



## MEMORANDUM

**FOR** : **The Regional Executive Director**  
Department Environment and Natural Resources  
MIMAROPA Region

**FROM** : **The Regional Director**  
Environmental Management Bureau  
MIMAROPA Region

**SUBJECT** : **ORIENTATION MEETING ON THE OPERATIONALIZATION  
OF THE BACUIT BAY AND EL NIDO BAY WQMA ON 14-15  
JUNE 2022**

**DATE** : 2 June 2022

The Section 5 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9275 (Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004) has mandated the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in coordination with the National Water Resources Board (NWRB) to designate certain areas in the country as water quality management areas (WQMA) using appropriate physiographic units such as watershed, river basins or water resources regions.

Currently, four WQMAs had been officially designated in our region out of forty (40) WQMAs nationwide. Three of these four WQMAs in MIMAROPA had been operationalized. The latest addition was the designation of Bacuit Bay and El Nido Bay in El Nido, Palawan as Water Quality Management Area through the enactment of Department Administrative Order 44 series of 2021 (DAO 2021-44), dated 23 December 2021.

In view thereof, this Office would like to invite you or your duly authorized representative to attend the Orientation Meeting on the creation of the Governing Board of the **Bacuit-El Nido Bay Water Quality Management Area (BENB WQMA)** on **14-15 June 2022** at **DENR ENTMRPA Conference Room, El Nido, Palawan**. As stated in the Section 4-f of the DAO 2021-44, your good office has one seat in the governing board. The program of activities is attached for reference.

Should you have questions or clarifications, kindly get in touch with us through (02) 8633-2587 or (02) 8536-9786. A confirmation of your attendance made before June 6, 2022, is very much appreciated. The form can be accessed through this link

<https://forms.office.com/r/cJShPBs8yJ> or through this QR Code: 

Looking forward to your usual support in the protection of our marine waters.

  
**JOE AMIL M. SALINO**



**PROGRAM: Creation of the Governing Board of Bacuit – El Nido Bay WQMA**

<b>Day 1: June 14, 2022</b>	
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Arrival of Participants Registration of Participants
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Opening Remarks
9:30 – 11:00 AM	Orientation
11:00 – 12:00 NN	Discussion on the Current Water Quality Status of Bacuit – El Nido Bay
<b><i>12:00 – 1:00 PM</i></b>	<b><i>Lunch Break</i></b>
1:30 PM	To El Nido Bay Familiarization on the 10 stations established along El Nido Bay
4:30 PM	To Corong Corong Familiarization on the 6 stations established along Bacuit Bay – Corong Corong
6:00 PM	Meeting Adjourn

<b>Day 2: June 15, 2022</b>	
8:00 AM	Assembly at Buena Suerte Docking Area
8:30 – 4:00 PM	Appreciation Tour of Monitoring Stations of Bacuit – El Nido Bay
5:00 PM	Closing Program