



April 29, 2021

**MA. LOURDES G. FERRER, CESO III**

Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA

Attention:

**CARMEN RAMINA S. TUBAL**

Chief – Wildlife Resource Permitting Section

Dear Director Ferrer,

A conservation day to you!

Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (MBCFI) is a non-stock, non-profit organization which focuses on the conservation of environment, biodiversity and natural resources in Mindoro Island, Philippines. The organization continues to promote greater awareness and concern for Mindoro's environment through improved information campaigns, capacity building, empowering communities and enjoining them in the formulation and implementation of responsive policies for effective resource management and conservation.

For the past few years, MBCFI has been involved in the conservation of the critically endangered Tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*). One of our involvements include a partnership with Chester Zoo where I was recently accepted as one of the six awardees for the Chester Zoo William Oliver Philippine Champion Award 2019 with a proposed study entitled Dietary Analysis of Tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*) in Mindoro Island, Philippines. This study aims to conduct a dietary analysis using fecal samples from the Tamaraw to identify a vegetation diet list through metabarcoding.

Prior to the studies concerning the Tamaraw, a biophysical profile survey will also be conducted in Mt. Gimparay to provide a comprehensive species lists and biodiversity data of the site to support conservation efforts in area, generate a biodiversity profile of the site which will serve as baseline for comparison with subsequent monitoring surveys and establish biodiversity monitoring plots for subsequent regular monitoring surveys.

MBCFI has presented the research proposal to the MIBNP-PAMB and approval for the endorsement was obtained from the body last November 2019. Please see the attached Resolution No. 2019-08, series of 2019 from the MIBNP-PAMB including an endorsement from DENR-Tamaraw Conservation Program.

Tamaraw Conservation Program (TCP) granted an endorsement for both the GP, which recognizes the project outcomes to achieve the Tamaraw Conservation and Management Action Plan (TCMAP) 2019

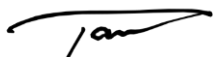


– 2028's Goals 1, 8 & 10. These include mobilizing the species' all-natural areas of Mindoro that are suitable, strengthening law enforcement and wildlife crime prevention, and conducting a comprehensive socio-environmental assessment of the region to assist the integration of conservation objectives with the ongoing socio-economic dynamic of the Alangan Tribe. The TCMAP has been endorsed by IUCN SSC Asian Wild Cattle Specialist Group and DENR.

MBCFI was granted with a Gratuitous Permit (GP) from your office last year to conduct the collection of fecal samples. However, as part of the survey, we also need to collect plant specimens from both Mt. Gimparay and MIBNP. To address the correction, we are kindly requesting for an addendum to the GP to specifically include the collection of plants from MIBNP.

Attached herewith are the research project overview and the GP initially granted that needed the addendum, for your reference. For any queries or clarifications, please feel free to contact us through this email ([elyza\\_p\\_tan@mbcfi.org.ph](mailto:elyza_p_tan@mbcfi.org.ph)) or through these numbers **(043) 441-0359** or **(639) 17-129-7072**. We look forward to your favorable response. Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,

  
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Noted by:

  
**GRACE C. DIAMANTE**  
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