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Dear OIC RED Claudio,

Greetings from the United States Agency for International Development's Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes (USAID SIBOL)! We a five-year project of USAID, in partnership with the Philippine government (Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR); and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD). USAID SIBOL is implemented by the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) together with its consortium partners: Resources, Environment and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS), Center for Conservation Innovations (CCI), Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP), and Zoological Society of London (ZSL).

SIBOL aims to improve natural resources governance, sustainably manage natural resources, and reduce environmental crimes by promoting positive environmental behavior in its five key biodiversity areas spread across the country, namely: the Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS) in Surigao del Norte; the Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL), the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) and the Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat (CNCH) in Palawan; and the Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape (MOBPLS) in Zambales.

For Palawan, SIBOL will be working in collaboration with the DENR, the local government units, the indigenous community, the academe, the private sector, and other key implementing agencies.

In line with this, may we ask an opportunity of one hour to conduct a courtesy meeting with you for SIBOL to briefly discuss the Year 2 workplan on March 17, 2022 @ 10:00 o' clock in the morning. We would appreciate it very much if you could designate a focal person to whom we can coordinate with regarding this request.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,



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