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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** **THE OIC-DIRECTORS**  
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**THE DIRECTOR**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

**THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
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**THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**  
DENR Regional Offices I, III, MIMAROPA, and V

**FROM :** **THE DIRECTOR**  
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service

**SUBJECT :** **INCEPTION WORKSHOP FOR GEF-7 PROJECT PROPOSAL ENTITLED “EFFECTIVELY MANAGING NETWORKS OF MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE ASEAN REGION (ASEAN ENMAPS)”**

**DATE :**

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH), in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), is supporting the preparation of the project document (ProDoc) entitled “**Effectively Managing Networks of Marine Protected Areas in Large Marine Ecosystems in the ASEAN Region (ASEAN ENMAPS)**”. The project aims to develop and improve the management of networks of marine protected areas and marine corridors within selected Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs) in the ASEAN region for the conservation of globally significant biodiversity and support for sustainable fisheries and other ecosystem goods and services. It involves three countries within the region that have established Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) initiatives at the national level – Indonesia, Thailand, and the Philippines.

As part of further development/enhancement of the ProDoc, we would like to invite you and/or your representative for the National Inception Workshop followed by the Site Selection Workshop on **13 July 2022** in **Ortigas, Pasig City (venue to be confirmed)**. Moreover, the UNDP will only provide meal and hotel accommodation during the activity for the **DENR Regional Offices’ representative**.

The inception workshop aims to level-off and gain a better understanding and appreciation of the project components and to provide clarifications, perspectives, and inputs to the overall project concept that will be further elaborated in the full proposal/Project Document (ProDoc).

On the other hand, the Site Selection workshop will be conducted in order to finalize the set of criteria to be applied for the selection of the final project sites and the level of engagement of each site based on the project objectives, components, and outputs.

Attached herewith is the project briefer as well as the indicative program for the Inception and Site-Selection Workshops for your reference. Furthermore, considering that this is a face to face activity and in compliance with the IATF COVID-19 Guidelines, may we request you to be guided on the number of pax per agency included in the attached workshop activity design.

Should you have further inquiries and for confirmation of your participation, your office may coordinate with Ms. Alyssa Carreon ([alyssa.carreon@undp.org](mailto:alyssa.carreon@undp.org)) of UNDP, and Mr. Jekk Mickale Paderes ([jmhpadres@denr.gov.ph](mailto:jmhpadres@denr.gov.ph)) or Mr. William Bayhon III ([2021.jaba@gmail.com](mailto:2021.jaba@gmail.com)) of the Project Preparation Division (PPD) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS).

Your participation on the matter will be highly appreciated.

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