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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Regional Executive Directors**
DENR Region III, IV-A, and IV-B

ATTN : **Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers**
Bulacan, Pampanga, Bataan, Cavite, Palawan and Zambales

Concerned Community Environment and Natural Resources Officers

Concerned Protected Area Superintendents

FROM : **The Undersecretary for Special Concerns and OIC Director**

SUBJECT : **ORIENTATION WORKSHOP ON IMPLEMENTING THE SOUTH CHINA SEA- STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAM (SCS-SAP) FOR WETLANDS AND MANGROVES SUBCOMPONENT**

DATE :

This has reference to the project entitled "*Implementing the Strategic Action Programme for the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand*" (Annex 1. Summarized SCS-SAP Project Document). The project is financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and is implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). 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 thrust in its Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP) to reduce habitat degradation and loss and enhance coastal habitat management in priority sites within the West Philippine Sea. It is currently in its Inception Phase which gives 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.

In this regard, we would like to invite you to a virtual meeting workshop on **10 June 2021 (8:30 - 12:00 PM) and 11 June (8:30-4:00 PM)**. The orientation workshop aims to orient the concerned regional and field offices on the project's Terms of Reference of the various committees, working groups, and executing agencies as well as to update the National Implementation Report. We also wish to hear your comments and inputs on the Project and your participation in its implementation.

Taking off from the results of the UNEP/GEF South China Sea Project (Phase I - 2004 - 2008), the proposed sites need to be validated, characterized, and an implementation strategy drawn for each of the following site, as follows:

A. Wetlands Subcomponent

Tidal Flats	Estuary
Bulacan Tidal Flats (Obando, Bulacan, Paombong, Malolos, Hagonoy)	Maragondon River Estuary (Maragondon, Ternate, Cavite)
Pampanga Tidal Flats (Masantol, Sasmuan, Lubao)	Malampaya Sound Estuary (Taytay, Palawan)
Bataan Tidal Flats (Hermosa, Orani, Samal, Abucay, Balanga, Pilar)	

B. Mangrove Subcomponent

Mangrove Target Activities	Areas of Consideration
Declaration of areas as National Parks and Protected Areas	Ulugan Bay, Puerto Princesa, Culion and San Vicente, Palawan
Reforms of laws and regulations for the sustainable use of mangrove forests	Palawan and Zambales Regions
Replanting of the deforested mangrove areas	Busuanga, Coron and Quezon Palawan
Enrichment planting for the mangrove forests	Subic, Zambales San Vicente, Busuanga and Coron,

	Palawan
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May we also request your Office to prepare the following data & information of the proposed sites, as mentioned above:

1. Site characteristics and baseline information including map;
2. Issues and Concerns;
3. Ongoing projects and initiatives; and
4. Proposed Management Interventions.

Attached is the provisional program of activity for your reference. The meeting link and ID are as follows:

<p>Meeting link: https://zoom.us/j/96862885727?pwd=Vk1XaklMTVNncEZTQWINTWhSZmZWUT09 Meeting ID: 968 6288 5727 Passcode: SCSSAP</p>
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Kindly confirm your attendance by registering through the Google form available at <https://bit.ly/3fG2ErK> on or before 8 June 2021. For further inquiries, kindly contact Mr. Rej Winlove M. Bungabong at +639173190797 or at cawed@bmb.gov.ph and/or Ms. Jezreelyn L. Milar at +639369540620 or at Jezreelyn.milar@cmd.gov.ph.

For information and compliance.

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**ORIENTATION AND WORKSHOP ON UPDATING THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL
IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (NIR) FOR THE STRATEGIC ACTION
PROGRAMME FOR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA (SCS SAP) PROJECT**

WETLANDS AND MANGROVES COMPONENTS

Session 1 (June 10, 2021)		
8:30-8:45	Registration	BMB Facilitator
	Opening Remarks	USec Edilberto DC Leonardo Undersecretary for Special Concerns and BMB OIC Director
	Introduction of the Participants	BMB Facilitator
8:45-9:00	Rationale and objectives of the meeting	Mr. Anson M. Tagtag OIC Chief BMB-CAWED
9:00-10:30	Background on current SCS SAP project: Project Phase 1 (2002-08) Organizational Structure Inception Phase TOR	Mr. Romeo Trono National Technical Adviser
	Presentation on the National Implementation Report -- Current Status of draft NIR	
	Process for updating of the National Implementation Report : A. Wetlands Component B. Mangroves Component	
	Open Forum	
10:30-11:45	Break-out session for the NIR Intro and mechanics of the writeshop and assignment A. Review of proposed sites (See Worksheet A) B. Proposed changes and selection of new sites. Please see Worksheet B for Mangroves; Worksheet C for Wetlands.	CMD (Mangrove Subcomponent)

	(Criteria, Indicators, Data and Information Requirements for National Reviews) C. Past and current initiatives for the selected sites D. Identification of national activities and targets based on Regional outputs (Worksheet B.1 for Mangroves; Worksheet C.1 for Wetlands)	CAWED (Wetland Subcomponent)
11:45-12:00	Open Forum	Mr. Romeo Trono National Technical Adviser
Session 2 (June 11, 2021)		
8:20-8:30	Recapitulation of Day 1	BMB
8:30-10:30	Presentation of final list of sites, justification for changes, initial national activities and targets Wetlands Mangroves	Participants/ Field Offices Region III, CALABARZON and MIMAROPA Region
10:30-12:00	Writeshop: review and finalize proposed activities, targets, and budgets	BMB, NTA and Field Offices
11:30-1:00	Lunch	
1:00-2:00	Writeshop: executive arrangements and roles of stakeholders	BMB, NTA and Field Offices
2:00-2:30	Summary and Next Steps	BMB and NTA
2:30-3:00	Closing Remarks	Mr. Anson M. Tagtag OIC, Division Chief BMB - CAWED

