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**ATTENTION: MR. MANUEL ESCASURA, CESE**  
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Dear **Ms. Ferrer**:

Warm greetings from the College of Forestry and Forest Governance, U.P Los Baños!

We are pleased to inform you that we are currently doing a study on mangrove blue carbon potential of Verde Island Passage (VIP) Biodiversity Corridor. This study is entitled *Land Use Change and Blue Carbon Stock Potential of Mangrove Forests Along the Verde Island Passage Biodiversity Corridor in Luzon, Philippines (LUCBlueVerde)*. It aims to account the climate change mitigation potential of mangroves (both planted and natural) that thrive in this biodiverse area. This research is currently being funded by the National Academy of Science and Technology (DOST-NAST). Its major components comprise the mangroves found in the province of *Batangas, Oriental & Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, and Romblon*.

In this regard, **we would like to ask for your kind support in sharing some pertinent map data (shapefiles) on mangrove NGP sites for the province of Oriental & Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque, and Romblon**. These maps will help us analyze the mangrove cover changes in the said provinces, which could also provide beneficial reference to future coastal rehabilitation and protection planning.

In addition to generating estimates of potential blue carbon stocks, this research also intends to identity strategies towards pursuing income-generating blue carbon offsets projects in the future, and the promotion of sustainable mangrove conservation with coastal stakeholders. We wish to share with you valuable these outputs together with the published results.

Thank you very much for your generous consideration of our request. We hope that this study will also pave the way for more collaboration with your office as we endeavor and commit to conserve the VIP mangroves.

For more information, you may contact our Research Assistant, **Forester Mico Villanueva**, through his mobile (+639950240128), or email ([cvillanueva@up.edu.ph](mailto:cvillanueva@up.edu.ph)).

Very truly yours,

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