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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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THRU : The Assistant Regional Director for
Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
Natural Resources Officer

SUBJECT : **REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED MEETING RE FINANCIAL
REQUEST FOR THE DAMAGES OF TYPHOON ODETTIE AT
SNAKE ISLAND AND UPDATING OF SNAKE ISLAND NCMCR
OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-2028 ON OCTOBER 5-6, 2022**

Respectfully submitted the Memorandum dated November 3, 2022 regarding the above-mentioned subject.

As per report, the first meeting was attended by twenty-four (24) representatives from BMB, ERDB, CENRO Puerto Princesa, PENRO personnel, and SIMO staff, while fifteen (15) representatives from the same agencies, plus staff from the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS), attended on the second day. The highlights of the meeting are included in the attached activity report with photo documentation.

This document will serve as the Means of Verification (MoV) for Snake Island NCMCR CY 2022 activities.

For information and record.

“For and in the absence of the PENRO”



DAVID F. DALINO
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In-Charge, Office of the PENRO





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FOR : The Provincial Environment and
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THRU : The OIC Chief, Technical Services Division

FROM : Rhodora B. Ubani
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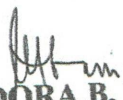
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Respectfully submitted is the activity report of Mr. Genesis Z. Ustares on the conducted meeting re financial request for the damages of Typhoon Odette at Snake Island and updating of Snake Island NCMCR Operational Plan 2023-2028 on October 5-6, 2022 at PENRO Training Hall and Hue Hotels and Resort, respectively.

As per report, the first day meeting was attended by twenty-four (24) individuals from BMB, ERDB, CENRO Puerto Princesa, PENRO personnel and SIMO staff while the second day meeting was participated by fifteen (15) individuals likewise from BMB, ERDB, PENRO personnel, CENRO Puerto Princesa, SIMO staff and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS).

This will serve as Means of Verification (MoV) for Snake Island NCMCR CY 2022 activities. Attached is the copy of the activity report and the photo documentation.

For your information and further instructions.


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**REPORT ON THE CONDUCTED MEETING RE FINANCIAL REQUEST FOR THE
DAMAGES OF TYPHOON ODETTE AT SNAKE ISLAND AND UPDATING OF
SNAKE ISLAND NCMCR OPERATIONAL PLAN 2023-2028**
October 5-6, 2022

In line with the financial request submitted by this Office to the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) with regards to the damages done of Typhoon Rai (Odette) in Snake Island NCMCR, a notice of meeting from the BMB was issued to discussed the said concern on October 5, 2022. Moreover, as part of the way forward from the conducted workshop for Snake Island Operational Plan last August 10-12, 2022 at Los Baños, Laguna, the Technical Working Group (TWG) did the write shop incorporating the workshop outputs into the working documents by the end of the month of September and will do an updating meeting in the month of October hence this activity was done on October 6, 2022. The said back-to-back meeting was held on PENRO Training Hall and Hue Hotels and Resorts on the aforementioned respective dates.

The first day meeting was attended by twenty-four (24) individuals from BMB, ERDB, CENRO Puerto Princesa, PENRO personnel and SIMO staff while the second day meeting was participated by fifteen (15) individuals likewise from BMB, ERDB, PENRO personnel, CENRO Puerto Princesa, SIMO staff and PCSDS.

The following are the highlights of the meetings:

Highlights on the meeting re financial request for the damages of Typhoon Odette:

1. There's a P500,000.00 (MOOE) and P200,000.00 (CO) from BMB that can be transferred to the PENRO for the repairs of the damages of Typhoo Odette in Snake Island.
 - a. As per new guidelines/manual of authorities, the BMB is no longer allowed to download funds to the field offices, however, transfer of funds is still allowed but the liquidation of funds will still be on BMB level, the field offices can only assist the BMB in facilitating the liquidation processes.
2. Since the Regional Office will download funds that is included in the GAA for year 2023 for Snake Island amounting to 5 Million (CO), intended for repairs of the damages of Typhoon Odette, the TWG agreed to no longer accept the P700K from BMB to avoid duplication of works for repairs and lessen the facilitation of liquidation processes.

Highlights on the updating of Snake Island NCMCR Operational Plan 2023-2028:

Program 1: Field Station for Basic and Applied Research for Coastal and Marine and Terrestrial Environment

1. Research agenda was incorporated in the plan under the research priority areas. The prioritization, research topics, timeline, indicative budget as well as the key players will be presented in the plan as Annex 1.



2. Under the guidelines for the conduct of research in Snake Island:
 - a. Application of the Gratuitous Permit from PCSDS will be required to all proponents whether the study is short, medium or long term researches;
 - b. For the short terms studies (undergrad studies/thesis), the review committee will be ERBD. The SIMO will do an initial review of the study for recommendation or endorsement to the ERDB;
 - c. The ERBD will prepare a template of research permits forms including the waiver forms;
 - d. For the research template, the logical framework and budget requirement will only require for medium and long terms research/projects;
 - e. The application of foreign entities applying to conduct research in Snake Island, the DENR manual of operations will be followed for this section.
3. Under the facility development and improvement, on the establishing of new marine laboratory infrastructure:
 - a. To have a systematic and smooth process of the establishment of new marine laboratory, the following activity and timeline will be followed for this plan:
 - i. Initial consultation with architect and structural engineers for the architectural design. This will also include the DPWH, TRNP, Bolinao Marine Laboratory, Chiquita, students – Year 2023
 - ii. Full blown architectural designing of marine laboratory – Year 2024
 - iii. Construction of the marine laboratory – Year 2025-2026
4. The following DENR BMB Technical Bulletins for Fauna Assessment will serve as reference. Further, guidelines for the fauna assessment can likewise referred to the Manual on Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring System for Terrestrial Ecosystems.
 - a. BMB TB No. 2017-02 “Birding guidelines in the Philippines”
 - b. BMB TB No. 2017-05 “Guidelines in the assessment of coastal and marine ecosystems”
 - c. BMB TB No. 2017-13 “Guideline on the implementation of environmental standards for diving and snorkeling”
 - d. BMB TB No. 2018-06 “Prescribing the forms for inland wetland inventory and profiling”
 - e. BMB TB No. 2019-04 “Technical guide on biodiversity assessment and monitoring system for coastal and marine ecosystems”
 - f. BMB TB No. 2019-06 “Inland wetlands and terrestrial caves: Technical guide on biodiversity assessment and monitoring”
5. A need to specify the frequency of the conduct of vulnerability assessment and coastal integrity in Snake Island;
6. Assessment tool for the marine debris assessment and monitoring will be developed;
7. The gleaner’s/sea shells gathering will be moved to Program 2 under the Biodiversity Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) trainings and demonstration site development;



8. There will be a creation of composite team for the regular conduct of the annual assessment (CRA) in Snake Island;
9. For knowledge sharing: as per ERDB Director Ferrer, the Snake Island TWG can access the raw draft data while the processed data/science communication data, technical reports and policy briefs will be uploaded to the database platforms or social media platforms;
10. The pilot testing of tools available such as the AIMS ReefCloud, the SIMO shall elevate the concern to the national office to facilitate/initiate discussion among the DENR Bureaus/experts;

Program 2: Model Site for Integrated Coastal Management Implementation

1. Presentation of the Snake Island Operational Plan to the LGU of Puerto Princesa City prior to the DENR Executive Committee Meeting;
 - a. On the ICM mainstreaming, these will fast track the inception and mainstreaming phase in order to integrate the ICM approach into the CLUP/CLWUP as the LGU PPC is currently updating their CLUP;
 - b. BMB will facilitate the major coordination with assistance from the field office
2. This will also follow the phases stipulated in the BMB Technical Bulletin No. 2022-02 which are the following: Inception Phase, Mainstreaming Phase and Sustained Phase;
3. Snake Island will likewise be a demonstration site development for Biodiversity Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) trainings, that include the following activities:
 - a. Inventory and profiling of the People's Organization in Honda Bay;
 - b. Capacity building on BDFE implementation
 - c. Application of BDFE technologies as opportunities for the local community;
 - i. The following activities were initially identified for the implementation or demonstration in Snake Island;
 1. Sea cucumber ranching
 2. Seaweed farming
 3. Sea shells gathering
 4. Ecotourism
 - ii. The ecotourism activity shall be limited to demonstration site of an ecotourism model that can be experience by students or specific learners through systematic educational field exposure to be set-up by SIMO assisted by BMB;
 1. This also should be levelled off with the stakeholders that is limited in Snake Island vicinity but can be done
 - d. Proposal development to BDFE financial assistance

Program 3: Maintenance and Protection of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystem

1. Under the enhancing the law enforcement, gathering barangay resolutions to support the protection and conservation of Snake Island will continue. Then together with the existing barangay resolutions acquired, it shall aim to elevate into City Ordinance;



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2. On the updates on filed case against illegal occupation of Messrs. Beltran and Bernardo in Snake Island, the issue on the credibility of DAO 2011-12 was raised. As per info from PENRO Legal Unit, the DAO 2011-12 was not posted in the UP Laws and circulated, hence may not be considered as law or be used as legal basis of Snake Island. As such, the Regional Office is requested to facilitate the posting of DAO to the UP Laws or for purposes of circulation;
3. An Emergency Action Plan (EAP) will be formulated for Snake Island. This will include specific guidelines to follow during emergencies and disasters such as medical emergencies, fires, active shooter, workplace violence, bomb threats, severe weather, natural disasters and extended power or signal loss;
4. In the setting up of visible signages, type of signages has been identified to be installed in the specific strategic locations;

Cross-Cutting Strategies

1. In the SIMO capacity building plan implementation, the TWG members/focal is needed to capacitate in handling of cases/parliamentary procedures;
2. The On-the-Job training program and learning exchange program/educational field exposure will be developed by the Snake Island as Training Facility;
3. Under the social marketing and mobilization, the following are the identified activities;
 - a. Mainstreaming of Integrated Coastal Management to Local Development Plans
 - b. Biodiversity Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) trainings and demonstration site development
 - c. Citizen science orientation and assessment
 - d. Periodic consultation and dialogues
4. The identified local community mobilization shall be the following:
 - a. Marine Science Sea Camp
 - b. Month of the Ocean (MOO) Celebration
 - c. Hands-on-ARMS Educational Outreach
 - d. International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) Celebration
 - e. Communication Materials
 - f. Research Fora
5. For the Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA), aside from community meetings/dialogues, production of AVPs will likewise be done. These shall be promoted or posted in the official social media pages of DENR Region, BMB and ERDB;
6. Research datum, ICM and BDFE related data, and technical report will be uploaded to the BMB database system and likewise shall be linked through the Palawan Knowledge Platform (PKP) of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS).
7. There is a suggestion to provide research grants to encourage research activities within Snake Island NCMCR under partnership collaboration



- a. Possible funding from ERDB and have a partnership with academic institution within Palawan thru a legal instrument such as Memorandum of Agreement (MOA);

Roadmap of identified activities was formulated for the 5-year implementation of the Operational Plan. This includes the timeline of implementation and possible fund source of the activity. This roadmap will guide the SIMO in the yearly preparation of Work and Financial Plan for the approval of the Regional Office.

Next Steps:

1. Revision the Operational Plan with the inputs of the TWG by the end of October 2022;
 - a. SIMO will provide the consolidated revision by 1st week of November
2. Publication of the DAO 2011-12 and all the other identified unpublished DAOs will be c/o to the Regional Legal Office;
3. There will be a discussion or presentation of Operational Plan of TWG to the LGU of Puerto Princesa City thru the office of the City ENRO by month of November;
 - a. FLUP of City LGU for follow-up;
 - b. ECAN Zone updating
4. Presentation of Operational Plan to DENR EXECOM by November-December 2022
5. Presentation of Operational Plan to Partners by January 2023
6. Public Hearing of Operational Plan to 1st quarter of 2023
7. Finalization, proofreading, layout and printing by 2nd quarter of 2023
8. Distribution of Operational Plan to Partners by 3rd quarter of 2023

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PHOTO DOCUMENTATION



Ms. Mariche Natividad of ERDB presenting the Program 1 of Operational Plan



Mr. Michael Cornito of BMB raising concern/clarification re the issuance of GP in the province of Palawan



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Continues presentation and discussion of Operational Plan

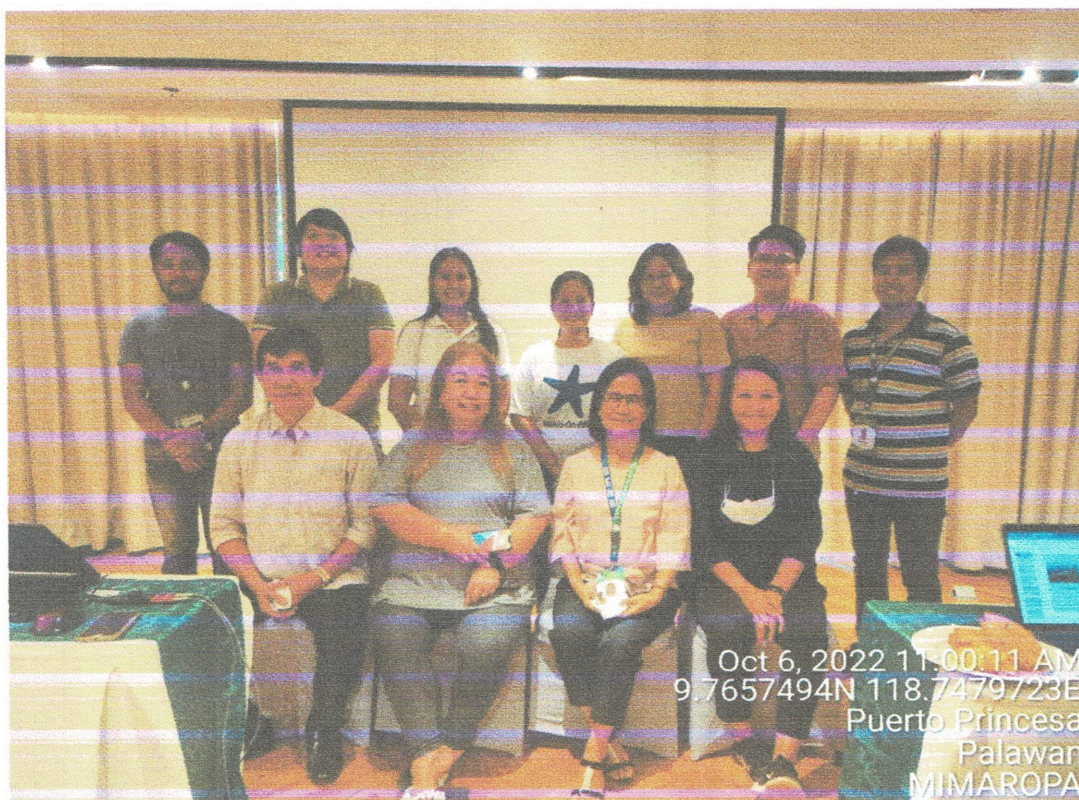


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