



May 24, 2021

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director

THRU : The PENR Officer

FROM : The OIC- CENR Officer

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF KISLOYAN PEATLANDS IN VICTORIA, ORIENTAL MINDORO FOR CY 2021**

This pertains to the Memorandum from the Undersecretary for Special Concerns and BMB OIC Director Edilberto DC. Leonardo dated May 14, 2021 which was received by this Office on May 20, 2021 regarding the above-cited subject.

Please be informed that site monitoring in the area has been conducted within peatlands A and B of Kisloyan. Also, coordination with Barangay Chairperson Aaron Villareal of Villa Cerveza regarding the management activities was facilitated. Consultation with the communities residing near the peatlands will be conducted to gather information about their issues and concerns with regard to the status of the wetland.

Said activities are part of the updating of Wetland Information Sheet (WIS) of Kisloyan Peatland (Peatlands A & B) which is included in the regular target of the Office.

Peatland A has bigger area with 27.14 hectares and Peatland B is the smaller one has an area of 10.56 hectares. The nearest community for Peatland A which is Sitio Palayang Bayan is approximately 800 meters while for Peatland B is Sitio Candido which is approximately 1700 meters away from the said peatlands.

As for the Land Classification, Peatland A is a timberland and also within Mindoro Agricultural School Reservation Block III on June 11, 1951. On the other hand, Peatland B is within alienable and disposable land as projected in 17-C LC 1691, certified on October 3, 1953. Both peatlands are within CADC 024. The distance of Peatland A to B is approximately 1000 meters in direct line distance and 2000 meters using the trail.

During the monitoring activities in the peatland A, it was observed that the area remains rich and diverse with tree species including the mangrove-like trees which are abundant in the site and also the tube-like grasses. With utmost precaution, traversing in the middle of the peatland is possible and was done. According to the guides, fish species like local catfish and mudfish are also present around the swamp. Flocks of Philippine Ducks (*Anas luzonica*) can also be observed in the area as well as other forest birds.



Meanwhile, during the monitoring in peatland B, some mangrove-like trees were also present in the area.

The threats observed during the monitoring activities are slash-and-burn or *kaingin* activities because of the presence of nearby communities. Also, based on interviews in the area, electro-fishing is also done in the peatlands.

Attached are geo-tagged photos and map of the peatlands taken during the monitoring activities.

For information and record.


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Coordination with Barangay Chairperson and Minority Leader on March 11, 2021



Coordination with Barangay Chairperson Aaron Villareal, PNP personnel before the monitoring activities on April 22, 2021



Photos during the monitoring of Kisloyan Peatland A on March 11, 2021











Photos during site monitoring in Kisloyan Peatland B on April 22, 2021









