

March 4, 2022

Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco Speaker of the House House of Representatives Batasan Hills, Quezon City

## Dear Honorable Speaker Velasco:

Isang Makakalikasang Araw!

We are writing to your good office as regards the condition of the access road from the main road of Brgy. Tumagabok, Boac, Marinduque going to the Marinduque Wildlife Sanctuary (MWS) and Visitor's Center which is currently being operated and maintained by the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office - Marinduque (PENRO - Marinduque) through the MWS - Protected Area Management Office since its establishment.

We have observed that the said access road is not accessible to four-wheeled vehicles and consist rather of a rough and narrow lane traversable only by motorcycles and/or by foot to reach the sanctuary. Relative thereto, we are also planning to reopen the MWS for purposes of ecotourism activities where visitors and tourists can explore the site and upon conducting our ocular inspection, we noticed that people who wish to visit the area would need to walk with their travel gears and essentials to arrive at the sanctuary which is detrimental and inconvenient for travelers.

This Office, through the undersigned, is of the opinion that a well-paved access road will further boost our province's ecotourism activities and further improve the livelihood of the local residents living near and/or within the area who regularly transport their agricultural products from farm to market. In line with this, we would like to extend our request for a funding or financial assistance from your respective office for the construction of a concrete access road and other improvements necessary therein. The proposed access road will consist of at least 525 meters, more or less, in length from the main road of Brgy. Tumagabok to the MWS, a sketch map of which is attached together with the rough budget estimate of the proposed project amounting to at least Four Million Pesos (P 4, 000, 000.00) for your approval.

Being the Representative of the Lone District of Marinduque and a very supportive member of the MWS Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), we trust that you find our request reasonable and fervently hope for your favorable response.

Thank you for your usual support to our office.

Very truly yours,

IMELDA M. DIAZ OIC – PENR Officer

Copy furnished: DENR Secretary RED, MIMAROPA Region ROUGH COST ESTIMATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CONCRETE ACCESS ROAD FROM THE MAIN ROAD OF BRGY. TUMAGABOK GOING TO THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT OFFICE – MARINDUQUE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (PAMO – MWS).

## DESCRIPTION AND SPECIFICATIONS

Length

525 meters

Approximate Width

3 to 4 meters

Approximate Thickness

.20 meters

## Including bridge / box culvert

Approximate Length

8 meters

Approximate Width

4 meters

Approximate Thickness

.20 meters

Estimated Cost upon consultation with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Php 4, 000, 000.00 - Php 4, 500, 000.00

