



Honorable, **VICENTE B.TUDDAO**
DENR Mimaropa Region

March 27th 2021

Dear Mr. TUDDAO,

Sulubaai, our foundation, submitted its file for the FlagT application to the DENR municipality of Taytay in Palawan on December 19th 2016 and our application was endorsed on April 19th 2017 by Taytay DENR.

Our CDMP was endorsed by DENR PENRO Puerto Princesa on May 17th 2019 and was received and endorsed by DENR Mimaropa Region on August 13th 2019.

In the meantime, 2 oculars inspections and validation by the DENR Mimaropa were carried out on site, the last one on October 2nd 2019.

Despite my numerous visits to Manila in the DENR offices in February 2020 for the geo-tagged photos and my PCSD Sep Clearance, and my last visit in July 2020 for my CDMP presentation, I have no news neither schedule regarding my application which is completed.

I'm still waiting for an appointment to make a presentation to the Regional Review Committee.

Sulubaai is a foundation that works for the coral restoration and the protection of Palawan's resources with the neighboring communities on Pangatalan Island and Shark Fin Bay in Taytay municipality. Sulubaai is part of the PCSD knowledge platform, we have signed different MOU and MOA with the PCSD, the WPU, the MSI and the PNP Maritime Police.

Thanks to our work, Pangatalan Island has received:

- The International sustainable island label by the Small Island Organization,
- The Zero carbon Resort by the PCSD
- The biosphere sustainable tourism certification by the Responsible Tourism Institute

All our work is supported by Executive director UNESCO Reserve Biosphere France. Please find attached our activity report for the last year 2020.

For 2021 we are starting our international pilot project for the Philippines that we presented on November 27th during a webinar in presence of Mr. Calderon DENR, BMB, PENRO, CENRO and PCSD.

Please, we ask your attention to know in which service our application is blocked and in order to obtain as quickly as possible our FlagT because it is part of the necessary obligations requested by the DOT services.

I join as well as attached file the DOT Mimaropa letter dated on December 16th 2019.

Remaining at your disposal for further details if necessary.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'F' followed by a cursive 'TARDIEU'.

Frederic TARDIEU
President