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## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **All Regional Executive Directors**  
DENR Regions I - XIII, except CAR

FROM : **The OIC Director**

SUBJECT : **NOTICE TO MARINERS FOR NIPAS - MARINE PROTECTED AREAS ISSUED BY THE PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD**

DATE : **JAN 25 2022**

Respectfully providing your Office the approved Notice to Mariners (NOTAM) No. 398-2021 issued by the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) relative to the digital demarcation of legislated NIPAS Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

To recall, one of the agreements during the series of consultation meetings with the Regional and Field Offices was the facilitation of this Bureau for a request from the PCG to issue the NOTAM for legislated NIPAS MPAs. This Notice is for the guidance of all concerned mariners navigating the MPAs, thereby requiring them to take precautionary measures at all times. As such, this issuance provides an added layer of protection for our NIPAS MPAs from any marine vessel-related incidents.

Further, the issuance of NOTAM is in accordance with **Section 4.2.4 and 4.2.5** of the **BMB Technical Bulletin 2019-01** providing guidance on the digital demarcation of MPAs that cannot be practically demarcated through the deployment of a buoy.

For your information and dissemination to all concerned.

  
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