

3 August 2022

TO: The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions 4B-13 and NCR

**SUBJECT: ADVISORY ON TARGETING REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR
POLICING OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT (TRIPOD) PRO-
JECT'S COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME (CTOC)
AND CARE FOR CONFISCATED WILDLIFE (CCW) TRAINING**

Dear Regional Executive Director,

Greetings!

The World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature Philippines, is executing the Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities and Development (TRIPOD) Project, a Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL)-funded, with International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) and Freeland Foundation, a Thailand-based Non-Governmental Organization (NGO), as the primary holder of the project. This initiative is being supported by DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB).

The Project aims to combat wildlife trafficking in selected regions, namely: Malaysia, Indonesia, and Philippines through a) improving counter wildlife trafficking enforcement; b) reduce wildlife trafficking in target areas; and c) enhance care and repatriation of confiscated animals. The abovementioned regions were specifically targeted due to its high wildlife biodiversity, use as wildlife transit points, and high numbers of seized cases.

Pursuantly, the Counter Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) and Care for Confiscated Wildlife (CCW) face-to-face training, which will accommodate 30 participants, scheduled on September 5-9, and September 12-14, 2022 respectively, will be rescheduled. This is due to administrative challenges brought about by the recent COVID-19 surge in the United States, hence, the delay on the part of INL to finish the Leahy vetting process until September 15, 2022.

Thus, the tentative date for the CTOC training is moved on the 1st week and CCW training on 2nd week of October 2022. A staff from our partner organization, Tanggol Kalikasan will communicate with your Office to inform your personnel (only those who submitted the vetting form) that he/she passed the vetting process and are eligible to participate in the training.

Should you have any queries or clarification on the matter, you may contact Mark Martinez (0906 378 8521) at mrmartinez@tanggolkalikasan.org

Again, we apologize for the inconvenience it may cause to your respective schedules. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

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KATHERINE CUSTODIO

Executive Director

World Wide Fund for Nature Phils. (WWF)



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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions I-XIII, CAR, and NCR

FROM : The OIC-Director

SUBJECT : UPDATE ON TARGETING REGIONAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR
POLICING OPPORTUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT (TRIPOD)
PROJECT'S COUNTER TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME
(CTOC) TRAINING

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Pursuantly, the Counter Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) face to face training, that will accommodate 30 participants, will be held on September 5-9, 2022. The training venue is still subject to finalization. A staff from our partner organization, Tanggol Kalikasan will communicate with your Office to inform your personnel (only those who submitted vetting form) that he/she passed the Leahy vetting process and eligible to participate in the training.

Further, we wish to inform that due to conflicting schedules with other regional TRIPOD team, the CTOC online training will not push through. Instead, the TRIPOD project will provide an e-learning platform (self-paced). The TRIPOD project will provide more detailed information about the e-learning platform in the succeeding days.

We apologize for the inconvenience it may cause to your respective schedules.

For information and consideration.


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