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MIMAROPA Region

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MR. RAUL G. TERSO

Committee Secretary
Committee on Natural Resources, House of Representatives
Committee Affairs Department
3/F Speaker Ramon V. Mitra Building
Batasan Complex, Quezon City

Dear Mr. Terso:

This is in response to your letter dated August 18, 2021 inviting this Office to the virtual Committee Meeting via Zoom to deliberate on House Bill No. 8299 re *An Act to Institutionalize the Tamaraw Conservation Program, Creating its Administrative and Implementation Mechanisms, providing funds therefor and for other purposes*, authored by Hon. Representative Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato.

Please be informed that this Office contributed to the drafting of the content of HB 8299, having taken most of its provisions in the draft and proposed DENR Administrative Order that was submitted to DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB).

However, please be informed that this Office has some comments on the House Bill 8299, as follows:

1. On Section 3. Creation of the Tamaraw Conservation Coordinating Council (TC3), 2nd paragraph:

We suggest that the Secretary be given the option to designate the Undersecretary handling BMB as the Chair with the Regional Executive Director as Vice-Chair or the Regional Executive Director as Chair with the Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services as Vice-Chair.

2. On Section 4. Powers and Functions of the Tamaraw Conservation Council (TC3):

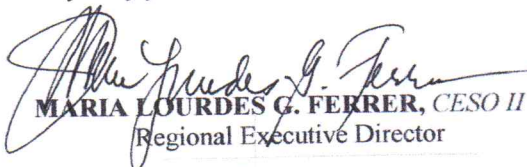
No. 2: **Agency's** should be replaced by agency

No.6. Invite the **municipal and** barangay LGUs in case of certain issues affecting their areas of jurisdiction. (Remove the "municipal and")

Aside from the above mentioned, this Office has no further comment/s on the copy of said Bill and respectfully supports its immediate passing into law by both the upper and lower houses.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


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cc: The Undersecretary for Special Concerns and
OIC Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau



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