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OIC - Regional Executive Director

Department of Natural Resources and Environment – MIMAROPA

DENR by the Bay Bldg., 1515 Roxas Boulevard

Ermita, Manila

Attention: MR. FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC

OIC-Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer – Palawan

RE: Request for interview and materials on payments for ecosystems services

Dear **RED Claudio:**

Greetings from the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)!

The PIDS, the government's primary socioeconomic policy think tank, is currently conducting a study on *Payments for Ecosystems Services (PES) in the Philippines*. This undertaking looks at how PES contributes to the environment sector's development and sustainability initiatives.

Your oversight functions on environment sector and recent valuation programs with other agencies and stakeholders make your inputs vital in navigating the PES landscape in the country. In this regard, we would like to **request for relevant data and materials** listed in Annex A.

We would also like to schedule an appointment for an **online and/or Face-To-Face Focus Group Discussion (FGD)** with any PES technical personnel from your good office, PENRO Palawan, and interested representatives of Puerto Princesa Underground River Park and Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park **within the months of July and August**. The exchange will be led by Dr. Sonny Domingo, PIDS Senior Research Fellow.

We look forward to your kind cooperation and favorable response on this matter. For further inquiry, please contact Mr. John Joseph Ocbina at jocbina@pids.gov.ph or through the following numbers: (02) 8877-4063 and 0917 137 2233.

Sincerely,

DR. ANICETO C. ORBETA JR.

President

Annex A. List of Requested Data from DENR Region IV-B

A. Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park

Data	Year
1. International assistance (how much budget the park received) or local budget allocation	2011-2021
2. Tourism data (number of visitors, spending, activities, disaggregated)	2011-2021
3. Tourism data (e.g. number of employed in tourism sector, income data)	2011-2021
4. List of projects and developments within the protected area	2011-2021
5. List of proposed projects and developments	2011-2021
6. Records of environmental violation (e.g. cease and desist)	2011-2021
7. Environmental penalties and fines imposed	2011-2021
8. Incentive mechanisms	2011-2021

B. Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park

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