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MEMORANDUM

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The Regional Executive Directors

DENR Regional Offices

FROM

The Assistant Secretary

Policy, Planning, and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects, and Director,

in concurrent capacity

SUBJECT

INVITATION TO THE ORIENTATION MEETING FOR THE

PRE-TESTING OF THE FUELWOOD CONSUMPTION SURVEY

(FCS) QUESTIONNAIRES AND MANUALS

DATE

OCT 26 2021

The Forest Management Bureau is conducting the Fuelwood Consumption Survey (FCS) which aims to collect relevant data to update existing information relating to the market demand of fuelwood, specifically the harvesting rate and consumption behavior of the two economic sectors in the Philippines, the household and industry/ commercial sector.

It also aims to establish a broad view of the present status of the Philippines in terms of sustainable management of fuelwood extraction and its perceived effects on the environment. The findings from this study shall serve as a main reference for the midterm review of the Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development (2016 - 2028) with regard to its objectives on the establishment of fuelwood plantations.

Due to existing restrictions for ensuring health and safety standards in this time of pandemic, the study shall opt for data collection methods that are compliant with physical distancing measures and limited physical engagement between the interviewers and interviewees. Hence, the conduct of surveys during the pandemic entailed most to adopt and transition to conducting online surveys to ensure the safety of both the data gatherers and the respondents.

Pre-testing the survey questionnaires and manuals is necessary in order to obtain varied experiences from different possible groups of respondents, including those who may understand or react to the questions in different ways, who have different information available, or who have different abilities to answer the questionnaire (e.g., different education levels, different socio-economic levels, and different languages).

In line with this, we are respectfully inviting all regional price monitoring focal persons to attend the Orientation Meeting for the Pre-testing of the Fuelwood Consumption Survey (FCS) Questionnaires and Manuals on 05 November 2021 at 10:00 AM via Zoom. Kindly register through the link: https://forms.gle/VQeSPwX5pQzCRV3m7 on or before 28 October 2021 to be able to receive the meeting details.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION, PLEASE.

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