



February 03, 2020

MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
1515 L&S Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

THRU : The OIC, PENR Officer
Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro

FROM : TCP Coordinator

SUBJECT : **ENDORSEMENT OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL ON THE
TAMARAW DIETARY ANALYSIS OF MINDORO
BIODIVERSITY FOUNDATION INC.**

Please be informed that our partner organization, Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (MBCFI), expressed their intention to conduct Dietary Analysis of Tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*) in Mindoro Island, Philippines. The study will aid in further understanding of the biology of the Tamaraw and its habitat ecology which is vital in its conservation management.

MBCFI focuses on the conservation of environment, biodiversity and natural resources in Mindoro Island, Philippines including the Tamaraw. For the past decade, the organization has been acknowledged as one of the constant partners of the DENR and its Tamaraw Conservation Program.

Our collaboration with MBCFI include the Annual Tamaraw Count, the celebration of the Tamaraw Month including organizing of the Takbo para sa Tamaraw, and the Tamaraw Verification Surveys in Mt. Wood in 2014, Mt. Gimparay in 2018 and the recent survey in Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary last June 2019. Furthermore, MBCFI has provided technical assistance during the 2nd Population and Habitat Viability Assessment for the Tamaraw, which was conducted in December 2018.

Recently, MBCFI has partnered with Chester Zoo under the William Oliver Philippine Champion Award 2019 with a proposed study entitled Dietary Analysis of Tamaraw in Mindoro Island, Philippines. A dietary and nutrient content analysis will be conducted using Tamaraw fecal samples to identify the vegetation eaten by the species and its role in nutrient cycling. Obtained information will aid in locating suitable habitats for the Tamaraw which will be substantial for the conservation of the species.



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In this regard, respectfully endorsing the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (MBCFI), which is a non-stock, non-profit organization, in securing the necessary documents and permits to conduct the proposed conservation efforts for the critically endangered Tamaraw (*Bubalus mindorensis*) particularly in Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park of Occidental Mindoro and Mt. Gimparay of Oriental Mindoro.

Attached is the Project Overview for your ready reference.

For your information, record, and approval.


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TAMARAW CONSERVATION PROGRAM

December 5, 2019

Mr. Roberto L. Almonte
Regional Director
Region IV
National Commission on Indigenous Peoples

Dear Mr. Almonte,

Greetings!

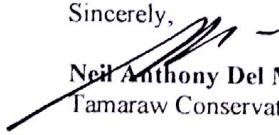
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For clarifications and additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,


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