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ATTENTION : The SECRETARIAT

IAC on the Restoration of the Occidental Mindoro
Rivers and its Tributaries

Dear Members of the Inter-Agency Committee:

This is in connection with the proposed IAC Resolution No. 17, Series of 2022, allowing qualified proponents to conduct dredging at identified offshore areas contiguous to river deltas for purposes of:

1. Opening Navigational routes for dredging vessels and equipment; and
2. Opening of exit channels to facilitate the drainage of river water to the sea.

Please be informed that as per the guidance of DPWH Central Office, **offshore dredging is not within the function, mandate nor responsibility of our department.** With due respect, DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-12, though rationalizes the dredging activities in Heavily-Silted River Channels within the Province of Occidental Mindoro, the same does not in any way, repealed nor amended the established functions or mandates of each member

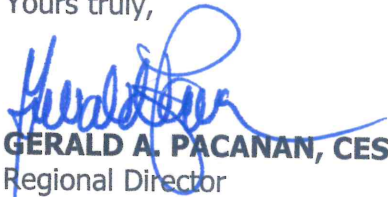
agencies of the committee in accordance with relevant laws, rules, regulations and/or internal guidelines or procedures.

Having said this, DPWH Regional Office IV-B, being a member and signatory to IAC, respectfully suggest that the subject resolution should:

1. Not be worded in general terms;
2. Include a minimum parameter regarding the opening of dredging navigational route (e.g. length, width, depth, methodology and the likes of offshore dredging activities);
3. Said minimum parameters shall be in accordance with the requirements to be provided by the appropriate government agency having the function and mandate over offshore activities;
4. Compliance to the aforesaid parameters shall be submitted for review and approval of the appropriate government agency having the function and mandate over offshore activities; and
5. Findings of the appropriate government agency having the function and mandate over offshore activities shall be favorably endorsed to the IAC for its confirmation.

Trusting the usual prompt action of the committee on this matter/ issue.

Yours truly,



GERALD A. PACANAN, CESO III
Regional Director

Enc: (1) IAC Resolution No. 17, Series of 2022

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RESOLUTION NO. 17
Series of 2022

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) issued DENR Administrative Order No. 2020-12 with the subject of **Rationalizing** Dredging Activities in Heavily-Silted River Channels within the Province of Occidental Mindoro pursuant to the DENR-DPWH-DILG-DOTC Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1 Series of 2019;

WHEREAS, Section 2 (c) Title VII of the above-mentioned Administrative Order states that *“The inter-agency committee shall have the following powers and functions:*
b. Shall propose policies and programs to rationalize the dredging operations.”

WHEREAS, to provide immediate and adequate assistance to our countrymen affected by floods due to the heavily-silted river systems in the Province of Occidental Mindoro, it becomes imperative for this Body to issue resolutions that will create an operating structure for dredging operations in said province;

WHEREAS, in the IAC meeting held on May 26, 2022, the committee discussed the problem of dredging vessels having the difficulty, if not impossibility, of entering the river channels of heavily-silted rivers without dredging the offshore area contiguous to the river deltas of identified River Dredging Zones (RDZs);

WHEREAS, there are also a number of smaller rivers that are too narrow for dredging vessels to enter and have to be dredged by the use of conventional land-based equipment. These small rivers, all located at flood prone areas such as Barangay Talabaan in Mamburao, Barangay Poblacion 1 in Sta Cruz, Barangay Lumang Bayan in Sta Cruz, Barangay Barahan in Sta Cruz, Barangay Elvita/Balok Balok in Sablayan. Taking into consideration that river water must flow out to sea at a greater rate, to mitigate flooding the exit channels leading to the offshore of these smaller rivers must be dredged to cut through the river delta.





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NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of IAC Chairperson Eduardo B. Gadiano, duly seconded by other members present, **BE IT RESOLVED**, as this body hereby resolves, that "To allow qualified proponents to conduct dredging at identified offshore areas contiguous to river deltas for the purpose of:

- A. Opening navigational routes for dredging vessels and equipment;
- B. Opening of exit channels to facilitate the drainage of river water to the sea.

APPROVED AND SIGNED this 26th day of May 2022 in Makati City.

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"Ganado sa Serbisyo, Ganado sa Pagbabago!"

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