
Request for assistance

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Dear Ms. Maybell,

Greetings from Palawan!

Ms. Babylyn Cacao of BMB advised us to contact you regarding our joint efforts to access the PHP58M that the US government paid for coral damage in Tubbataha. USec Teh, in a letter to BTr dated 27 July 2021, requested the issuance of a Certification to DENR-Region IVB (attached) for the amount to be credited in its favor.

Mr. Jonathan E. Mercado, Accounts Analyst, BTr-NCAD called yesterday to say they are prepared to issue a certification, but found out that a certification had already been issued in 2015 (attached). I also attach a copy of the JEV that Mr. Mercado sent us today, which is not the same as the one we received in 2015. He said that they cannot issue another certification and advised that we use the 2015 documents to request the DBM to release the funds.

May we request your assistance in identifying and implementing the next steps toward accessing the said funds? For example, should we write the DBM or should DENR, in whose account the funds are lodged, write DBM and our role would be to follow up?

We hope to use the funds to complete the ranger station in Tubbataha. Phase 1 was completed in 2020 with support from DENR and DOT. It would be such a waste if the project remained unfinished considering the funds and effort many agencies have already invested in it. Even more importantly, the current condition of our station today is such that we are risking the lives of our marine park rangers, especially when a typhoon hits the park.

Thank you very much for your concern and prompt attention.

Very sincerely yours,

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