March 08, 2022

MS. ABIGAIL J. MARBELLA MS. REISEL RUTH REGIO

208 School Zone, Brgy. Landy Santa Cruz, Marinduque

Dear Ms. Marbella and Ms. Regio:

Isang maka-Kalikasang araw po sa inyo!

This pertains to your letter received on March 01, 2022 requesting for permission to collect soil and plant samples for your research study entitled "Morpho-Anatomical Adaptation of *Rhizophora sp.* to Heavy Metal Contamination at Calancan Bay, Brgy. Ipil, Santa Cruz, Marinduque".

Relative thereto, please be advised to secure a Gratuitous Permit (GP) from the DENR MIMAROPA Region, 1515 L&S Building, Roxas Boulevard, Metro Manila. This is in accordance to Department Administrative Order No. 2004-55. Under 4.1.3 of Section 4, to quote, "For purposes of thesis of students affiliated with local academic institutions and other government initiated or implemented research or scientific projects, the issuance of a Gratuitous Permit by the Regional Executive Director concerned shall be sufficient". Unquote.

This Gratuitous Permit is a permit issued to an individual, academe, research institution or organization to capture/harvest and transport wildlife species from their natural habitat for scientific and other authorized purposes. Requirements for the issuance of the said permit are as follows: a) Duly Accomplished Application Form; b) Research/Project Proposal; c) Endorsement Letter from the concerned Dean (for student applicants only; d) Prior clearance from the affected neighborhood/communities, i.e. concerned LGUs, recognized head from the indigenous people in accordance with RA 8371, or Protected Area Management Board; and, e) Payment Fee.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

IMELDA MADIAZ OIC, PENR Officer