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## Introduction and discussion about the progress of the Tamaraw Conservation Management Action Plan (TCMAP) and its support

Dear Ma. Lourdes G. Ferrer,

It is now two years since the completion of the Tamaraw Conservation Management Action Plan (TCMAP) produced by DENR and BIOFIN in collaboration with IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group. Available [here](#). I am pleased to hear from Neil Antony of TCP that there has been much progress in implementing this plan in these two years.

The purpose of this email is to introduce myself to you as we have not met yet. I Chair the IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group of which the Tamaraw is one of our priority species for conservation effort, because it is listed as Critically Endangered. More information on our work is [here](#). I was involved with the production of the TCMAP, including the workshop that occurred in December 2018 in Mindoro. I support the draft bill the 'Tamaraw Conservation Management Act' (Number 8299) that is currently being reviewed because it will strengthen the protection needed for Tamaraw as well as many other areas of TCPs work in implementing the TCMAP. I have had the pleasure of working with TCP over the last 4 years and to see tamaraw in the wild in Mindoro. We have also been working with D'ABOVILLE Foundation and Demo Farm Inc. since 2016, as they are our Group's representative for Tamaraw.

The Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group (AWCSG) is always happy to assist and work with DENR to support implementation of the TCMAP, including input to reviewing progress of implementation of such Action Plans. In October 2020 I visited the Philippines and was pleased to meet with your predecessor. I would be happy to have a Zoom call to talk about progress of the TCMAP and next steps and any gaps; and discuss where AWCSG could help with this. I can arrange the call with your staff as convenient for you if you are interested. I also hope that in 2022 it will be possible to visit and meet with you in person.

Thank you in anticipation of your reply and TCP and DENR's continuing strong efforts to protect the populations of Tamaraw in Mindoro.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James Burton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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