

HIGH-LEVEL POLICY CONSULTATION ON BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

Panglao Island, Bohol

14-17 June 2022

ACTIVITY DESIGN

I. BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

There have been issues and concerns that are being raised in the series of conferences or consultations and in the actual implementation of programs and activities on biodiversity. There are also identified gaps in terms of policies and strategies that need to be addressed to sustainably implement existing programs. To facilitate efficient operation and implementation of priority activities on biodiversity conservation, a High-Level Consultation Meeting on Biodiversity Conservation will be held on 14-17 June 2022 at Panglao Island, Bohol. The meeting will be participated by the honorable DENR Secretary, Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries concerned, Regional Executive Directors, Conservation and Development Division (CDD), selected PASUs, Staff and Line Bureaus.

II. OBJECTIVES:

1. To discuss policy issues and gaps on the implementation of biodiversity programs such as protected area management, wildlife conservation and coastal and marine management programs;
2. To brainstorm and deliberate on proposed and current policies and guidelines on biodiversity; and
3. To identify concrete actions and possible areas of collaboration or harmonization with other DENR offices to effectively and efficiently implement biodiversity conservation programs and activities.

III. EXPECTED OUTPUTS:

At the end of the meeting, the following are expected to be achieved:

3. Identified measures, actions and possible areas of collaboration on issues and concerns affecting biodiversity conservation;
4. Proposed policies or guidelines to enhance implementation of biodiversity programs and activities; and
5. Regional/Field implementers with enhanced knowledge and skills on biodiversity conservation policies and activities.

IV. METHODOLOGY:

The high-level consultation meeting will be conducted through plenary session. Facilitated discussion/open forum will be adopted throughout the entire consultation process.

V. PARTICIPANTS:

CENTRAL OFFICE

1. DENR Secretary
2. Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources and Legislative Affairs and Supervising Undersecretary for BMB
3. Undersecretary for Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change
4. Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

5. Undersecretary for Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas and Environment
6. Undersecretary for Field Operations-Mindanao
7. Undersecretary for Enforcement, Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units and Attached Agencies
8. Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs
9. Assistant Secretary for Human Resources and SCIS
10. Director, Legal Affairs Service
11. Director, Policy and Planning Service
12. Director, Financial Management Service
13. Director, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
14. Director, Forest Management Bureau
15. Director, Land Management Bureau
16. Director, Environmental Management Bureau
17. Acting Director, Mines & Geosciences Bureau
18. OIC, Chief, Legal Research and Opinion Division, Legal Adviser for BMB

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU

1. OIC-Director
2. Assistant Director
3. Division Chiefs
4. Selected BMB Staff

REGIONAL OFFICES

1. Regional Executive Directors
2. Chief, Conservation and Development Division
3. Chief, Enforcement Division
4. Region 7 Chief, Planning and Management Division
5. Region 7 counterpart Secretariat

VI. TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Day/Time	Activity
DAY 0 – June 14, 2022, afternoon	
	Arrival and check-in of Participants
DAY 1 – June 15, 2022	
08:30 AM – 08:45 AM	Registration
08:45 AM – 09:00 AM	Invocation and Singing of the National Anthem Acknowledgement of Participants
09:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Welcome Remarks - <i>Regional Executive Director, DENR Region 7</i> Messages from the DENR Undersecretaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Supervising Undersecretary for BMB</i> - <i>Field Operations</i> - <i>Policy, Planning and International Affairs</i> - <i>Finance, Information System and Climate Change</i> - <i>Enforcement, Solid Waste Management and Local Government Units and Attached Agencies</i> Keynote Message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>DENR Secretary</i> Rationale and Objectives of the Consultation Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>BMB Director</i>

Day/Time	Activity
10:15 AM – 12:00 NN	Learning Session a. Resource/Ecosystem Valuation including damage assessment (e.g. SIPLAS, and Puerto Princesa Underground River) - <i>USAID-SIBOL Project Representative</i> b. Carrying Capacity Determination for Sustainable Tourism Destinations- <i>ERDB</i>
12:00 NN – 01:00 PM	LUNCH
PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON PROPOSED AND EXISTING POLICIES AND GUIDELINES	
01:00 PM – 04:00 PM	1. Provisional Agreement for Special Uses in PAs - <i>BMB</i> 2. Draft Guidelines and Procedures on the Administrative Adjudication Governing Prohibited Activities in Protected Areas under the NIPAS – <i>BMB</i> OPEN FORUM
04:00 PM – 06:00 PM	3. DAO 2022-04 Enhancing Biodiversity Conservation and Protection in Mining Operations – <i>MGB</i> 4. DAO 2021-13 – Guidelines for the Development and Recognition of BDFE IN PAs – <i>BMB</i> OPEN FORUM
DAY 2 – June 16, 2022	
DISCUSSION ON KEY ISSUES, CONCERNS AND CHALLENGES	
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Presentation and discussion on the inventory of facilities, illegal structures, illegal occupation, easements, etc in PAs (e.g. Mt Apo NP, Upper Marikina, Panglao Island)
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Case Study Presentation and Sharing of Good Practices and Challenges on PA Management - <i>Tañon Strait Protected Seascape (Sustainable Financing, Enforcement, BDFE and Social Marketing) – Region 7</i>
11:00 AM - 12:00NN	Closing and Next step - <i>BMB Director</i>
01:00 PM onward	Learning Visit (Loboc area and vicinities)
DAY 3 – June 17, 2022	
AM	HOMEBOUND

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