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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR-Region IVB and Region VII

FROM : The Assistant Director

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANT TO THE
FOUNDATIONAL UNDERWATER CAVE DIVING COURSE
(BATCH 2)**

DATE : **APR 22 2022**

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) is organizing a training course which intends to develop the cave diving skills of additional personnel within the DENR as a basic prerequisite in the assessment and monitoring of underwater caves. This course is in line with the Learning and Development Plan Implementation of the BMB Caves, Wetlands, and other Ecosystems Division under its Caves Conservation and Management Program (CCMP).

Underwater caves have been recorded in various regions all over the country and more are yet to be identified. To strengthen capacities of DENR personnel in underwater cave assessment and monitoring, additional set of qualified divers will be trained. In this regard, may we request each Region to nominate one (1) technical staff to participate in said training to be held in Anilao, Batangas on **June 13-18, 2022**.


Cave diving is considered a type of technical diving, and should never be attempted by anyone with an average open water or advanced level recreational SCUBA license. Technical diving covers a wide range of activities, requiring special training and equipment to mitigate the risks involved in technical cave diving. With this, the following are the requirements on the selection of participants:

1. Must be a certified/licensed diver (advance level) from any recognized scuba training organization
2. Maximum age is 50 years' old
3. With more than 20 dive experiences
4. Fit to dive with medical clearance
5. Able to make a non-stop swim for 100m within 3 minutes
6. Should be a non-smoker
7. Will be able to complete the required 3 levels of certification, as follows:
 - a. ISE Basics of Exploration
 - b. ISE Recreational 2
 - c. ISE Cave Explorer Level 1

Please note that after completion of the training, the successful participant will serve as part of the pool of experts, who would provide technical assistance to BMB, DENR field offices and concerned cave committees in terms of capacity building, exploration and assessment of underwater caves.

Kindly submit the names of the nominee to the Biodiversity Management Bureau **not later than 6 May 2022** through cawed@bmb.gov.ph cc: rosalyn.molinyawe@bmb.gov.ph.

For your information and appropriate action.


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