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**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Directors  
DENR Regions MIMAROPA, 10, 11, 12 and Caraga

**FROM :** The Supervising Ecosystems Management Specialist  
In-Charge, Office of the Director

**SUBJECT :** **INVITATION TO THE 6<sup>th</sup> PHILIPPINE ASEAN HERITAGE PARKS  
CONFERENCE ON 16-18 AUGUST 2022 IN DAVAO CITY**

The ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs) are protected areas of high conservation importance preserving in total a complete spectrum of representative ecosystems of the ASEAN Region. ASEAN Heritage Parks (AHPs) are established to generate awareness, pride, appreciation, enjoyment and conservation of ASEAN's rich natural heritage. AHPs are supported by the ASEAN through the AHP Programme which manages a regional network of representative protected areas created to generate a greater collaboration between ASEAN Member States in preserving their shared natural heritage.

As of today, there are 50 protected areas declared as AHPs spread throughout all the ten ASEAN Member States. Currently, there are nine (9) AHPs in the Philippines namely: Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park, Mt. Apo Natural Park, Mt. Kitanglad Range Natural Park, Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park, Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park, Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary, Mts. Timpoong-Hibok-Hibok Natural Monument, Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve, and Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary. Except for the Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve, all designated AHPs in the country are part of the National Integrated Protected Areas System under the administration of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) serves as the Secretariat of the AHP Programme and coordinates the management of the AHPs to generate a greater collaboration between ASEAN Member States in preserving their shared natural heritage. As designated by the ASEAN Secretariat, ACB provides technical advice and assistance to the Member States through the implementation of the Regional Action Plan for ASEAN Heritage Parks and facilitating several technical assistance grants from development partners.

1. To strengthen and promote management of AHPs in the Philippines, there were several conferences organized by this Bureau since 2010 involving the PASus and selected members of the Management Boards of the designated AHPs. This year, in preparation for the country's participation in the 7th ASEAN Heritage Parks Conference to be held in October 2022 in Indonesia, the Biodiversity Management Bureau intends to convene once again the AHP Managers and PAMBs on 16-18 August in Davao City. The 6th Meeting will serve as a venue to assess the role of AHPs/PAs in ecosystem protection and pandemic recovery through enhanced knowledge and skills on planning and implementing ecosystem management, restoration strategies, and building resilience, among others. Specifically, the Conference aims to:

1. Improve the understanding and appreciation of the importance of AHPs in the conservation of biodiversity in the ASEAN;
2. Assess the impact of COVID-19 pandemic in the Philippine ASEAN Heritage Parks;



3. Discuss and exchange experiences and practices on the management of AHPs;
4. Identify further activities to improve management of AHPs in the Philippines;
5. Promote partnership and networking among the AHPs in the Philippines; and
6. Prepare Philippine inputs to the 7<sup>th</sup> AHP Conference to be held on October 2022 in Indonesia.

Relative thereto and in view of the above objectives, may we invite you to participate in the said Conference.

Attached is the advance copy of the DENR Special Order and Program of Activities for your information. Attached also is the copy of Confirmation Slip to be accomplished by the participants for submission to the National Parks Division of the Biodiversity Management Bureau thru [npd@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:npd@bmb.gov.ph).

  
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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2022 - \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT : AUTHORIZING THE HOLDING OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> PHILIPPINE ASEAN HERITAGE PARKS (AHP) CONFERENCE ON 16-18 AUGUST 2022 IN DAVAO CITY**

In the interest of the service, and to promote understanding and appreciation of the role of AHPs in ecosystem protection and pandemic recovery in the ASEAN Region, the **6<sup>th</sup> Philippine AHP Conference** is hereby authorized to be held on **15-19 August 2022 (inclusive of travel time)** in **Davao City**.

As such, the following key DENR Officials and personnel are hereby authorized to participate in the Conference:

**DENR Regional/Field Offices**

1. Regional Executive Director or Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services of Regions MIMAROPA, 10, 11, 12 and Caraga;
2. Chiefs, Conservation and Development Division of Regions MIMAROPA, 10, 11, 12 and Caraga;
3. Protected Area Superintendents/AHPs Managers of the following protected areas:
  - 3.1 Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park;
  - 3.2 Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park;
  - 3.3 Mt. Malindang Range Natural Park;
  - 3.4 Mt. Kitanglad Range Natural Park;
  - 3.5 Mts. Timpoong Hibok-hibok Natural Monument;
  - 3.6 Mt. Apo Natural Park;
  - 3.7 Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary;
  - 3.8 Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary;
  - 3.9 Pasonanca Natural Park (AHP candidate site); and
  - 3.10 Inayawan Range Natural Park (AHP candidate site)
4. Two (2) members each of the PAMBs of the above-cited AHPs representing either the LGU, NGO/PO or academe;
5. Protected Area Superintendents of Siargao Island PLS, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River NP and Apo Reef NP, as resource persons;

**Office of the Secretary**

One representative each from the Offices of the Undersecretary for Field Operations-Luzon, Visayas and Environment, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations, and Director, Policy and Planning Service

### **Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)**

1. OIC, Director Natividad Y. Bernardino
2. Assistant Director Amelita DJ. Ortiz
3. Ms. Meriden E. Maranan, NPD
4. Ms. Armida P. Andres, CMD
5. Ms. Nancy B. Corpuz, BPKMD
6. Mr. Anson Tagtag, CAWED
7. Mr. Ryan A. Cuanan, NPD
8. Mr. Francisco B. Feliciano, NPD
9. Technical Staff, NPD

The Director of the BMB is also hereby authorized to invite guests and partners to participate in the activity, create a Secretariat to provide technical and logistical support.

Expenses to be incurred in the conduct of the Conference such as food, venue and supplies and materials shall be charged to the funds of BMB subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The BMB Director is authorized to change the schedule and venue in case of conflict and unforeseen circumstances. The BMB Director shall likewise submit to this Office a report of accomplishment fifteen (15) days after the activity.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until the completion of the activity.

**ATTY. ERNESTO D. ADOBO, JR., CESO I**  
Undersecretary for Legal, Administration,  
Human Resources and Legislative Affairs and  
Supervising Undersecretary for BMB

**Philippine ASEAN Heritage Parks Meeting cum Workshop**  
**16-18 August 2022**  
**Davao City**

**PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

DATE/TIME	PROGRAM AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON/ PERSONS INVOLVED
<b>Day 0, 15 August 2022</b>		
	Arrival of Participants	<i>Secretariat</i>
<b>Day 1, 16 August 2022</b>		
08:00-08:30	Registration	Secretariat
08:30-09:15	Opening Programme	
	Welcome Remarks	OIC- RED Bagani Evazco <i>DENR Region 11</i>
	Messages	ED Theresa Mundita S. Lim <i>ACB</i>
		Dir. Natividad Y. Bernardino <i>BMB</i>
09:15-09:30	Background and Rationale	Ms. Meriden E. Maranan <i>BMB-NPD</i>
09:30- 09:45	Photo Opportunity Coffee/Tea Break	All participants
09:45-10:30	<b>PRESENTATION 1 – Updates on AHP Programme including Presentation of the updated AHP Regional Action Plan</b>	ACB
10:30-10:45	<b>Open Forum</b>	
10:45- 11:45 (30 min each)	<b>PRESENTATION 2 – Impact of COVID-19 pandemic and recovery plan in Philippines' AHPs</b>	<b>PASUs/AHP Managers:</b> Mt. Kitanglad Range NP Mt. Apo NP
11:45- 12:00	<b>Open Forum</b>	
12:00-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:00-14:00 (30 min each)	Cont'n: Presentation 2	<b>PASUs/AHP Managers:</b> Mts. Iglit-Baco NP Mt. Malindang Range NP
14:00-14:15	<b>Open Forum</b>	
14:15-15:15 (30 min each)	Cont'n: Presentation 2	Mts. Timpoong Hibok Hibok NM Mt. Hamiguitan Range WS
15:15-15:45	<b>Open Forum</b> <b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
15:45-17:15 (30 min each)	Cont'n: Presentation 2	<b>PASUs/AHP Managers:</b> Tubbataha Reefs NP Agusan Marsh WS Mt. Makiling Forest Reserve
17:15-17:30	<b>Open Forum</b>	
18:00	<b>Welcome Dinner</b>	



DATE/TIME	PROGRAM AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON/ PERSONS INVOLVED
<b>Day 2, 17 August 2022</b>		
06:00-08:00	Breakfast	
08:30-08:45	Recap of Day 1	BMB-NPD
8:45-9:30 (45 min)	<b>PRESENTATION 3 – Presentation on Nature-based Solutions</b>	ACB
9:30-9:45	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
09:45-10:45 (30 min each)	<b>PRESENTATION 4 – Responses to the Impacts of pandemic and natural disasters</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lessons learned from Marine PAs and Terrestrial PAs</li> <li>2. Role of protected areas in restoring ecosystems</li> </ol>	<i>Siargao Island PLS</i> <i>Puerto Princesa Subterranean River NP</i>
10:45-11:15	<b>Reactions</b> <i>15 minutes banter between reactor and RPs</i> <i>15 minutes banter among the participants</i>	<i>Aldrin Mallari</i>
11:15-11:45	<b>PRESENTATION 5 – Conservation Financing</b> Potential Sources of Sustainable Financing for AHPs and PAs	<i>Apo Reef Natural Park</i>
11:45-13:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
13:00- 13:30	Cont'n: Presentation 5 Potential Sources of Sustainable Financing for AHPs and PAs	<i>Mt. Makiling Reserve Forest Reserve</i>
13:30-14:00	<b>Reactions</b> <i>15 minutes banter between reactor and RPs</i> <i>15 minutes banter among the participants</i>	<i>Ms. Anabelle Plantilla</i>
14:00-15:00 (30 min each)	<b>PRESENTATION 5 – Women, Youth, and, Indigenous and Local Communities in Protected Areas</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Role of Traditional &amp; Local Community on ecosystem restoration</li> <li>2. Voices of Youth and role of Women in sustaining PAs</li> </ol>	<i>Arvin Villalon</i>  <i>Young ASEAN Storyteller</i>
15:00-15:30	<b>Reactions</b> <i>15 minutes banter between reactor and RPs</i> <i>15 minutes banter among the participants</i>	<i>Atty. Mary Kristie Baleva</i>
15:30-15:45	<b>Coffee/Tea Break</b>	
15:45-16:15 (30 min)	<b>Presentation on Evaluating Effectiveness of Protected Areas</b>	BMB
16:15-16:50	<b>Synthesis and Ways Forward</b>	
16:50- 17:00	<b>Announcement for the next day</b>	

DATE/TIME		PROGRAM AGENDA	RESOURCE PERSON/ PERSONS INVOLVED
Day 3, 18 August 2022			
06:00-07:00		Breakfast	
07:00-16:00		Site Visit to Pujada Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape & Mt. Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary	
Day 4, 19 August 2022			
		Departure of Participants	