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LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director

Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Region IV-B
Manila City

Dear **Executive Director Claudio**,

Greetings from the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)!

Since the Philippines declared an outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF) in 2019, the wild pig population (*Sus philippensis*, *Sus oliveri*, *Sus ahoenobarbus* and *Sus cebifrons*) remains to be very susceptible to the ASF virus. Records of mortalities have been documented in some parts of the country and were then confirmed to be due to ASF through laboratory testing.

Recent sighting of the Philippine Warty Pig (*Sus scrofa*) was reported through the monitoring activity conducted by the DENR-Davao, in which the BAI would like to commend. Furthermore, with the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, local tourist areas where wild pigs are known to be sighted are gradually opening up as well.

In line with this, the National African Swine Fever Prevention and Control Program (NASFPCP) would like to respectfully invite you to a virtual meeting to collaborate with your office and to discuss and strategize on how to increase awareness about the wild pig population and its risk to ASF. The meeting will be held on May 5, 2022 at 2 PM through Zoom Virtual Platform. The agenda of the meeting are as follows:

1. Brief background of ASF, reported cases of wild pig mortalities and IEC campaigns conducted by NASFPCP
2. Activities conducted by BMB/PENRO/CENRO with regard to the wild pig population
3. IEC materials consultation and collaboration
4. Open Forum/Discussion
5. Ways forward
6. Adjournment



Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87288760294?pwd=N2R2MnAwTW1EOTFlcGdsM1BzeTlEdz09>

Zoom ID: 872 8876 0294

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Thank you very much and we look forward to your positive response.

Very truly yours,

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Officer-In-Charge, Director