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MEMORANDUM

FOR

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THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

AND CONCURRENT CORRIDOR PROJECT DIRECTOR

MIMAROPA REGION

FROM

THE OIC-DIRECTOR

AND CONCURRENT NATIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR

BD CORRIDOR PROJECT

SUBJECT

STATUS OF MINDORO BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR (MBC) PROJECT

MANAGEMENT UNIT AND CONDUCT OF MBC SITE INCEPTION

WORKSHOP

DATE

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This has reference to the implementation of the DENR-UNDP/GEF Project on "Integrated Approach in the Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines (BD Corridor Project), of which the entire island of Mindoro is a project site and to which the DENR-Region 4B has a major role and stake on.

The objective of this Project to operationalize integrated management of biodiversity corridors, (Mindoro and Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridors), to generate multiple benefits including effective conservation of globally threatened species and high conservation value forests, reduce deforestation and degradation and enhance local biodiversity-friendly livelihoods.

Based on the conduct of the National Inception Workshop, 1st Inter-Agency Technical Working Group and 1st National Project Board Meetings held from December 2021 to January 2022, it is imperative that the DENR- Region 4B establishes as soon as possible the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project Management Unit (MBC CPMU) of which you are the Corridor Project Director. The MBC-CPMU is expected to spearhead the conduct of the Site Inception Workshop which will signal the launch and actual implementation of the Project in Mindoro. Project implementation in the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor has long been delayed due to the delayed recruitment and constitution of CPMU staff.

The BD Corridor National Project Management Unit in BMB is available to provide you with the necessary briefing at your earliest convenient time, either face-to-face or via Zoom, to facilitate timely implementation of this Project in Mindoro.

Your early action on this urgent matter will be highly appreciated.



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