## **MEMORANDUM**

**FROM** 

FOR/TO **The Regional Executive Directors** : All DENR Regions The Ramsar Site Managers Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary (OIWS) Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary (AMWS) Naujan Lake National Park (NLNP) Tubattaha Reefs Natural Park (TRNP) Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) Negros Occidental Coastal Wetland and Conservation Area (NOCWCA) Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) Sasmuan Pampanga Coastal Wetland (SPCW)

**The OIC Director** : **REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANT FOR THE NATIONAL SUBJECT** : TRAINING FOR WETLAND MANAGERS IN THE PHILIPPINES IN PAMPANGA ON JULY 18-22, 2022

The Ramsar Regional Center - East Asia (RRC-EA) is one of the regional initiatives formally recognized by the Convention on Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) in which we are a Contracting Party. It was established to serve as a regional platform for capacity building, information exchange, and cooperation among governments, Ramsar Site/wetland managers and stakeholders, international and national non-government organizations, technical experts, and business organizations. RRC-EA regularly co-organizes capacity-building events in selected countries within the region to enhance knowledge and skills on wetland conservation at the national level. It has already completed such events in Bhutan, Indonesia, Thailand, and Viet Nam, among others.

For 2022, RRC-EA intends to hold a National Training for Wetland Managers in the Philippines in July 18-22, 2022 in collaboration with the Biodiversity Management Bureau. This event intends to provide an equal opportunity for education and capacity building to wetland managers and stakeholders in the country. The said training aims to:

- 1. Orient participants on the Ramsar Convention and its tools.
- 2. Share basic concepts, new information, and experiences in wetland management;
- 3. identify site-specific and common wetland issues in the country, and recommend solutions to address these issues;

- 4. Encourage interaction and discussions among wetland managers; and
- 5. Strengthen the network of wetland managers in the country.

In light of this, may we request to nominate one to three (1-3) participants preferably wetland focal persons from the Conservation and Development Division (CDD), Ramsar Site Managers and concerned PENROs with Ramsar Sites through the attached nomination slip, on or before 17 June 2022. Kindly refer to the table below for the number of nominees per region.

REGION	OFFICE	NO. OF PARTICIPANTS
CAR	CDD	1
NCR	CDD, Metropolitan Environment Office (MEO) South Field Office, Las Piñas-Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area-Management Office (LPPCHEA-MO)	1 (CDD) 1 (Ramsar Site Manager) 1(MEO South Field Office)
REGION I	CDD	1
REGION II	CDD	1
REGION III	CDD PENRO Pampanga LGU Sasmuan, Pampanga	1(CDD) 1(Ramsar Site Manager) 1(PENRO Pampanga)
REGION IV-A	CDD	1
REGION IV-B	CDD PENRO Oriental Mindoro PENRO Palawan NLNP Management Office TRNP Management Office PPSRNP Management Office	1(CDD) 1(PENRO Oriental Mindoro) 1(PENRO Palawan) 3 (Ramsar Site Managers)
REGION V	CDD	1
REGION VI	CDD PENRO Negros Occidental NOCWCA	1(CDD) 1 (PENRO Negros Oriental) 1(Ramsar Site Manager)
REGION VII	CDD PENRO Cebu OIWS Management Office	1(CDD) 1 (PENRO Cebu) 1(Ramsar Site Manager)
REGION VIII	CDD	1
REGION IX	CDD	1
REGION X	CDD	1
REGION XI	CDD	1

REGION XII	CDD	1
REGION XIII	CDD PENRO Agusan del Sur AMWS Management Office	1(CDD) 1 (Agusan de Sur) 1(Ramsar Site Manager)

A copy of the tentative program is also attached for reference. For further clarification and submission of duly accomplished nomination slips, you may reach Mr. Jeffrey Jaymes A. Mesias of the Caves, Wetlands, and other Ecosystems Division of this Bureau through (8)925-8951 or at cawed@bmb.gov.ph cc: jeffreyjaymes.mesias@bmb.gov.ph.

For consideration.

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