

## MIMAROPA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

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#### RDC Budget Consultation and Review

Date:

Agency: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) MIMAROPA

PAPs with Comments from the EDC Members	Proposed Budget for FY 2023 ('000)	Comments/Recommendations from EDC Members	Endorsed Budget ('000)	Remarks
Land Management Sub-Program: Land Classification		<p>EnP. Pontillas of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff (PCSDS) recommended the inclusion of land classifications on public and forest lands particular in Palawan. Mostly of these lands in the municipalities in Palawan are not yet classified but has existing settlements and developments.</p> <p>ARD Gordove of the Mangement Services of DENR MIMAROPA informed the body that DENR has an ongoing efforts on land classifications such as the conduct of surveys to identify the unclassified public forest or forest lands in terms of its current use to ensure the complete details of the land classification proposals before the passage of the Congress .</p>		
Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Rehabilitation Sub-Program		<p>EnP. Pontillas of PCSDS raised on the specific investment for the West Philippines Sea as this area has so much concerns such as the declaration and establishment of the area as broad marine protected area. A specific budget is being suggested to address said concern.</p> <p>ARD Gordove informed the body that this is being handled by DENR Central Office. Currently, there is a joint DENR-National Security Council submission to the Office of the President on the declaration of the Kalayaan Island Group (KIG) as marine protected area while the Department of National Defense (DND) is also pushing for the proclamation of the area as a military reservation. The said concern on KIG is a top level discussion to enable to come up with a more strategic directions given the various interagency concerns.</p>		

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		<p>EnP. Pontillas of PCSDS recommended inclusion of an instrument on property rights on coastal communities especially those with marine protected areas under the policy development of the DENR MIMAROPA proposed budget like the case of the Community-Based Forest Management Agreements (CBFMA) in the terrestrial and mangrove areas.</p> <p>ARD Gordove recognized the suggestion to explore on possible tenurial instruments for community coastal dwellers to consider other laws such as easement, no build zones, and appropriate tenurial instruments not just for settlement areas to be proposed to DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB).</p>		
RRP for Palawan on TY Odette		<p>EDC Secretray Cruzado of NEDA MIMAROPA inquired on the inclusion of projects, activities, and programs (PAPs) identified in the Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (RRP) for Palawan on TY Odette in the FY 2023 budget proposals.</p> <p>ARD Gordove informed the body that there is no straight forward proposed PAPs for TY Odette since DENR has ongoing environmental estimates on the effects of TY Odette particular on felled trees and hauling activities and for the rehabilitation of affected NGP sites the assessment is still ongoing if said NGP areas are included in the NGP graduated sites and subject to impairment loss or included in the list of NGP sites under maintenance and protection year.</p>		Attached is the list of RRP PAPs for concurrence of the agency/ for inclusion in their revised FY 2023 Budget Proposal

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Wildlife Resources Conservation Sub-Program		EDC Chairperson Galicha of Romblon Private Sector Representative raised the slow movement of the DENR dissemination of information materials on the endangered species per municipalities and provinces highlighting community awareness on flora and fauna to be posted on specific strategic areas		ARD Gordove informed the body that DENR has initially distributed materials in Oriental Mindoro relative to the activities of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) of wild fauna and flora. On the slow movement of disseminations of information materials, DENR is hampered brought by the process of securing intellectual property rights of some information materials on wild flora and fauna before distribution. The distribution is being targeted to be completed within CY 2022. Furthermore, ARD Gordove recognized the need to strategize for a wide range information dissemination, and mass production.