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Dear Ms. Rongavilla:

Warm greetings from SIBOL!

SIBOL is a five-year DENR-BFAR-USAID project that aims to address the three objectives of improving natural resources governance, sustainably managing natural resources, and reducing environmental crimes by promoting positive environmental behavior.

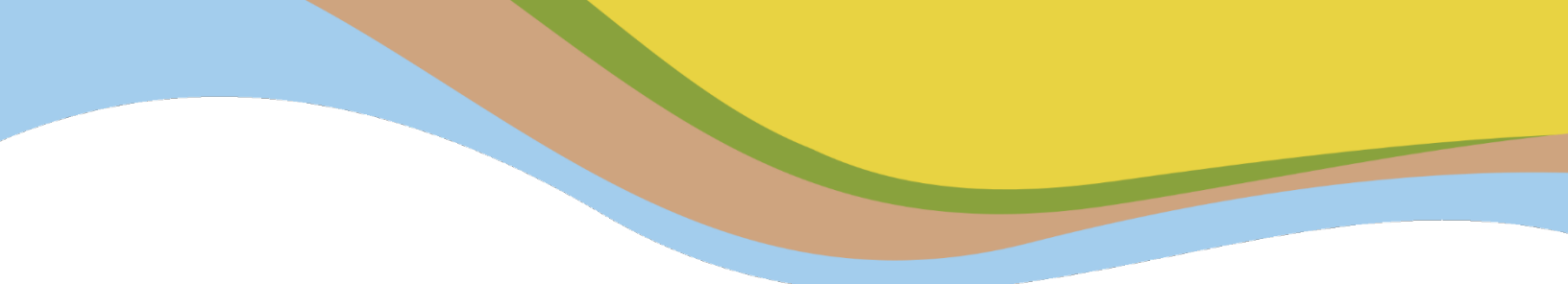
One of the main interventions of SIBOL is the conduct of ecosystem services valuation and natural capital accounting of selected ecosystems at the site and national levels. This will lead to the formulation of long-term economic policies and economic incentives that enable sustainable management of natural resources and promote positive environmental behavior among its managers and users. To do this, the capacity to develop and maintain the accounts will be built at the agencies that are primarily responsible for generating and consolidating the data.

Specifically, SIBOL aims to estimate the values of selected ecosystem services in its second year of implementation in SIBOL Palawan sites namely Mt. Mantalinghan Protected Landscape (MMPL), Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP), and Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat (CNCH). These ecosystem services include global climate regulation (carbon sequestration), water regulation and provisioning, soil erosion control, recreational, spiritual, NTFP harvesting, and crop provisioning services.

With this, we are pleased to invite your good office to attend the face-to-face **Workplan Development for Terrestrial Ecosystem Accounting and Services Valuation** to be held on **April 19 to 20, 2022** in **Puerto Princesa City, Palawan**. Members of the TWG shall ensure that COVID-19 minimum health and safety protocols issued by the IATF, DOH, concerned Local Government Units, and other relevant authorities are observed. Therefore, all participants must be fully-vaccinated at least 2 weeks before the event.

The Terrestrial TWG workshop and workplanning aims to:

1. Present E-SEAMS data to the TWG members;
2. Identify other existing data sources for ecosystem accounting and ecosystem services valuation;
3. Identify gaps from existing data repository;
4. Orient TWG members on different methodologies for the valuation of selected ecosystem services;
5. Conceptualize initial survey instruments for primary data gathering;
6. Create a detailed workplan on the data collection, data processing, and data analysis by ecosystem service by site.



In line with these objectives, a separate letter will be sent requesting for pertinent data necessary for the ecosystem accounting (EA) and valuation work, upon confirmation of attendance.

We would appreciate it if you could give us a list of attendees at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions or clarifications, please contact Mr. Freddie Palermo, Research Associate at [fpalermo.contractor@ph-sibol.org](mailto:fpalermo.contractor@ph-sibol.org) or (0905) 515 4922 or Ms. Jocelyn Caseres, Palawan Site Team Leader, at [jcaseres@ph-sibol.org](mailto:jcaseres@ph-sibol.org) or (0918) 917 9539.

Thank you very much and we look forward to hearing from you!

Very truly yours,



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