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OIC-Regional Executive Director
DENR-MIMAROPA

RE: Partners Meeting

Dear RED Claudio:

Greetings!

The Philippines Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes (SIBOL) Activity is a USAID project which implementation is led by Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International, with consortium partners Center for Conservation Innovations Philippines, Inc. (CCIPH), Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP), Resources, Environment, and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS), and Zoological Society of London (ZSL). It aims to improve the natural resource governance of biodiversity, oceans, and landscapes in the Philippines by strengthening science-driven decision-making, improving economic incentives, and strengthening enforcement.

Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the project will work at the national and site level in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD).

In Palawan, SIBOL will be working in the areas of Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL), Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP), and Cleopatra's Needle Forest Reserve (CNFR). For these sites, SIBOL will engage the local government units, communities, indigenous people, academe, private sector, and other key implementing agencies.

As a response to various action points from the site Political Economy Analysis (PEA) findings and partners' feedback covering the alignment of all plans and programs and addressing key issues affecting the management and conservation of Mt Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) and Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) such as capacity building, and support in strengthening law enforcement and improving the participation of IP community in the decision making, SIBOL will be holding a Partners Meeting.

Through this meeting, the concerned government partners, local government units, non-government organizations and community partners can harmonize and come up with a detailed and integrated workplans with SIBOL to further enhance the overall working conditions towards the improvement of governance and management of MMPL and PPSRNP.

This meeting specifically aims to: 1) Present SIBOL Year 2 workplan with focus on MMPL to identify additional activities and provide opportunity for alignment or integration of workplans to feed into the detailed work planning; 2) Identify and align priority objectives, outputs, and activity areas for collaboration with relevant MMPL and PPSRNP partner agencies and Indigenous Peoples/ Indigenous Cultural Communities (IPs/ICCs); 3) Identify and create mechanisms on key policy/regulatory and management issues in MMPL and PPSRNP, and 4) Map out issuance of resolutions, results and/or capacity building/training packages for the PAMO and/or PAMB for the effective management of MMPL and PPSRNP.

In view thereof, may we invite you or your representative to this four-day activity. The meeting will be on February 3-4, 2022 (MMPL) and February 7-8, 2022 (PPSRNP) at the Aziza Paradise Hotel, BM Road, Puerto Princesa City. This event will be participated by concerned government partners, local agencies, and community partners (DENR, PCSDS, NGOs, LGUs, Business/Private Sector, Academe, IPs/ICCs). A copy of the preliminary programs is attached for your reference.

For questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me (09171095485) or Mr. Cyril Dacillo (09669641142), our Stakeholders Engagement and Community Mobilization Officer.

Looking forward to your usual cooperation and active participation.

Sincerely,



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