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MEMORANDUM

TO : **ALL DENR REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**

THE DIRECTOR
Environmental Management Bureau

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FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**
Field Operations and Environment

SUBJECT : **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE INSTRUCTIONS DURING THE
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE LAST MARCH 28, 2022**

DATE : **APR 04 2022**

In relation to conduct of our DENR Management Conference, we would like to reiterate the instructions of the DENR Acting Secretary as follows:

1. All REDs should conduct regular field visits (at least 2x a month, if possible) to all PENROs and CENROs within their areas to know the situation in the field offices.
2. All Offices must continue its efforts in streamlining the DENR permitting requirements without compromising its integrity and in conformance to the existing laws, rules and regulations.
3. All REDs, PENROs, and CENROs should start paying courtesy visits to all the members of the House of Representatives in their areas in anticipation of the Budget Hearing. Be ready to obtain the congressional issues and concerns of your respective congressmen for early resolution at the DENR Central Office.
4. All REDs must submit their comments within 15 days on the revised DENR Manual of Authorities.
5. Prioritize field personnel in training both local and abroad.


ATTY. JUAN MIGUEL T. CUNA, CESO I

Minutes of meeting/Agreements/Instructions
DENR 1st Quarter Management Conference
March 28, 2022
Marco Polo Plaza Hotel, Apas, Cebu City

Messages:

- A. RED Melicor, Jr.
- Warmly welcomed and thanked Sec. Sampulna for choosing CV as host for the ManCon
 - Acknowledged the RDs, ARDs, PENROs, CENROs, Division Chiefs, all the women and men
 - Encouraged the participants to feel at home here in Cebu as we will always be of service, we are color coordinated: white (March 28, 30), purple (March 29, 31).
- B. Usec. Cuna
- Happy to see the DENR officials face to face
 - For some cases we have been successful in Manila Bay, Build Back Better, Boracay rehabilitation
 - We have been less effective in dealing with plastics and other wastes arising from COVID-19
 - Cited it's high time to comply with the law and pursue in increasing the percentage of waste diversion noting that there are 245 SLFs operational/functional; 1,071 approved 10-year SWM plan
 - Due to pandemic, PM-10 concentration decreased by 58%;
 - More than 55,000 jobs generated for E-NGP
 - On patent issuance, more than 16,000 agricultural patents were transmitted to ROD
 - Mentioned that the Secretary required the REDs to submit a list or inventory of patents issued for distribution during the visit of the President
 - DENR exceeded its targets in terms of Boracay rehabilitation
 - Stated that Sec. Jim lifted the suspension order on the issuance of travel order by reverting the issuance of the TO to the MGB RD, EMB RD and PENRO; Sec. Jim issued a memorandum on the issuance of recovery permits (felled trees affected by typhoon) noting that we have to ensure not to abuse the said issuance
 - Part of the economic contribution of DENR is the lifting of EO 79 with the Department of Finance. The lifting would allow new applications but compliance with the law should be observed as many have opposed on mining per se. The low utilization of minerals is one of the reasons cited for the lifting as it encouraged local investors to invest on mining. Mining should be conducted in full compliance with the law and other environmental requirements.
- C. Usec. Fragada
- Pointed out the objectives of the ManCon: (1) assess the issues and problems particularly on the issuance of tenurial instruments; (2) discuss the Congressional issues that may arise during the Budget Hearing in which the REDs together with the PENROs and CENROs to already start visiting or making a courtesy call with their respective Congressmen; (3) discuss on how to address the policy issues (amending the manual of authorities, issuance/approval of travel orders, issuance of foreshore lease agreement, approval of appraisal and re-appraisal, SAPA, streamlining the processes, expedite the issuance of tenurial instruments) and develop measures/solutions to address the policy gaps
- D. Sec. Sampulna:

Summary of Instructions from Sec. Sampulna:

Instructions of the Secretary	Responsibility Center
✓ 1. All REDs should conduct a field visit to all PENROs and CENROs within their AOR to know exactly the situation in the field office. It should be a regular activity (twice a	All REDs

month) of the RED	
2. MGB Director will determine which mining related permits where requirements could be streamlined/reduced.	MGB Director
3. All Offices must continue its efforts in streamlining or reduction of requirements without compromising its integrity and in conformance to the existing laws, rules and regulations.	All Offices
4. FMB will look into the use of "Tarima" which is usually used as inputs for furniture making for the possible collection of forestry related fees or charges. These "Tarima" are polished to another use without paying the corresponding forest charges/fees. Director Tirso Parian together with DENR-12 RED Felix Alicer will look into this matter and develop a policy for approval by the Executive Committee.	Forest Management Bureau
5. All REDs, PENROs, and CENROs should start paying courtesy visits to all the members of the House of Representatives in anticipation for the Budget Hearing within their AOR. They should be able to obtain the congressional issues and concerns of their respective congressmen so when the Budget Hearing comes the said issues shall have been resolved or addressed by the DENR. All REDs, PENROs and CENROs should not make a request through or using a congressman instead the request should be addressed directly to the DENR for resolution.	All REDs, PENROs, and CENROs
6. Policy and Planning Service (PPS) with Human Resources Development Service will study on how to improve the granting of EAGLE Awards and to explore other awards (Special Award).	Policy and Planning Service (PPS) with Human Resources Development Service
7. Human Resource Development Service (HRDS) must prioritize the granting of scholarship or seminar/training abroad to field office personnel. Widest and earliest dissemination to all field offices should be done. HRDS will also develop a scheme not to make self-soliciting difficult to be availed of by the personnel. Likewise, the field personnel should be capacitated as they are the frontline service providers.	Human Resource Development Service
8. Administrative Service will rationally utilize the service vehicles at the Central Office and to explore the possible turnover of service vehicles to the Regional Office to augment its service vehicle requirement. The field offices play a primordial role in the implementation of the various programs, projects and activities.	Administrative Service
9. PPS in consultation with Administrative Service will further amend the DAO 2022-07 to authorize the CENRO as approving authority in the approval of travel order of CENRO personnel.	Policy and Planning Service (PPS) with Administrative Service
10. MGB will study or develop a policy on the proposed issuance of a Special Land Use Permit (SLUP) for Quarry. There should be a tenurial instrument over the use of a timberland area even if it is covered by a small scale quarry permit issued by the Provincial Governor. There should be a tenure instrument first before an ECC is issued.	MGB

11. PPS will initiate a discussion on April 5, 2022 NICP meeting or push to uphold the previous agreement with the NCIP that if it involves a non-extractive project (NGP) a community solicited proposal may be accepted in lieu of an FPIC. This is a document to be issued since the IPs themselves are the beneficiaries. In the meantime, there is a need to discuss on the appropriate appreciation or treatment of ancestral lands as stated by Usec. Teh.	PPS
12. All REDs must submit their comments within five (5) days the proposed amendment/modification of the manual of authorities for technical matters. The PPS will email the said draft DAO to all the regional offices.	All REDs

- Said that the conference coincides with the birthday of the President
- First of all, he thanked Usec Cuna for going around as that is what field operations is about, going around. Usec Fragada will also visit the Mindanao areas. The field visit should be a regular activity at least twice a month for the REDs. The RED should visit the PENROs and CENROs to increase the morale of their employees.
- Mentioned that he used to come around the areas within his AOR, and to mend those gaps for better implementation of the programs, projects and activities
- Stated he signed the order lifting the suspension of issuance of travel order
- "Ayusin natin ang DENR" he added
- Thanked Dir. William for drafting a DAO streamlining the issuance of ECC and hopefully MGB will also do the same by reducing the requirements on MGB related permits
- With the help of the Usecs, we can remove the policy gaps in my remaining two months in office
- Issued DAO 2022-07 amending DAO 2014-03 (Manual of authorities on human resources development and administrative matters) and DAO 2014-04 (Manual of authorities on financial matters)
- Articulated the Supervising Undersecretary has been authorized to issue or approve the permits/licenses and other tenurial instruments within his/her AOR. For example, the FLAG will be issued by the Supervising Undersecretary of FMB; the FLaGT will be issued by the Supervising Undersecretary for BMB; approval of foreshore lease agreement and approval of appraisal and re-appraisal will be issued by the RED. CENRO to sign the TO of CENRO personnel; PENRO to sign the TO of PENRO personnel
- On RD Felix concern, the use of Tarima should be regulated, we have to address; pay the corresponding forest charges (to be addressed by FMB Dir. Parian)
- He is satisfied; let's fight for awards (EAGLE), if there is another award such as special awards, let's improve the EAGLE award
- Planning in coordination with HRD to improve the granting of EAGLE award
- Strengthen the DENR as an institution; keep the institution stronger
- Said "Sikat tayo sa Manila Bay, magaling tayo sa Boracay; Sec. Cimatú has done many things
- Strengthen the field offices "sana ang malakas ang nasa field" "kayo mismo ang palalakasin ko, kahit inverted pyramid". Inverted pyramid refers to the personnel complement at the CO and RO/PENROs/CENROs
- Open the training both local and abroad and to prioritize the field office in the training abroad; inform the field office on the invitation; on self-soliciting, don't make it hard; define soliciting seminar; the field offices should get prioritized; unite as one DENR family, we are one big family;
- Expected the Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries to visit the field offices
- Start to visit to congressmen in preparation for budget hearing; pag kailangan, directly address to CO;
- Instructed Dir. Castro to rationalize the utilization of service vehicles in the CO; field office is the cutting edge, capacitate the field office as they do the accomplishments

E. Presentation of mechanics by Ms. Maureen (Office of Usec. Fragada):

1. Consolidate the significant operational and policy issues encountered in the implementation of the 10 priority programs with their respective AOR. Recommended action that may involve the intervention of concerned offices
2. Bureaus to respond
3. Questions to be stated clearly and possible solutions

F. Presentation on Operational and Policy Issues/Concerns of DENR Priority Programs with Recommended Actions from the Luzon Cluster as presented by Asec. Gilbert Gonzales, CESO III

Presentation on Operational/policy issues and concerns of DENR Priority Programs Assistant Secretary for Field Operation-Luzon: Asec Gilbert Gonzales, CESO III			
Operational/policy issues and concerns of DENR Priority programs	Update/comments from LMB		
LANDS			
1. Non-processing of applications for AFP to view the absence of IRR for the implementation of RA No. 11573 (Remaining targets for the year are at stake.	The IRR of RA 11573 was already approved as DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-38. The LMB already conducted orientation to all CENROs, PENROs, and the Regional Office on January 21, 2022		
2) Legal easement of salvage zone is outside the coverage of lease agreement issued by the DENR. However, Miscellaneous Lease applicants for industrial purposes such as port/pier and jetty are using the salvage zone or land falling within the easement in the development of the leased permits.	For review and clarification will be issued.		
Operational/Policy issues	Background	Agreement	Comment from LMB
Concern on the RA 10023: RFPA a. Building structure as a requirement in the issuance b. of RFP; c. No validity or expiration d. requirement are too limited	Section 2.2 of the IRR of RA 10023 specifically any person who, either by herself or himself or through his predecessor in-interest is occupying, living in, inhabiting or staying in a structure, the	•Possible amendment of Section 2.2 •Policy review of RA 10023	•DAO No. 2010-12 will be reviewed to revisit the provision re: residence or structure •LMB cannot recommend the removal of the requirement of a residential structure as proof of domicile. •Otherwise, undeveloped

	primary purpose of which is to serve as the residence of such person, situated on the parcel of residential land subject for the free patent application.		lands not used for residential purposes will be titled thru RFPA.
LRA Certification as a requirement of Survey Authority per Citizens Charter low accomplishment on approval of public land surveys and patent issuances.	•Based on the DENR Citizen's Charter among the requirements for the issuance of survey authority is Certification of status of land from LRA (if municipality is under cadastral proceedings or if there is an old survey and Lot status whether titled or not) LRA does not issue certification based on preliminary survey or sketch plan. They only issue certification based on approved plan. •Per DAO 2007-29, certification from LRA is not among the requirements for the issuance of survey authority.	•REDs exclusion of LRA Certifications (in Citizens Charter •Coordinate with LMB; •Coordinate/consult with LRA;	•The linkage with LRA can address this •The draft DENR-LRA JMC is still under review. •Only application with complete documents are accepted, LRA certificate included. •In the proposed IRR of RA 11573, the LRA certificate can be submitted belatedly.
Challenges in attaining the timeline per CC	•DENR Citizen's Charter prescribed time frame in the issuance of Survey Authority is 3 days, 4 hours and 5 mins. And more depending on the location and size of the area	•Revisit the timeline provided in the CC	For further review by the LMB
Policy issue re: DAO 2003-16 Guidelines on the Disposition of Lands Formed by Accretion	•The guidelines in the conduct of survey within the accretion was not considered in the provisions of DAO 2020-16	•Issuance of policy to limit areas to be surveyed, issuance of survey authority, etc. •Look into the concerns of Accretion areas before undertaking survey and the consequent titling.	A national survey of all accreted areas so that the same can be separated and identified before titling is being considered by LMB. Sections 5.2.2 and 5.2.3 of DAO No. 2020-16 mentions the survey of lands formed by accretion adjacent to agricultural land (A&D) Section 5.2.2 If the adjacent lot is already titled, the land owner shall proceed to the Court for the acquisition of the lands formed by accretion adjacent to agricultural lands (A&D). The same shall be surveyed using the survey symbol ACR, except those accretions

			formed in Friar Lands where the survey shall remain as FLS.
			Sections 5.2.3. If the adjacent lot is still untitled, the lands formed by accretion within a block classified as agricultural land (A&D), shall be surveyed and assigned with the highest lot number. The adjacent claimant may opt to consolidate the same with the adjacent lot for purposes of filing the appropriate Public Land Application.
Budgetary requirement for antigen testing vaccinations, vitamins and minerals Limited isolation and quarantine employees		• Come up with concrete programs to promote health and wellness • Provide additional funds • Provision of funds for establishment and operationalization of said facilities.	This could be an initiative of the DENR Offices. For LMB, these services were procured thru RA 9184. This could be an initiative of the Regional and other DENR offices.
<u>Biodiversity</u>	Background Agreement		Updates/Measures Undertaken
Regionn 2. Batanes PLS Operation of a quarry area in Batanes Increase in untenured migrants within PA based on the result of RPAO DPWH projects within Pas without PAMB Clearance	BMB respond that quarrying in Batanes is not an option BMB will provide guidance to the Region		For clarification, based on attached memorandum to OURFOE dated 5 January 2022, BMB recommended that private landowners may engage in small-scale quarrying subject to existing guidelines (LGU permit), PAMB Clearance, ECC and FPIC (in Itbayat) Refer to Attachment No. 1 This is a case of failure of the PAMB to assert its authority and failure of the PAMO and DENR to implement its functions pursuant to the NIPA Act as amended
Permanent plantilla positions for legislated PAs to sustain implementation of activities in protected areas	BMB has submitted the proposed plantilla positions to DBM. DBM comment is that additional staff maybe hired under Contract of Service.		On Jan. 24, 2022, the DBM, informed BMB through email that their preparation for action on the DENR request is still on-going. The DBM

		further state that they will be coordinating with BMB should there be any information or additional document/s which may be needed in the evaluation of our request
<i>Hundred Islands and National Park</i> Clarification on specific roles of DENR as oversight function High Cost of development fee	BMB to provide clarifications on this matter by defining the oversight functions of DENR. Review the development fee: advise proponents specific areas for development If projection of national significance, proponents are subjected to one-time payment (refer to DAO 2019-05). If projects of private entities, proponents should apply for appropriate permits.	Guidance/Memo to be issued soon Note: The cost of development/SAPA fee is already fixed by law. No DENR issuance can amend it.
<i>Paoay Lake NP</i> Water withdrawal within PA Presence of the following issuances within PA: CLOAs and land titles Quarrying DPWH/NIA projects without PAMB clearance, IP claims, Exotic Species	BMB will provide policy clarification	BMB already issued clarificatory guidance on this including conversion of MOA to SAPA in a memorandum dated 27 October 2021. These issues have been brought up by concerned Regions during the respective Consultation Hour, and the corresponding advice have also been provided.
<i>Paoay Lake NP</i> Conduct of carrying capacity in eco-destinations <i>Agoo-Damortis Protected Landscape and Seascape</i> Extension and renewal of MOA for the Agoo Eco-Fun World Project Occupants within PA within tenurial instruments	BMB to include studies on carrying capacity on the budget BMB will review arrangements and conduct assessment of the actual area to be developed to reduce the fees to be paid. PAMB to address the specific concerns. Look into possible resettlement programs for the occupants and initiate discussion with migrants/occupants within PA	The conduct of CC has been proposed to be included in the UQM for 2023. BMB has already issued recommendations leading to the Undersecretary for Field Operation and Environment issuing a letter to the LGU, dated 27 September 2021, requiring it to apply for SAPA BMB will issue guidance soon
Addressing illegal occupants and structures and establishments in PAs	BMB will issue a technical bulleting/instructions to address the concerns and to guide the PAMO/PAMB. Reiterate the existing policies on occupying areas within PAs.	BMB will issue guidance soon
Updates / Measures Undertaken		
REGION 1 Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) planning is undertaken in coordination with Coastal LGUs. However, the mainstreaming/incorporati	On-going review of the draft policy on the ICM thru the Technical Review Committee	

on of ICM plan in the LGU CLUP is chaledged by the cycle/prcess of CLUP preparation in terms of timing and execution							
REGION 3 Per Section 7& 8 of DAO 2044-55, applicants of wildlife transport permits are required to submit Phytosanitary Certificate of Veterinary Quarantine Certificate from concerned DA Offices (BAI/BPI)	Based on Rule 10.2 of the Joint IRR, a Quarantine/Veterinary Health Certificate for animals or a Phytosanitary Certificate for plants secured from DA shall also accompany the transport of live specimens. Nevertheless, the provision under Section 7 & 8 of DAO 2044-55 has been clarified in the revised IRR of RA 9147.						
It has been observed that plants were shipped out to and from various destinations without appropriate permits from DENR.	Based on Sec. 8 of DAO No. 2044-55, the exportation and importation of wildlife, its by-products and derivatives acquired from legal sources is subject to prior issuance of an export or import permit/certificate to be issued by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) for species listed under the Appendices of the Cites², or concerned DENR RO for species not listed under any of the CITES Appendices, CITES permits issued by BMB and/or wildlife certification from the DENR Regional Office concerned must be secured prior to actual exportation/importation of specimen into the Philippines. For CY 2022, BMB has issued the following CITES permits for flora, primarily orchids, cacti and pitcher plants: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CITES PERMIT</th><th>Quantity</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>CITES Export Permit</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>Cites Import Permit</td><td>3</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	CITES PERMIT	Quantity	CITES Export Permit	0	Cites Import Permit	3
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REGION 3 Policy on the culture/harvesting of Lapnisan/Lanite Online illegal trading of wildlife and other derivatives Alleged destruction of Pinagrealan Cave due to blasting operations of Spar Develment Co. Inc. (updates)	Draft DAO re: Guidelines for the Commercial Propagation and Trade of <i>Aquilaria</i> species and its by-product and derivatives. -For finalization based on the comments in the meeting of DENR TWG last March 2021 and additional inputs from stakeholders DAO 2020-13 "Adopting the WildLEAP 2018-2020, as the National Roadmap in Addressing Wildlife Crimes was approved on October 13, 2020. It serves as a guide in prioritizing enforcement actions, fund sourcing/allocation, and evaluating the impacts of enforcement work in the Philippines. Rapid assessment was conducted last July 6, 2021. The BMB's recommendation to Region 3 is to conduct full assessment of Pinagrealan Cave. The BMB downloaded fund amounting to Php200,000 Region 3 only conducted survey and mapping						
REGION 3 Lack of tourism and wetland assessment No financial incentives/honorarium for the WEO No vet to attend to confiscated wildlife	Biophysical profiling or wetland assessment are regular activities of the DENR, with priorities inside protected areas as part of the Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring System in Pas. Tourism sites with wetland features are proposed as ecotourism zones/areas. However, these wetlands should be characterized/profiled first and undergo management planning based on DAO 2013-19 and related guidelines. As provided in Section 30, Rule 30.6. The grant of financial incentive/honoraria, etc. shall be funded from the Wildlife Management Fund. The Region is advised to include the grant incentives/honoraria in the Work and Financial Plan for the utilization of Wildlife Management Fund, subject to usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. The Region is encouraged to hire COS/JO veterinarian to be assigned to the Regional WRC to look after the confiscated and/or donated wildlife; attend to or look after the confiscated wildlife turnover/deposited at designated WRC within their area or jurisdiction.						

	Recommend to the Region to enter into a MOA with the Provincial Vet or LGU vets to assist in the health assessment and treatment of confiscated or donated wildlife. This arrangement is already being done by other Regions (i. e. Region 9)	
	Agreements	EMB'S RECOMMENDATION/RESPONSE
Full implementation of DAO 2018-18	Coordination mechanism on related procedures and processes-permitting, networking, etc. among PENROs/CENROs with Bureau regional counterparts Identify policy gaps for presentation to Bureaus; Solicit how policies are implemented on the ground.	The EMB Regional Offices are actively coordinating with their respective Regional Executive Directors. The EMB also deployed a focal staff assigned in PENROs/CENROs to who will work with the DENR concerning issues relating to environmental management. DENR PENROs and CENROs are included as part of the MMTs DENR PENROs and CENROs may invite resource speakers from EMB for specific topics The EMB has no further issue on the implementation of DAO 2018-18. However, the Bureau will provide a memorandum to all its Regional Offices to identify the policy gaps experienced in the field.
Full implementation of DAO 2018-18 Have a collective agreement on issues raised; Integrated operational scheme to be established	Training of DENR field personnel on Bureau Integrated functions	EMB through the HRMS and EEID conducted a series of trainings on EMB for PENROs and CENROs in compliance with DAO 2018-18. A total of 4 trainings were conducted for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao Clusters in 2019. All issues and concerns regarding policy implementation including agreements taken during EMB Management Conference/Regional Directors' Meeting are constantly being coordinated with the DENR REDs.
Closure of Dumpsites	Ensure there are sufficient sanitary landfill sites for handling solid wastes: Closure erring SLFs must not compromise the environment and an alternative disposal facility must be available	The EMB provides Secretariat support to the Coalition of Solid Waste Management Providers composed of SLF operators. The creation of the Coalition was mobilized by Usec. Antiporda. Primary objective is to facilitate the establishment of SLFs in the country through PPP and clustering of LGUs. The EMB hired/engaged EnMO Civil Engineers and Geologist through the 16 EMB Regional Offices. It also aims to assist the LGUs in finding suitable site for proposed SLFs and to assist them design their categorized SLFs. The SLF Design for Category 4 has been finalized and is being shared to several LGUs.
Tourism Sites Limited manpower to conduct water monitoring (sampling and laboratory analysis) within OA and other areas (EMB I and EMB II)	Ensure that another "Boracay "will not occur; Proactive integration of environmental management protocols and enforcement from DENR Field Offices. Forward to EMB CO the need for provision of funds for additional staff/supplies for laboratory; Request funding under TF BBB for the Cagayan activities; Request DENR to support by hiring the monitoring officers/chemists/analysts while EMB will handle other expenditures;	Implement strict monitoring of effluent of hotels and establishments and ensure compliance in the issued wastewater discharge permit. Ensure LGU compliance on solid waste management. 1) Since the EMB laboratories have the facilities for analysis of environmental samples but lack human power (specifically Chemists, Chemical Technicians, Microbiologists, and Laboratory Aide), the DENR may reinforce the monitoring activities by providing the EMB with enough human resources through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). 2) The current capacity of the regional laboratories may not be able to continuously sustain the demand in laboratory analysis; hence, the capacity should be

	Possible inclusion in the program of the MPA	enhanced by acquiring additional general laboratory equipment (i.e., BOD incubator, oven, laboratory refrigerators, water bath, etc.). The EMB Regional Environmental Laboratories, in coordination with this Office had proposals to the DBM for acquisition of additional and equipment for replacement for FY 2022, but unfortunately, none of these were approved. 3) Please be informed that since FY 2020, this Office is downloading a portion of its allocated annual budget to all regional offices to augment their funds for maintenance and other operating expenses intended for laboratory operations.
Limited manpower to conduct water monitoring (sampling and laboratory analysis) within OA and other areas (EMB I and EMB II)	Forward to EMB CO the need for provision of funds for additional staff/supplies for laboratory; Request funding under TF BBB for the Cagayan activities; Request DENR to support by hiring the monitoring officers/chemists/analysts while EMB will handle other expenditures; Possible inclusion in the program of the MPA Possibility of procuring water quality checkers/samplers;	Since the EMB laboratories have the facilities for analysis of environmental samples but lack human power (specifically Chemists, Chemical Technicians, Microbiologists, and Laboratory Aide), the DENR may reinforce the monitoring activities by providing the EMB with enough human resources through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The current capacity of the regional laboratories may not be able to continuously sustain the demand in laboratory analysis; hence, the capacity should be enhanced by acquiring additional general laboratory equipment (i.e., BOD incubator, oven, laboratory refrigerators, water bath, etc.). The EMB Regional Environmental Laboratories, in coordination with this Office had proposals to the DBM for acquisition of additional and equipment for replacement for FY 2022, but unfortunately, none of these were approved. Please be informed that since FY 2020, this Office is downloading a portion of its allocated annual budget to all regional offices to augment their funds for maintenance and other operating expenses intended for laboratory operations. The said equipment was proposed during the FY2021 Budget Proposal It was also included in the Forward Estimates for FY 2020-2024. However, no Capital Outlay was approved for WQMS and Manila Bay in CY 2022. For the National Water Quality Management Fund, we have proposal of three (3) Water Quality Checkers for CY 2022 which is for distribution to the Manila Bay Regions.
Management and disposal of used PPEs (face mask and face shields)	EMB-CO to provide guidelines for the disposal of the same or through co-processing facilities; Harmonize policies with DOH and LGUs; Evaluate the feasibility of using PPP	1) Aside from DAO 2013-22, Revised Procedures and Standards on the Management of Hazardous Wastes, which provides for the requirements and procedures for generators, transporters and Treatment, Storage and Disposal (TSD) facilities of hazardous wastes (including healthcare wastes), DAO 2021-14, Amendment on Some Provisions of DAO 2010-06: Guidelines on the Use of Alternative Fuels and Raw Materials in Cement Kilns, was issued on 24 May 2021. DAO 2021-14, which became effective on 19 September 2021, allows non-pathological infectious healthcare wastes or used PPEs such as protective clothing (coveralls), face masks and respirators, face shields, surgical gloves, etc., to be co-processed in cement kilns provided it meets the criteria indicated in Section 4 of DAO 2010-06. https://emb.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/DAO-2010-06.pdf 2) A draft Joint Administrative Order among DENR, DOH, and DILG on the "Interim Guidelines on Proper Management, Treatment, Storage and Disposal of Covid 19-Related Wastes from Health Care Waste Generators" has also been endorsed to the Office of USec Cuna on 25 October 2021. The draft JAO aims to complement the issued guidelines relative to the

	EMB-CO to provide guidelines for the disposal of the same or through co-processing facilities; Harmonize policies with DOH and LGUs; Evaluate the feasibility of using PPP	proper handling, transport, treatment, storage and disposal of Covid-19 related wastes. 3) The NSWMC has issued Resolution No. 134 Series of 2020 Adopting the Interim Guidelines on the Management of COVID-19 Related Health Care Wastes. The EMB Central Office have already conducted the capability building to the EMB Regional Offices and LGUs in their areas of jurisdiction on the development of COVID-19 Waste Management Plan. The EMB Regional Offices may monitor its LGUs relative to the development and implementation of its COVID-19 waste mgt plans in relation to the implementation of their Ten Year SWM Plans. -In support to co-processing of wastes, EMB have already released DAO 2021-14 or Amendment on some provisions of DAO 2016-06: Guidelines on the use of Alternative Fuels and Raw Materials in Cement Kilns. This allows Non-pathological Infectious Healthcare Wastes such as face masks and face shields for co-processing.
Lack of sanitary landfill in the island provinces	• Strict implementation of segregation at source for solid wastes; • EMB to provide of low cost design for sanitary landfill to LGUs; • Possible MOA with cement plants for co-processing of wastes (Holcim); • Close monitoring of the closed dumpsites; • Include in the National Program for Solid Waste Management • EMB to coordinate with LGUs and other agencies in establishing the Solid Waste Management System; • Require FLAG for sanitary landfill located in areas within Timberlands.	• This will be integrated in the updating of the guidelines on the monitoring of approved ten-year SWM plans • The SLF Design for Category 4 has been finalized and is being shared to several LGUs. • The monitoring of closed dumpsites are already integrated in the 2022 KRAs of the EMB Ros • The law provides specific siting criteria for proposed SLFs
Presence of illegal structures affecting water quality of Manila Bay	Conduct clearing operations; Define the role of each members of the IATF	Based on Section 3 of Administrative Order No. 16 series of 2019 signed by the President on February 2019, under the role of the DPWH "in coordination with the DILG, affected LGUs, PNP Maritime Group, HUDCC and other concerned government agencies, remove and demolish all structures, constructions and other encroachments built in breach of R.A No. 7279, as amended and other applicable laws along the Meycauayan-Marilao-Obandi Rivers in Bulacan, Talisay River in Bataan, Imus River in Cavite, Laguna De Bay and other rivers, connecting waterways and esteros that discharge wastewater into the Manila Bay..."

		https://www.doj.gov.ph/files/2019/MCs/MC004-2019MAR%20Administrative%20Order%20No%2016%20(19%20Feb%202019)%20dtd%2005%20Mar%202019.pdf
Repair/replacement of non-operational ambient air quality monitoring equipment	• Include in the 2023 budget proposal; • Explore possibility in partnering with LGUs; • Prioritize regions with needed equipment; • Evaluate feasibility of using the PPP	This was included in the FY2022 Budget proposal, unfortunately, the DBM did not approve. However, we will include this in the FY2023 budget proposal. Those regions that need equipment is included in the 10-year air quality roadmap.
Implementation of the ENGP Enhancement of graduated NGP sites	Issuance of clarificatory memorandum through Undersecretary for Field Operation only totally damaged plantation sites shall be derecognized	• Confirmation that only totally damaged plantations sites shall be derecognized Draft clarificatory memorandum under review by FMS • Derecognized reforestation projects are considered non-existing assets, hence no longer eligible for additional funding for its maintenance. • Advisory from COA to recognize impairment loss ("recognition of impairment loss") in order to rehabilitate the damaged plantations (Based on consultation meeting on the Turn-over and Enhancement of NGP sites held last September 3, 2021 with COA and Regional and PENRO NGP Coordinators and Accountants
Annual contracting of NGP projects	• FMB to make presentation with the DBM for MYOA • Provide guidelines for NGP Programs in Urban Centers • Enhancement of planting and other concerns-submit comments for compilation to the memorandum for submission to FMB • Appraisal or assessment of areas	• Will schedule with DBM; • Shall include representatives from Accounting Division and/or FMS of DENR Central Office • Ongoing coordination with DENR NCR NGP Focal Person • A study o Urban Greening Spaces (UGS) shall be conducted • FMB is yet to receive the consolidated concerns from the regional offices
Target of ROs re: Programmatic EIA and SEA for dredging activities	For clarification of the targets	• The target of ROs is based on the approved Dredging Master Plan of DPWH on target priority rivers, as stated in Item IV Section 2 of DAO 2020-07
Annual contracting of NGP projects	• FMB to make presentation with the DBM for MYOA • Provide	• Will schedule with DBM; • Shall include representatives from Accounting Division and/or FMS of DENR Central Office • Ongoing coordination with DENR NCR NGP Focal Person

	- guidelines for NGP Programs in Urban Centers - Enhancement of planting and other concerns-submit comments for compilation to the memorandum for submission to FMB - Appraisal or assessment of areas covered by FLAg/FLAgT	- A study o Urban Greening Spaces (UGS) shall be conducted - FMB is yet to receive the consolidated concerns from the regional offices - Existing guidelines will be reviewed and certain amendments will be drafted in consideration to the NGP sites established within the tenure.
Pruning/Cutting of Trees	Provide policies for the pruning/cutting of trees, especially in private lands; include in the devolution of functions.	The FMB has already drafted the memorandum instruction to be signed by Usec FOE addressed to all REDs regarding clarification on the issuance of pruning/trimming permit - For public places: The pruning/trimming permit shall be issued by CENRO/Implementing PENRO/RED, DENR NCR - For private land: No pruning/trimming permit is required For issuance of Tree Cutting Permit-with the effectivity of the DAO no. 2021-11 dated Nay 19, 2021 (Guidelines in the Processing and Issuance of Permits for the Cutting, Removal and Relocation of Naturally Growing Trees), the concerned RED is now authorized to issue the Tree Cutting Permit for naturally growing trees (only those activities covered by exemptions under E.O. No. 23 and Memorandum from the Office of the Executive Secretary dated October 20, 2011
Policy in the culture/harvesting of lapnisan/lanite Intensified forest protection and anti-illegal logging - Delay in the disposition of confiscated items due to issuance of certificate of finality	- Submit comments for compilation to the Memorandum for submission to FMB - Amend DAO No. 32-1997 and 2016-07; delegate to REDs the issuance of COFs	At the moment, the cutting of lapnisan and lanete within private lands is allowed subject to issuance of Tree Cutting Permit pursuant to DAO No. 2021-11 dated May 19, 2011 The DENR shoud develop a policy specific o Lapnisan in terms of its propagation , plantation development harvesting, maintenance and protection, marketing, among others By virtue of EO 23, all confiscated undocumented forest product (with confiscation order & certificate of finality), must be immediately disposal thru donation, with DepED as priority agency. The Certificate of Finality is issued at DENR Central
Conflicting and vague policies Various DAO vs. Citizens Charter, etc.	- Harmonize policies; - Immediate issuance of clear policies - FMB and BMB to harmonize their respective policies	- Regions to submit specific conflicting policies that needs immediate resolution - DENR PPS to lead the review and resolution of conflicting policies between FMB and BMB, in close coordination with both Bureaus
JAO vs. DAO		For DAO 2021-20, a RB specifying the rules and procedures on how the established

DAO 2021-20 No clear policy on cutting of mangrove species affected by government projects		plantation will be bidden is currently being formulated - RA No. 7161 issued on October 10, 1992 prohibits the cutting of mangroves nationwide. However, for priority projects of the national government agencies, the DEN issues earth-bailing and transplanting permit for mangrove species to be affected by said projects - A policy study re: determination of market value of undocumented forest products for prosecution purpose is being proposed. This will include mangrove.
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G. Presentation on Operational and Policy Issues/Concerns of DENR Priority Programs with Recommended Actions from the Visayas Cluster as presented by Asec. Dr. Joan Lagunda, MNSA

Presentation on Operational/policy issues and concerns of DENR Priority programs				
<u>Assistant Secretary for Field Operation -Visayas: Dr. Joan A. Laqunda, MNSA</u>				
DENR Priority Program	Operational/policy issues	Operational Issues and Concerns		
		Problems encountered	Recommended Action	Concerned office/bureau
Enhanced National Greening Program (eNGP)	Execution of activities and Issue on the schedule of payment pursuant to Technical Bulletin No. 30 Implementing the Family Approach as a strategy in the National Greening Program	- Mapping and Planning (M&P) activities are conducted on a quarterly basis by the NGP partners (beneficiary families) in accordance with the detailed WFP attached to the LOA Schedule of payment of the M&P activities is on semestral basis resulting to hesitations from the NGP partners to engage/participate in the eNGP projects - Availability of cash in the field offices is by quarter. If this fund will not be timely utilized (within the quarter), the fund will be reverted	Field Offices (PENROs/CENROs) requested for the amendment of Technical Bulletin No. 30 particularly on the Schedule of Payment for the 2 nd and 3 rd Year Maintenance and Protection from Semi-Annual Payment to quarterly payment	Region VIII
Intensified Forest Protection and Anti-illegal Logging	POLICY: DAO 2008-22: Revised Guidelines on the Deputation of Environment and Natural Resources Officers (ENROs)	The procedure is very complex but the validity of the deputation order is only good for one year	Approval of the request for the extension of the validity of deputation order. If possible, 3 years for the volunteer individuals/ groups to correlate with the term of service of congressmen	Region VI
		Underprivileged volunteer individuals/ groups such as members of POs do not have enough money to pay for the laboratory tests as pre-requisite to the issuance of	Omission of Medical Certificate as one (1) of the requirements for deputation or provision of funds for the laboratory testing of	Region VI

		medical certificate by the public physician	the volunteer applicants	
	POLICY: DAO 2008-22: Revised Guidelines on the Deputation of Environment and Natural Resources Officers (ENROs)	Issuance of Clearance by the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations may take time prior to the approval of Deputation Order by the RED	Delegation of the issuance of clearance to the Regional Executive Director	Region VI
	DENR Administrative Order No. 08 Series of 1994 on additional requirements for issuance of new sawmill permit and Certificate of Registration as Lumber Dealer including renewal Memorandum Order No. 13, Series of 1986 re: Simplifying the Requirements for Applications of Lumber Dealer Permit.	Issuance of Certificate of registration as Lumber Dealer has a validity period	A policy on validity of Certificate of Registration as Lumber Dealer be formulated	Region VII
	DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-05 re: Revised Regulations Governing the Establishment and Operations of Wood Processing Plants DENR Administrative Order No. 2018-09 re: Amending Section 3 of DAO 2003-24 Implementing Republic Act No. 9175 Otherwise known as Chainsaw Act of 2002. DENR Administrative Order No. 08 Series of 1994 on additional requirements for issuance of new sawmill permit and Certificate of Registration as Lumber Dealer including renewal	Requiring Lumber Dealers with Band Saw/Circular Saw to Apply for Wood Processing Plant Permit	A policy on issuance of WPPP on the case of small scale lumber dealers sourcing raw materials from small scale tree plantation owners/backyard planters be formulated.	Region VII
	Preparation of Planning Manual or Guide for the Build Back Better related policies, programs, projects and activities	The intention of having the Preparation of Planning Manual or Guide for the Build Back Better related policies, programs, projects and activities	Support from DENR to prepare for the BBB Planning Manual/Guide as reference guide for typhoons and other disasters that may come in the future.	Region VI

	Funding of priority activities under KRA No. 6 – Intensified ENR Management	The Implementation Plan for KRA No. 6 was initially submitted per Memorandum of the RED dated February 9, 2022 and the Implementation Plans for all KRAs were submitted per Memorandum dated March 15, 2022.	For possible funding of priority activities such as the conduct of watershed characterization cum vulnerability assessment for Sipalay River and tributaries of Ilog Hilabangan; installation of radio communication system and re-establishment of damaged NGP/forest plantations.	Region VI
Geo hazard, ground water assessment and responsible mining	Flood control project	Minimal Funding (The related activities are incorporated in the Implementation Plan for KRA No. 1 – Better Resilient Infrastructure under the Build Back Better Task Force for FY 2022)	- Integrated Area Management Planning for Sipalay and Ilog-Hilabangan Areas - Funding support for priority projects/activities	Region VI (PENRO Negros Occidental)
Enhanced Biodiversity Conservation	Increase on manpower	Insufficient number of PAMO personnel (plantilla positions) in the seven (7) legislated Protected Areas (PAs) in the region	BMB to follow up at the DBM on the status on the filling up of plantilla positions in the PAMOs	Region VIII
Improved Land Administration and Management	DAO 2016-07 (DENR Manual of Authorities on Technical Matters, Page 29 – No. 7)	The approving authority for the issuance of Certification on Status of Land Classification for National Park/Protected Area is the Regional Executive Director. It would take some time to process the request for certification especially for those Protected Areas located far from the Region and in particular those that are in another islands.	Certify Land Status Certification for Protected Areas be transferred to the CENRO concerned to shorten the processing time for the convenience of the clients and in line with Republic Act No. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2007	Region VII
	Road Right of Way	Road Right of Way (RROW) traversing Timberland Areas & PA's entices illegal settlers to build their dwellings along these roads.	Instead of tenure for DPWH, a MOA or Joint Memo Circular by and between DENR & DPWH can be signed whereby the obligation for the prevention/prohibition of illegal settlers including demolition of illegal structures along RROW will be the responsibility of DPWH.	Region VII
Improved Land Administration and Management	Computation of Annual Government Share in Timberland Areas	This may generate a very high amount especially in areas near or within urban areas and may serve as disincentive to private sector to invest and pursue their entrepreneurial activities in	Review/revisit draft DAO prepared by FMB in 2017: Re Annual Government Share for FLAg & FLAgT based on result of Forest Resource Accounting	Region VII

		Forestland.	Valuation Study and consultation with stakeholders.	
	Computation of Annual Development Fees in Protected Areas	This may generate a very high amount especially in areas near or within urban areas and may serve as disincentive to private sector to invest and pursue their entrepreneurial activities in Protected Areas.	Review Rule 25.5 of DAO No. 2019-05 on Annual Dev't Fee.	Region VII
	Special Use Agreement in Protected Areas	Approval of SAPA takes time	A policy be crafted allowing the RED to issue Provisional Permit to SAPA applicants while their application is still on process.	Region VII
	Approving Authority	The approving authority for the issuance of Survey Orders/Survey Authority for National Park/Protected Area and Watershed Reservation if area is within the same region as the RED.	The authority to issue Survey Orders/Survey Authority for National Park/Protected Area and Watershed Reservation if area is within the same region be transferred to the CENRO/Protected Area Superintendent of the concerned PA since the PASU exercises executive function in Protected Areas	Region VII

H. Presentation on Operational and Policy Issues/Concerns of DENR Priority Programs with Recommended Actions from the Western Mindanao Cluster as presented by Asec. Arleigh Adorable, CESO III

Presentation on Operational/policy issues and concerns of DENR Priority programs			
<u>Assistant Secretary for Field Operation –Western Mindanao: Asec Arleigh J. Adorable, CESO III</u>			
Operational Issues	Problems Encountered	Recommended Action	Concerned Office/Bureau
Hiring of legal researchers and/or lawyers	Legal researchers were hired instead of lawyers because the latter have a hard time securing their deputation from the OSG	Request for additional budget to raise the LRs salary from 27,000php to 31,000php.	Region 9
Presidential Proclamation No. 327 is within the Protected Area of Dumanquillas Protected Landscape & Seascape	Conflict in the management of Presidential Proclamation No. 327 and the Dumanquillas Protected Landscape and Seascape	Development plan of the Philippine Navy must be harmonized with the management scheme of a protected area	Region 9
Titling of lands within unclassified public forest/timberland where the proposed Zamboanga Int. Airport will be		NAMRIA to conduct an evaluation to determine whether the land should be classified as A & D or remain timberland.	

located.			
NCIP Requirement	NCIP insists that all mining applications shall undergo FPIC process even in areas not within CADC/CADT.	Delineation of all CADC/CADT areas and harmonize NCIP-FPIC guidelines with mining laws, rules and regulations	MGB 9
Declaration of Minahang Bayan (MB)	Most of the MBs with Clearance from DENR Secretary is still subject to the approval of the Governor	Failure of the PMRB to declare the MB within thirty (30) days from receipt of clearance is deemed approved/declared MB	MGB 9
Operationalization of the City/Provincial Mining Regulatory Board (CMRB) P/CMRB	The Zamboanga City Government refused to convene the CMRB	Implement full devolution of functions regarding evaluation and approval for sand and gravel (SAG)	MGB 9
Implementation of the Cease and Desist Orders (CDO)	Receiving threats from the respondents of the CDO which has led to difficulty in its implementation.	Immediate assistance by the PNP in the implementation of the CDO.	MGB 9
Conduct of Vulnerability and Risk Assessment	Lack of geologists and Geohazard Identification Survey (GIS) specialists for the processing and management of Hazard Exposure Data	Hiring of additional geologists and GIS specialists	MGB 9
Conduct of Karst Subsidence Hazard Assessment	Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) instrument is out of service and detection of subsurface cavity is hampered.	Acquire new GPR instruments	
Conduct of Groundwater Resource Assessment	Georesistivity Equipment broke down and needs replacement	MGB Central Office was already informed of the request for replacement	
Tedious and stiff process in securing FPIC to stakeholders for the renewal of tenurial instrument that is outside of the CADT area.	Delayed renewal of tenurial instrument	For DENR Central Office to address the issue with the top management of the NCIP	Region 10
Vulnerability of LAMS online platform to malware attack that may jeopardize the system and its database.	The regional office is located near the port which is surrounded by warehouses and a fuel depot of Shell, making it prone to fire incidents and other disasters.	Fund support for the establishment of a LAMS offsite backup server amounting to P6M for 80TB	Region 10
The template prescribed in the issuance of Provisional Agreement as per DAO 2021-27 only requires the signature of	In legal parlance, an agreement must be signed by both parties and any revisions shall be agreed by both parties.	Issuance of policy/guidelines amending the policy/template to be signed by both parties with the corresponding	Region 10

the RED.		witnesses.	
Applications for Tree Cutting Permits for hazardous trees incur inevitable delays during inspection and evaluation and approval at the Regional Office.	This issue affects the urgency of the applications for issuance of cutting permits for hazardous trees which results to further delay thereby blaming the office in the process.	Issuance of policy in the delegation of approval of Tree Cutting Permit for Hazardous Trees to CENRO level	Region 10
Conflicting policies affecting FLUP implementation <i>DENR-DILG JMC No. 2003-01 ; DENR-DILG JMC No. 98-01 : FLUP forms part of CLUP</i> <i>DHSUD MC No. 2021-005 (Section 1, Item 1) approved FLUP is not mandatory in the approval of CLUP</i>	FLUP preparation is not a priority of the LGUs	FMB to coordinate with DHSUD to discuss the implication of the latter's Department policy on FLUP implementation and provide with a policy recommendation to harmoniously implement FLUP and CLUP at the LGU level.	Region 10
Outdated 2015 Land Cover Map of NAMRIA for Development Planning	Needs clarification from FMB if 2018 Bukidnon Land Cover Map can be used as reference in development planning.	FMB to coordinate with NAMRIA since the latter had a series of meeting with the ESSC on the matter and to possibly issue a 2020 Land Cover Map	
Implementation of the Relocation Survey of Camp Kibaritan (PP 134)	Delay in implementation for areas in BARMM due to additional security measures for personnel who will conduct the relocation survey.	DENR Central Office to request MILG-BARMM to extend assistance and cooperation in the implementation of activity	Region 10
Implementation of EO No. 120 Series of 2020 re: Strengthening Rehabilitation and Recovery Efforts in Typhoon Areas through the Creation of Build Back Better Task Force and RA 10121 or the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 and NDRRMC Resolution No. 1 s. 2019, approving the RRP Planning Guide	The intention of the TFBB-KRAs is similar with the RDRRMC-PPAs	Harmonization of TFBBB-KRAs and RDRRMC-PPAs are considered	Region 10
Discrepancy of the result of analysis between EMB Laboratory and third party EMB recognized	In the event that these results will be used by the PAB, EMB cannot arbitrarily disregard the	Issuance of the Central Office of specific guidelines for split sampling	EMB 10

laboratories	third party results.		
Minimal involvement of ROs in the monitoring of third party laboratories	Conflict in area for the issuance of patent	EMB ROs to initiate conduct of monitoring and validation of third party laboratories as necessary upon invitation of the CO. No provisions in the DENR Administrative 98-63	EMB 10
LGUs going back to open dumping because of the lack of area and financial resource to establish the Sanitary Landfill	Financial or technical constraints of the LGUs in the establishment of Sanitary Landfills.	Consider providing financial assistance on the establishment of cluster SLF to 4 th and 6 th class municipalities	EMB 10
Authority to rule on the sufficiency and acceptability of the proposed mitigating measures to the identified geohazards for housing and other land development project prior to the processing and approval of ECC pursuant to DAO 2000-28 and EMB MC 2010-002	DAO did not define who has authority and accountability on EGGAR recommendations.	Issuance of guidelines clarifying the authority and accountability	EMB 10
Emerging issue on the Permitting system of the Province of Camiguin	Different permitting system for Sand and Gravel; ECC is not required and provisions are not exhaustive.	Continuous dialogue; Quarterly meeting with the Office of the Governor and MGB to improve the policies. MGB to assist in systematic quarrying methods.	MGB 10
Lack of road-worthy service vehicles	Limitations in accounting procedures have prevented the purchase of vehicles	Approval of Tier-2 proposal for service vehicles; Prepare a re-fleeting vehicle plan for Central Office's submission to DBM	MGB 10
Denial of entry to certain barangays by the indigenous people	MGB does not have an FPIC to conduct quadrangle mapping in Dansolihon, CDO.	Integration of Communication Plan for other agencies especially NCIP	MGB 10
Manpower Complement (Geologist RE: TFBB)	No personnel to assist in geological assessments for housing	Additional request thru KRA No. 2 of TFBB	MGB 10
Absence of system-wide schedule of fines approved by the Secretary (Rule 10.2 DAO 2019-05)	One cannot impose fines in the absence of a schedule	For the BMB to evaluate the schedule of Fines and approval of the Secretary	Region 12
The DENR RED upon recommendation by the PAMB may impose fines and penalties for violation		BMB to review the rule as this has no basis in law.	Region 12

of the rules and regulations [Rule 11-A.1] [Sec. 21(e) RA No. 7586 as amended] Administrative fine of not less than 50,000 x x x shall be imposed by the Secretary.			
Housing Projects within Protected Areas and Forestland (CADT Areas)	Re-settlement is expanded to Forestland Areas	Guidelines should be issued by the Central Office and for EMB not to issue the ECC for these projects.	Region 12
Conflict of jurisdiction between the DENR and the PPA.	PPA imposed as a condition of the PTO that all improvements shall be forfeited in their favor.	Guidelines should be issued at the soonest possible time	Region 12
Legalization of the operation of crate producers, lumber dealers and furniture shops in Cotabato	How to assist the owners to legalize the operation of crate producers, lumber dealers and furniture shops.	Streamline the process of WPP for crate production.	Region 12
Modification of land tenure regime - Introduction of facilities not covered by the tenure e.g. NGCP Tower erected electrification trespassing tenure areas particularly in FLGMAs and IFMAs in General Santos City jurisdiction		NGCP to apply for SLUP Tenure. There must be a MOA between DENR and NGCP not the tenure holder and NGCP	Region 12
Most land under the defunct Land Settlement Development Corporation (LASEDECO) now Privatization Management Office remained untitled	All the processes are made in the Privatization Management Office.	Follow up turn-over of LASEDECO lands, which have not been awarded for several decades, from PMO to DENR	Region 12
The budget ceiling for MOOE given for CY 2023 was reduced by approximately ten percent (10%) and is not sufficient to fund the proposed targets of the region.	Increase in unit costing could affect the implementation of the next year's proposed targets.	• Increase MOOE budget to CY 2022 level • Simultaneous conduct of related projects in similar or nearby locations (i.e., Updating of Vulnerability Risk Assessment (VRA) will be done simultaneously with the Assessment of Disaster-affected municipality/ city or Assessment of Environmentally-critical areas • Cluster monitoring and routine	Region 12

		inspection of tenement areas	
Sarangani SP Resolution No. 2022-10-001 passed on January 11, 2022, requesting the PMRB to hold in abeyance the approval of mining applications and other contracts within the locally-declared Local Conservation Area in the municipalities of Maasim, Kiamba and Maitum		• MGBCO Legal Services Division to render a legal opinion. • Exclusion of approved mining tenements from the proposed declaration of Mt. Busa Protected Area on the basis of their prior rights.	Region 12
Full devolution of the processing and approval by the Provincial Governor/ City Mayor of the following permits, consistent with Sections 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52 of R.A. 7942 and in pursuance to the Mandanas-Garcia Ruling: • Commercial Sand and Gravel (CSAG); • Exclusive Sand and Gravel (ESAG); • Government Gratuitous; • Private Gratuitous; • Guano; and • Gemstone Gathering	Processing, evaluation, and review of the mentioned permit applications should no longer be done by the P/CMRBs but by the concerned LGUs.	Amendment of Sections 72a (CSAG Permit) & 72c (ESAG Permit); Sections 73a (Gov't. Gratuitous Permit) & 73b (Private Gratuitous Permit); Section 81 (Guano Permit); and Section 88 (Gemstone Gathering Permit) of the Consolidated DAO No. 2010-21.	Region 12
Forest Protection and Responsible Mining	DAO 2018-18; DAO 97-32; and DAO 2010-21: Inconsistency in policy (DENR and MGB laws and regulations) in rendering judgement for the release of conveyance duly apprehended by the QRT created	To issue guidelines to harmonize the policy on the release of conveyances for forest/mineral resources	Region 10
	Disposition of confiscated conveyances requires clearance from the Secretary	Devolve the authority for the disposition of confiscation of conveyances to the RED	
Scaling-up of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems	DAO 15-90 Sections 4 and 5: Regulation governing the utilization, development and management of mangrove resources	To issue guidelines to effectively strategize with BFAR the mangrove reforestation and rehabilitation project.	Region 10
		Regional Office to prepare budget proposal for the operational expenses of PENRO Lanao del Norte, Misamis Occidental and	

		Misamis Oriental	
Enhanced NGP	JMC No. 01, Series of 2014 Non-compliance of DPWH X to Tree Replacement Project	FMB to craft policy requiring DPWH-Central Office to allocate funds for tree replacement in their respective field offices.	Region 10
	DAO 2014-03: All Travel Orders are to be approved by the RED or his OIC	Delegate authority to PENROs and CENROs	Region 10
Geohazard, Groundwater Assessment and Responsible Mining	Interpretation of the provisions of DAO 2018-18 and MGB MC 2018-01 as amended by MGB MC 2019-02	Harmonization of the administrative issuances	MGB 10
	1. Use of the designation of DENR Quick Response Team 2. Deputation of authority to arrest only granted to RED, ARD TS, PENRO & CENRO	Harmonization of the administrative issuances	MGB 10
	1. Conduct of confiscation proceedings and issuance of resolution 2. Disposition of confiscated minerals, products	Harmonization of the administrative issuances	MGB 10
Congressional Issues			
Congressional issue	Recommended Action		Concerned Office/Bureau
Provisions of the Zamboanga City Environment Code on the exclusion of large-scale mining operations particularly in its watersheds and other critically identified areas due to its adverse impact to the environment	Provisions of ZC Environment Code to harmonize with the provisions of existing mining laws, rules, and regulations		MGB 9
House bill authored by Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez of the 2nd District of Cagayan de Oro City declaring 9 caves and 6 waterfalls of Cagayan de Oro City as ecotourism sites is contrary to RA 9072 where classification of caves and its utilization is determined by the Regional Cave Committee	If requested by the Committee on Environment of the House of Representatives during its hearing, DENR-10 to submit a position paper		Region 10

HB 08276 "An Act declaring the City of Iligan a mining free zone and providing penalties for the violation thereof" authored by Representative Frederick W. Siao	For review taking into consideration the position paper of the Mines Geosciences Bureau.	Region 10
HB 00430 "An Act Declaring The City Of Cagayan De Oro As A Mining-free Zone" Authored By Representative Rufus B. Rodriguez	For review taking into consideration the position paper of the Mines Geosciences Bureau dated February 10, 2021 submitted to DENR Assistant Secretary for Field Operations Mindanao.	Region 10
Proposed establishment of Mt. Busa in the municipalities of Maasim, Kiamba and Maitum, Sarangani as a Protected Area under HB 9055 and a declared local conservation area (LCA) by the provincial government of Sarangani through SP Resolution 2020-10-042 which covered existing approved mining tenements Sarangani, Lone District Congressman Rogelio "Ruel" D. Pacquiao	It is recommended that prior rights of the approved mining tenements should be respected and excised from the proposed Mt. Busa Protected Area.	MGB 12
Proposed House Bill No. 9295, "An Act Declaring the Municipality of Columbio, Province of Sultan Kudarat, an Ecotourism Zone and Appropriating Funds Therefore," Authored By Representative Princess Rihan M. Sakaluran which covered existing approved mining tenements 1st Congr. District of Sultan Kudarat Cong. Princess Rihan M. Sakaluran	Prior rights of the approved mining tenements should be respected and excised from the proposed Ecotourism Zone.	MGB12

- I. Presentation on Operational and Policy Issues/Concerns of DENR Priority Programs with Recommended Actions from the Eastern Mindanao Cluster as presented by Asec. Ruth Tawantawan, CESO II

Presentation on Operational/policy issues and concerns of DENR Priority programs

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DENR Priority programs	Operational/Policy issues	Status Updates/Action Taken	Recommended Actions
#5. Intensified Forest Protection and Anti-Illegal Logging	Maintenance of Monitoring Stations/Checkpoints (containerized van), and maintenance of depository area/storage facility vis-à-vis COA Audit finding to safeguard government facilities, conveyances, confiscated forest products, etc.	Memorandum requests dated Feb. 22, 2022 and March. 2, 2022 submitted to FMB by DENR CARAGA.	For allocation of budget
# 6. Geo-hazard, Groundwater Assessment & Responsible Mining	Appropriate Tenure Instrument for the SSM Activities in the Diwalwal Mineral Reservation Area (JOA with the PMDC and NRDC)	1. Creation of the MGB Diwalwal TWG 2. Conducted series of meetings/ discussions with PMDC/NRDC for final recommendations to address the prevailing policy issues in Diwalwal.	1. Conduct of Comprehensive Technical Study/Survey of Tunnels and Operations in Diwalwal 2. Issuance of policy directions and guidance to address DMRA management and illegal mining issues as the issued DAO 2003-38 did not consider the 600 masl division of the area in the OP Memorandum. a. DENR to take over DMRA or b. Minahang Bayan, and c. Co-Production Agreement for JOAs through revision of MOA with corporate mining entities (GOCCs)
	Staffing Pattern – Additional hiring of Metallurgical Engineer, Geologist, and additional Casual Employee/Contract of Service to conduct monitoring	Review existing plantilla position for inclusion to the proposed amendment to the proposed rationalization plan	MGB CO to propose additional plantilla positions
	Insufficient Budget a. Operational Budget - No Budget for the conduct of Stock Validation/ Shipment Monitoring and Monitoring of Declared Minahang Bayan b. Capital Outlay Budget for: b.1 Acquisition of necessary equipment and software for mining applications, survey equipment and programs, database software, online platform subscriptions b.2 Motor Vehicle for Enforcement Activities	Included in the Tier 2 Budget Proposal for CY 2023 Inventory of Vehicles shows low reliability to cater to the operational & administrative concerns of the office.	Recommend for approval of Tier 2 Proposals

	Resumption of illegal Small-Scale and Mineral Processing Mining Activities & existence of known but still persisting illegal small-scale mining activities in some localities despite the issuance of Cease and Desist Order (CDO) by the concerned Local Government Unit (LGU) and MGB Region 13	Issued CDO to illegal SSM and Mineral Processing Operations within the Region & conducted raids or confiscation	Enlist the assistance of ELEPS
#7 and #8. Enhanced Biodiversity Conservation and Scaling up of Coastal and Marine Ecosystem	Lack of manpower complement in Protected Area Offices which consequently drains approximately 30% of the MOOE budget • CARAGA – 16 PAs • Region 11 – 11 PAs	Hired employees through Contracts of Service to meet the manpower requirement to implement PA and Coastal Management target activities.	Creation of additional plantilla position
	Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) and Protected Area (PA) management are less prioritized in Annual Investment Plans and CLUPs of LGUs.	DENR programs and projects incorporated in the draft CLUP during the review process.	For BMB to fast track issuance of Technical Bulletin on mainstreaming ICM to CLUPs. In preparation for full devolution in 2024, training modules on ICM and other related activities should be prepared in order to capacitate LGUs.
Task Force Build Back Better	Issuance of DENR permits (including ECC), tenure instrument and other requirements for the Congressional Office to work with the National Housing in identified relocation sites in Valencia, Boa, Sta. Cruz, and Nueva Estrella, Cagadianao	Already assessed 21 relocation sites last February 16-26, 2022, including the 3 recommended barangays.	Dinagat Islands is classified as Mineral Reservation area, hence, disestablishment of a portion of the Mineral Reserve through Presidential Proclamation and subsequent Congressional Action for its reclassification shall be ensued.
Watershed Management Planning	Per FMB UWM, the approved IWMP will be presented to the Regional Development Committee (RDC) as transpired during the Consultation Workshop to Review and Update the FY 2023 UWM of Forestry Sector last Feb. 21, 2022 DMC 2008-05 only states that <u>"the IWMP may be legitimized for adoption through Resolution, MOA/MOU or any formal endorsement by watershed stakeholders concerned"</u>.	Discussed with the PENROs and CENROs	Review the UWM and revisit DMC 2008-05. Endorsement of watershed management councils would suffice. They shall endorse the IWMP to the Provincial Development Council for its mainstreaming to local development plans. However, for IWMPs spanning 3 or more provinces, RDC endorsement is justifiable.
	Recovery of approximately 1,000 cu. m. sunken, felled (due to old age)	Conducted initial inventory before Typhoon Odette hit	Lifting of Suspension on the Issuance of Recovery Permit or an Authority be given to dispose mancono sunken logs,

	mancono logs	Surigao provinces. Advised LGU/CENRO concerned to assist CBFM-PO in revisiting their CRMFs.	flitches and felled trees due to old age. Requested for donation to LGU thru MOA with the intent to provide livelihood to POs by utilizing/ transforming these into small souvenir items.
Quality Management System (QMS)	Shortened QMS process disrupts field operations. Pilot Regional and PENR Offices were given 3 years to perfect the process. The roll-out of the process is only 6 months.	Continuation of QMS process despite difficulties	Continuation of QMS process despite difficulties
Congressional Issues			
Issues and Concerns	District	Action taken	Status of Action taken
<u>Davao Oriental</u> Cong. Mayo Z. Almario House Bill 1124 entitled "An Act Declaring Davao Oriental A Mining-Free Zone" (Anti-mining Bill)	2 nd	Position Paper was submitted to the Committee and meeting with Cong. Almario was done to discuss MGB position as early as 2020.	Continuous communication and coordination
<u>Davao de Oro</u> Cong. Zamora sought update on Naboc River Rehabilitation	1 st	Provided updates through PTFNR Co- Chair	MGB continuously monitors the Naboc River Rehabilitation Project
<u>Agusan del Norte</u> Cong. Lawrence "Law" H. Fortun Fast tract the Conduct of Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) of the Proposed Mt. Mayapay Protected Landscape	1 st	Attended the TWG meeting initiated by the Office of Cong. Law Fortun with LGU Butuan, academe and other stakeholders. Provided thematic maps and other relevant data for the conduct of PASA; Prepared and drafted the tri-partite MOA for the conduct of PASA by the academe	For information of CO officials
<u>Surigao del Sur</u> <u>Cong. Johnny T. Pimentel</u> <u>Additional budget for E-NGP development under CENRO Bislig for CY 2022.</u>	2 nd	Conducted survey, assessment and mapping of 380 hectares coffee and falcata plantations. Included in CY 2023 Budget Proposal	For information of CO officials
<u>Additional Hiring of Bantay Gubat</u>		Included in the CY 2023 Budget Proposal and the	For information of CO officials

to undertake forest protection and other environmental concerns in Surigao del Sur. CENRO Bislig-20 CENRO Liana-5		Regional Forward Estimates FY 2023-2025 preparations	
Province of Dinagat Islands Cong. Alan 1 B. Ecleo Disestablishment and reclassification of portions of the mineral reservation area into A&D lands. Considerable portions are already with built-up areas, government centers and relocation sites.	Lone District	Provision of technical support particularly on the proposed location sites of typhoon-affected barangays. Conducted initial coordination with MPSA holders to waive portions of the mining tenements already encroached by local residents	Request for funding support for delineation survey and assessment
2. Designation of a critical watershed to ensure sustainable water supply in the province		Proposed watershed areas were initially assessed under the Dinagat Conservation Area.	Request for funding support.

Usec. Teh

- Trying to clarify, synchronize with RRP,
- PAMO operationalization – Dir. Fontanilla responded that DBM returned the request for the creation of new positions as the stand of DBM is to observe “the scrap and build” principle

Usec. Fragada

- On the issuance of lumber dealer, FMB to revisit the policy on the issuance of lumber dealer
- On tree replacement project, Dir. Parian to clarify with DPWH and to study further
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On NCIP FPIC concerns:

- On FPIC, Dir. Noble said one of the issues requiring FPIC process is a road project which is a government project. It was recommended that at the early stage of the project proposal, the IP should be involved adding that there is another meeting on April 5, 2022. Dir. Noble mentioned on the number of days in order to secure an FPIC but Sec. Sampulna indicated the proposed processing days have exceeded the requirements of ARTA/Ease of Doing Business (RA 11032).
- On areas open or closed to mining, locally declared watershed is not a proclaimed watershed – Dir. Moncano said the mining act is a special law and only those proclaimed watersheds are closed to mining, all other areas can be opened to mining

Usec. Teh stated that there is a need to appropriately treat or appreciate the ancestral lands

Usec. Fragada: on NCIP, government agencies: revisit the number of days of approval; Sec. if it is not extractive that should not be prolonged; RED Tamayo recalled there is an existing agreement, if it involves an introduction of development, only a certification is required and not an FPIC but the agreement was withdrawn. RED Duran stated a community solicited proposal is a document to be issued as the IPs are the beneficiaries. The first output is the MOA, certification pre-condition (to be issued by the NCIP en banc)

- J. Conduct of QMS re-certification by a third party auditor (Socotec)
 - Asec. Caguioa discussed the expansion of the QMS. In the re-certification on April 1, 2022, Socotec issued an audit plan to cover CO, staff Bureaus, and ROs 5, 8, 9 and 10 including their PENROs and CENROs as she sought the support of all officials. She said the failure of one office is a failure of all offices.
- K. Presentation of the proposed amendment of manual of authorities for technical matters
 - OIC Dir. Noble presented the draft DAO on the revision of manual of authorities for technical matters. He said that there was a consultation with the staff bureaus noting the results of the 2019 consultation workshop in San Mateo Rizal and revisiting the existing DAO. The proposed amendment covers more than 80 pages.

As instructed by the Secretary as relayed by Usec.Fragada, all REDs must submit their comments within five (5) days the proposed amendment/modification of the manual of authorities for technical matters. The PPS will email the said draft DAO to all the regional offices.