

15 September 2021

Subject: River Basin Policy and Planning Review

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

Greetings!

The "*Ecosystem-based management and application of ecosystem values in two river basins in the Philippines*" (E2RB) Project aims to strengthen ecosystem services, protect biodiversity, and reduce climate change and natural disaster vulnerability in two river basins through integrated management and application of ecosystem services assessment and ecosystem-based adaptation (EbA) measures. Output 1 of the project is coordinated implementation of EbA measures for reliable water supply, better water quality, optimized disaster risk management and targeted biodiversity protection has taken place. Governance is key in achieving the coordination implementation of various sectors, specifically within the governing structures of integrated river basin management.

In this regard, the E2RB Project has engaged the services of Ms. Vickie Antonio as a Policy and Planning Consultant to conduct a comprehensive policy and process review of the river basin planning and management approaches. The study will be carried out from September to November 2021. As part of the analysis and data collection process, we would like to include interviews with stakeholders who have been involved in the river basin planning and management process to provide insights on challenges and good practices emerging from the ground.

Ms. Antonio will be in touch with you to schedule a 45-minute interview. Kindly advise of your preferred date and time, between 15-17 or 20-24 September so that she can send the meeting link. A set of guide questions will be sent prior to the meeting to facilitate the discussion.

Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation and we look forward to hearing from you. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Ms Daclan at +63-919-0165-491 or email: marion.daclan@giz.de.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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