - d. Message from VIP MPA and Law Enforcement Network Chairperson (DENR BMB)
 - e. Message from DENR MIMAROPA Regional Executive Director
 - f. Message from MIMAROPA DoT Regional Director
2. Presentation of Blue Alliance by Alain Maulion
 - a. The Organization
 - b. The PG Stakeholders Advisory Committee, its role and functions and election of its Chairperson
 - c. Annual Workplan Plan
3. Approval of Workplan by the SAC members
4. Closing Remarks: Blue Alliance

ANNEX 2:

List of PG SAC Members

1. A representative of the Office of the Mayor, Puerto Galera LGU
2. A representative of the Municipal Tourism Office of Puerto Galera
3. A representative of the Sangguniang Bayan Office
4. A representative of the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Puerto Galera
5. A representative of the Municipal Budget Office of Puerto Galera
6. A representative of the Municipal Planning and Department Office
7. A representative to the Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office
8. A representative of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
9. A representative of The Department of Tourism
10. A representative of the Provincial Local Government Unit of Oriental Mindoro
11. A representative of the Verde Island Passage MPA Network
12. A representative of the Operator (Blue Alliance as Secretariat)