

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions 1-13, CALABARZON, and MIMAROPA

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : **MPAN CONSULTATION 2022**

DATE :

In line with the implementation of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP), this Bureau will be conducting a three-day consultation for updating and completion/validation of data pertaining to Marine Protected Area Network Establishment and Strengthening. The said consultation will be held physically in **Metro Manila** (venue to be determined) on **19-23 September 2022** (inclusive of travel time).

The objectives of the said activity are as follows:

1. To present the importance and current status of MPANs (listing and roadmap);
2. To identify issues and challenges in implementing MPANs;
3. To present and review steps in establishing MPAN;
4. To refine MPAN thresholds/ target activities as well as costing;
5. To rollout MPAN online group and database.

As such, may we request for the participation of the concerned CMEMP-MPAN staff from your respective Region, to wit:

1. One (1) Regional CMEMP-MPAN focal;
2. One (1) CMEMP-MPAN focal from the PENRO/ CENRO/ PAMO (implementing unit/ facilitating the MPAN activities/ where MPAN budget is lodged)

The select representatives from your Office are requested to register through this link, <https://tinyurl.com/MPAN2022>, for ease of monitoring as well as preparation of logistics. The deadline of registration is **on or before 22 August 2022**.

Further, the CMEMP focals are advised to prepare the following for ease of discussion during the workshop:

1. 10-15 minute presentation on the status of MPANs per region as well as issues encountered (*template to be provided*);
2. Shapefiles/technical description of the MPA networks;
3. Compiled soft copy of MOVs (e.g. signed MOA, management plan, etc); and
4. Updated MPAN Status matrix (*template to be provided*).

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Should you have any queries, you may contact **Ms. Criselda Castor/ Ms. Lea Avilla** of the Coastal and Marine Division of this Bureau through telephone numbers **(02) 8925 8948/ (02) 8924 6031 loc 207**, or through emails cmd@bmb.gov.ph and/or criselda.castor@bmb.gov.ph/ lea.avilla@bmb.gov.ph. The provisional program of activities is attached for your reference. Travel advisory will be sent as soon as finalized.

For your consideration.

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