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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
First Quarter Meeting  
February 22, 2022 Calapan City (online)

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present**

**Represented by**

**EDC Officers**

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| 1. Mr. Rodne R. Galicha               | Bayay Sibuyanon and EDC Chairperson    |
| 2. Dir. Joel B. Valera                | DTI MIMAROPA and EDC Co-Chairperson    |
|                                       | ARD Rodolfo J. Mariposque              |
| 3. Dir. Agustin C. Mendoza            | NEDA MIMAROPA and RDC Vice Chairperson |
| 4. OIC-ARD Bernardino A. Atienza, Jr. | NEDA MIMAROPA and Acting RDC Secretary |
| 5. Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado             | NEDA MIMAROPA and Acting EDC Secretary |

**Regional Directors of National Government Agencies**

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| 6. Dir. Elizer S. Salilig                  | BFAR MIMAROPA                         |                               |
| 7. Dir. Carina P. Del Rosario              | BSP Region 4                          | Ms. Karel Saskia B. Odiver    |
| 8. Sec. Emmanuel M. De Guzman              | CCC                                   | Mr. Jerome Ilagan             |
| 9. Dir. Angelito U. Sacro                  | CDA MIMAROPA                          |                               |
| 10. Dir. Antonio G. Gerundio               | DA MIMAROPA                           |                               |
| 11. Atty. Marvin V. Bernal                 | DAR MIMAROPA                          | Ms. Joesfina M. Lopez         |
| 12. Dir. Lomelyn E. Claudio                | DENR MIMAROPA                         | ARD Donna Mayor Gordove       |
| 13. Dir. Ma. Josefina P. Abilay            | DOST MIMAROPA                         | ARD Jerry B. Mercado          |
| 14. Atty. Beviene G. Malateo               | DOT MIMAROPA                          |                               |
| 15. Dir. Joel Amil M. Salino               | EMB MIMAROPA                          |                               |
| 16. Dir. Arnold G. Alindada                | FDA MIMAROPA                          | Ms. Luzvimin G. Atienza       |
| 17. Dir. Edwin M. Mojares                  | MGB MIMAROPA                          |                               |
| 18. Dr. Marie Grace T. Pascua              | NCIP MIMAROPA                         | Mr. Joemer M. Samong          |
| 19. Dir. Rodrigo O. Embate, Jr.            | NFA 4                                 | ARM Joseph M. Candava         |
| 20. Dir. William P. Ragadon                | NIA MIMAROPA                          | Engr. Lowell L. Lozano        |
| 21. MGen. Rowen S. Tolentino               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, PA | LtCol. Ernesto R. Teneza, Jr. |
| 22. Dir. Joselito R. Alcantara             | PCA MIMAROPA                          | Ms. Marilyn M. Ramos          |
| 23. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta<br>Villena | PCSD                                  | Atty. Adelina B. Benavente    |
| 24. Dir. Wilburn L. Tan, Jr.               | PMS-ORC                               | Mr. Jaypee C. Nardo           |

**Private Sector Representatives**

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 25. Mr. Delfin M. Natal     | Philippine Rural Construction Movement            |
| 26. Ms. Juvelyn V. Gumal-in | Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan, Inc.               |
| 27. Mr. Darius M. Guerero   | Philippine Trade and General Workers Organization |

**Provincial Planning and Development Offices**

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 28. EnP. Marian M. Cunanan      | PPDO Marinduque         |                             |
| 29. EnP. Lydia Muñeca S. Melgar | PPDO Oriental Mindoro   | Ms. Marilyn A. Ramos        |
| 30. Engr. Aileen L. Marcaida    | PPDO Palawan            | Mr. Cristito L. Omapas      |
| 31. EnP. Anthony Dantis         | PPDO Occidental Mindoro | Mr. Ron Lowell Karl Daproza |

56	32. EnP. Willard P. Mortos	PPDO Romblon	
57	33. EnP. Amormio CJ S. Benter	CPDO Calapan City	EnP. Joselito R. Bautista
58	34. Engr. Jovenee C. Sagun	CPDO Puerto Princesa City	
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60	<b><u>Absent</u></b>		
61	35. Dir. Edel M. Dondonilla	PFIDA 4	
62	36. Mr. Luis Caraan	Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas	
63	37. Ms. Marie Grace G. Faylona	MBCFI	
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65	<b><u>Guests</u></b>		
66	38. Dir. Ricky L. Sanchez	DBM MIMAROPA	
67	39. Mr. Rene B. Parreño	BFAR MIMAROPA	
68	40. Ms. April Deunnice Simpao	CCC	
69	41. Dr. Nex D. Basi	DA MIMAROPA	
70	42. Ms. Jelyn E. Doctor	DOST MIMAROPA	
71	43. Ms. Gladys A. Quesea	DOT MIMAROPA	
72	44. Ms. Marilyn R. Limpiada	DENR MIMAROPA	
73	45. Ms. Maria Siena M. De Luna	EMB MIMAROPA	
74	46. Mr. Valeriano Z. Otoman III	EMB MIMAROPA	
75	47. Ms. Mariella Anna Hizola	MGB MIMAROPA	
76	48. Engr. Reynante S. Luna	NCIP MIMAROPA	
77	49. Ms. Marietta C. Perez	PCA 4	
78	50. EnP. John Francisco A. Pontillas	PCSD	
79	51. Ms. Ann P. Sapad	PCSD	
80	52. Mr. Luigi Y. Lubrico	PCSD	
81	53. Ms. Vanny Joyce Baluyot	CPDO Puerto Princesa	
82	54. Mr. Arnel L. Morales	PPDO Marinduque	
83	55. Ms. Joanna Mae Tiuzen	PPDO Occidental Mindoro	
84	56. Ms. Joanna J. Elideros	Taw Kabui for a Child, Inc.	
85	57. Mr. Oscar E. Ricaflanca	Federation of Senior Citizen's Association of the Philippines	
86	58. Ms. Frances Alvarez	Office of Rep. Gil A. Acosta, Jr.	
87	59. Mr. Zachary Seth B. Sagayo	Office the Speaker of House of Representatives	
88	60. EnP. Sheryll B. Sarabia	NEDA MIMAROPA and DAC Secretary	
89	61. Mr. Roy A. Dimayuga	NEDA MIMAROPA and IDC Secretary	
90	62. Mr. Emerson Kim J. Lineses	NEDA MIMAROPA and SDC Secretary	
91	63. Mr. Ryan O. Manrique	NEDA MIMAROPA	
92	64. EnP. Judy Mae V. Masangkay	NEDA MIMAROPA	
93	65. Ms. Kimberly Ann T. Pilongo	NEDA MIMAROPA	
94	66. Mr. Angelo Paolo Aboboto	NEDA MIMAROPA	
95	67. Enp. Julius Carlo F. Hilado	NEDA MIMAROPA	
96	68. Mr. Jhunjun F. Fajutagana	NEDA MIMAROPA	
97	69. Ms. Lisabelle C. Carpio	NEDA MIMAROPA	
98	70. Mr. Ruther John B. Col-long	NEDA MIMAROPA	
99	71. Ms. Mirabelle B. Lanuza	NEDA MIMAROPA	
100	72. Ms. Sara J. Marasigan	NEDA MIMAROPA	
101	73. Ms. Pamela L. De Torres	NEDA MIMAROPA	
102	74. Ms. Charmaine M. Bejasa	NEDA MIMAROPA	
103	75. Mr. Mel Anthony I. Atienza	NEDA MIMAROPA	
104	76. Mr. Keizher T. Marasigan	NEDA MIMAROPA	
105	77. Mr. Jojo R. Datinguinoo	NEDA MIMAROPA	
106	78. Mr. Vonn Orland C. Leynes	NEDA MIMAROPA	
107	79. Ms. Angelus G. Genterola	NEDA MIMAROPA	
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109 I. PRELIMINARIES

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The meeting started at 1:35 in the afternoon with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem followed by an invocation and the singing of the MIMAROPA Hymn.

## II. BUSINESS PROPER

### A. Declaration of Quorum

Ms. Jobelle M. Cruzado of NEDA MIMAROPA called the roll. Of the 35 members, 14 were present and 18 were represented, registering a quorum at 91 percent attendance.

### B. Welcome Remarks

EDC Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha enumerated the matters for discussion and asked the members for any additional agenda for inclusion under other matters.

### C. Proposed Agenda

On motion duly seconded, the proposed agenda was approved as presented.

### D. Approval of the Minutes of the previous EDC meeting

On motion duly seconded, the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter EDC meeting conducted on November 05 was approved.

### E. Secretary's Report

Ms. Cruzado reported the status of agreements during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter EDC meeting.

She enumerated the following resolutions emanated from the EDC meeting which were passed by the MIMAROPA RDC during its 77<sup>th</sup> full council meeting held on December 03 virtually through Zoom:

- *RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1022 "Favorably Endorsing The Environment and Natural Resources Information System (ENRIS) Spatial Decision Support for Palawan Island Eco-Region to KOICA for Financing."*
- *RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1023 "Adopting the MIMAROPA Integrated Water Resource Management Framework as an Integral Part of Development Planning and Programming in the Region." Copy of the resolution was provided to DENR MIMAROPA on December 21, 2021.*
- *RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1020 "Approving and Adopting the Updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) and Annual Investment Program (AIP) for Fiscal Year 2023."*
- *RDC Resolution No. 2021-076-1021 approving the 2021 Regional Development Report Preparation Guidelines.*

- *RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1024 “Favorably Endorsing the Initiative to Declare the Province of Marinduque as a Mining-Free Zone.”*
- *RDC Resolution No. 2021-076-1027 approving the schedule of CY 2022 Regional Development Council meetings. Copy of the resolution and CY 2022 schedule of RDC FC meetings were provided to all RDC members on December 22, 2021.*

She reported that copy of the resolutions were already transmitted to the concerned agencies for their appropriate actions.

## **F. Matters for Approval/Review/Endorsement**

### **1. FY 2023 Budget Review**

#### **a. FYs 2020 and 2021 budget implementation reports**

Ms. Cruzado presented the FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget utilization rates of the regional offices of BFAR, CDA, DA, DAR, DENR, DOST, DOT, DTI, EMB, FDA, MGB, NIA, PCA and the PCSD. She noted the general improvement of the budget utilization rates as it increased from 2020 to 2021. The average budget utilization rate of the fourteen economic sector agencies for FY 2021 was 96.21 percent.

Per MIMAROPA budget review guidelines, the AROs, GOCCs, SUCs are required to provide the budget utilization rates of their approved FY 2021 GAA through the submission of RDC BP Form 2.

#### **b. Updates on the Status of FY 2022 RDC-endorsed Budget Proposals**

Ms. Cruzado also presented the agency feedback on FY 2022 budget proposals reflecting PAPs that were considered or not in the 2022 GAA or NEP through submission of BP Form 3. The batting average, which is the percentage of approved budgets vis-à-vis FY 2022 RDC-endorsed budgets, was considered in analyzing the reported status of the RDC-endorsed budgets. The average batting average for the 14 economic sector agencies in terms of amount of PAPs was 54.62 percent and 62.62 percent in terms of number of PAPs.

The agencies with the highest batting average in the FY 2022 budget in terms of number of PAPs and amount were DOT MIMAROPA and DTI MIMAROPA. On the other hand, DA MIMAROPA had the lowest batting average in terms of numbers of PAPs mainly due to the nature of the proposed projects that should be devolved under the Mandanas Garcia Case Ruling. CDA MIMAROPA and PCA MIMAROPA got the lowest batting average in terms of amount with six percent each.

#### **c. Presentation/Review of FY 2023 Budget Proposals**

**BFAR MIMAROPA**

Mr. Rene B. Parreño presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of BFAR MIMAROPA with a total of 29 PAPs amounting to Php894 million.

PSR Delfin M. Natal Jr. of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement said that there are a number of underutilized fish landing centers in Marinduque that were destroyed/vandalized but cannot be repaired because the facilities are not yet turned over to the LGUs. He inquired whether the repair of these facilities can be funded by BFAR MIMAROPA. RD Salilig of BFAR MIMAROPA answered that the fish landing centers shall be repaired before being turned over to the LGU recipients. They also committed to assign employees to monitor the fish landing centers.

PSR Natal also said that there is a shortage of fish being used for the processing of "*patis*" and "*bagoong*" in their area as fish caught are being transported to other market areas. He inquired if ensuring fish supply in their area may be included in the future plans and programs of BFAR. Mr. Parreño answered that their agency has been implementing fisheries management activities in several areas in the region including the Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency (FishCoRe) project. Research studies are also scheduled to be conducted in partnership with the academe to further study the West Philippine Sea (WPS) area.

EnP. John Francisco A. Pontillas of the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) inquired if there are projects in WPS including in Pag-asa Island. He also inquired on the plans of BFAR in terms of development of offshore areas and whether the agency can provide assistance to fishermen who would like to venture in foreshore fishing. RD Salilig answered that there is a cold storage facility being implemented in Pag-asa Island but employees were evacuated as a preemptive measure to Typhoon Odette. He informed the body that the moratorium for commercial fishing vessels was already lifted and qualified applications for commercial fishing are welcome.

RD Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA inquired on the qualifications in applying for commercial fishing permits. He further inquired if there are current activities for soft-shell crabs as well as technologies related to the culturing of soft-shell crabs for possible business opportunities. RD Salilig said that commercial Filipino vessels may apply for commercial fishing permits. He added that there are no current activities and technologies relative to the soft-shell crabs.

RD Gerundio of DA MIMAROPA reiterated the importance of the fishery sector. He added that the BFAR should come up with comprehensive development plans and interventions which can



contribute to the growth of the fisheries sector and maximize the region's marine products.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of BFAR MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **CDA MIMAROPA**

Regional Director Angelito U. Sacro presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of CDA MIMAROPA consists of eight PAPs amounting to Php69.70 million.

RD Mendoza recommended increasing the funding requirement of the proposed construction of CDA MIMAROPA Regional Office.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of CDA MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on the comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **DA MIMAROPA**

RD Gerundio presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of DA MIMAROPA with a total of 22 PAPs amounting to Php5.71 billion.

Ms. Cruzado of NEDA MIMAROPA inquired if the PAPs for the Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (RRP) for Typhoon Odette proposed by Palawan Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO) were considered in the proposal. RD Gerundio answered that PAPs in the RRP were mostly considered. A budget of Php89 million was given to DA in support of Palawan RRP, however, not all PAPs proposed by the PDRRMO can be accommodated. He added that prioritization of PAPs will be made.

RD Mendoza inquired on the Php 1.41 billion proposed budget for Rice Program which constitutes almost 60 percent of DA MIMAROPA Tier 1 budget if proposal includes farm machineries and equipment. RD Gerundio explained that the usual annual budget allocation for the Rice Program is Php700 million to Php800 million. The increased in the amount of allocation for the Rice Program was due to the construction of warehouse project of the agency. He added that most farm machineries are being proposed by the Philippine Center for Postharvest Development and Mechanization (PhilMech) under the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEF). Drones, dryers, and harvesters are among the equipment included in the budget proposal of DA MIMAROPA.

RD Mendoza also inquired if the spending on the Rice Program would increase rice yield. RED Gerundio answered that the

increased spending on the Rice Program would increase the yield from an average of 4.2 tons per hectare to almost 6 tons per hectare. He said that the timing of fertilizer application also plays an important role in the increase of yield of rice and other crops.

EnP. Pontillas said that indigenous peoples (IPs) in Palawan have limited market for their agriculture and forest products. He suggested improving the existing *Taboan* markets to increase their trading activities. He also suggested including initiatives from the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) to let traders trade as one in the market. RD Gerundio answered that the products of IPs are usually enough for their subsistence and rarely have any surplus that can be sent to the market. He instructed Dr. Basi to look into solutions on how to increase the surplus and identify infrastructure needed by the IPs, especially in marketing their perishable goods other than taro, purple yam, and ginger.

Dr. Basi informed the members that the *Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo* (4Ks) program is specifically made for IPs. Thirteen IP organizations are being assisted in Palawan in the municipalities of Rizal, Quezon, Sofronio Española, Puerto Princesa City, and Calauit Island in the northern part of Palawan. The 4Ks program is a new special project of the DA in partnership with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) which aims to develop the ancestral domains of the indigenous cultural communities (ICCs) in order to improve productivity by developing sustainable agricultural enterprises and profitability by increasing their income in consideration with their customs, traditions, values, beliefs, and interests.

Dr. Basi also sought assistance from MIMAROPA Representatives in increasing the allocated budget for the 4Ks as only Php9 million was allocated in the FY 2022 budget of DA for the said program.

PSR Gumal-in informed of a project in collaboration with DOST on the production of indigenous seed in anticipation of possible food shortage in the future and proposed its inclusion in the budget proposal of DA. She said that DA shall be responsible for marketing and distribution of produce to different communities. The indigenous seed is resilient to pests and climate change unlike hybrid seeds that are sensitive. She hoped this would contribute to the economic development of the IPs particularly in MIMAROPA. Dr. Basi said he would take note of the suggestions of PSR Gumal-in.

EDC Chairperson Galicha said the DA might already have existing projects on seed banking. Technical assistance may be given to the IPs in coordination with the NCIP and DA to identify

crops being produced by the IP farmers so as to have basis on how they can be given the proper form of assistance. For marketing, there could be a collaboration with DTI to improve also packaging, and technology with DOST.

PSR Ricaflanca said that he observed that the seeds given by LGUs are not monitored if they were really planted and what have the progress. He suggested to maximize utilization of vacant lots, through agreement between barangay and recipients. The national government provides the seeds and technical support but LGUs shall monitor the progress.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of DA MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on the comments and recommendations of the Committee.

### **DAR MIMAROPA**

Assistant Regional Director Ma. Josefina M. Lopez presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of DAR MIMAROPA with a total of four PAPs amounting to Php203.57 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of DAR MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **DENR MIMAROPA**

Ms. Marilyn R. Limpiada presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of DENR MIMAROPA consisting nine PAPs amounting to Php1.78 billion.

EnP. Pontillas recommended the inclusion of land classifications on public and forest lands particularly in Palawan. He said that most of these lands in the municipalities of Palawan are not yet classified but have existing settlements and developments. ARD Gordove of the Management Services of DENR MIMAROPA informed the body that DENR has ongoing efforts on land classifications. Among these were conduct of surveys to identify the unclassified public forest or forest lands in terms of their current uses to ensure the complete details of land classification proposals before the passage to Congress.

EnP. Pontillas also inquired on the presence of investment for the WPS being an area with many concerns such as the declaration and establishment of the area as broad marine protected area. A specific budget is being suggested to address said concern. ARD Gordove informed the body that this is being handled by DENR Central Office. She reported that there was a joint DENR-National Security Council endorsement to the Office of the President on the declaration of the Kalayaan Island Group (KIG) as marine protected area while the Department of National Defense (DND) was also

418 pushing for the proclamation of the area as a military reservation.  
419 She added that said concerns on KIG requires discussions at the  
420 top level to come up with more strategic directions given various  
421 interagency concerns.  
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423 EnP. Pontillas recommended the inclusion of an instrument on  
424 property rights on coastal communities especially those with marine  
425 protected areas in the DENR MIMAROPA proposed budget such as  
426 the Community-Based Forest Management Agreements (CBFMA) in  
427 the terrestrial and mangrove areas. ARD Gordove recognized the  
428 suggestion of exploring possible tenurial instruments for community  
429 coastal dwellers and the consideration of other laws such as  
430 easements, no build zones, and appropriate tenurial instruments not  
431 just for settlement areas, to be proposed to DENR-Biodiversity  
432 Management Bureau (BMB).  
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434 Ms. Cruzado inquired on the inclusion of PAPs identified in the  
435 Palawan RRP for TY Odette in the FY 2023 DENR budget proposal.  
436 ARD Gordove informed the body that there are no straight forward  
437 proposed PAPs for TY Odette because DENR has ongoing  
438 environmental estimates on the effects of TY Odette particularly on  
439 fallen trees and hauling activities for the rehabilitation of affected  
440 NGP sites. There is an ongoing assessment on whether those NGP  
441 areas are included in the NGP graduated sites and subject to  
442 impairment loss or included in the list of NGP sites under  
443 maintenance and protection year.  
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445 EDC Chairperson Galicha raised his concern on the slow movement  
446 of DENR dissemination of information materials on the endangered  
447 species per municipalities and provinces for community awareness  
448 and suggested posting IEC materials in specific strategic areas in the  
449 region. ARD Gordove informed the Committee that DENR has  
450 initially distributed materials relative to the activities of the  
451 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)  
452 of wild fauna and flora in Oriental Mindoro. On the slow movement  
453 of information dissemination materials, she said that DENR was  
454 hampered by the process of securing intellectual property rights of  
455 some information materials on wild flora and fauna before  
456 distribution. The distribution was targeted to be completed in 2022.  
457 Furthermore, ARD Gordove recognized the need to strategize a wide  
458 range of information dissemination in the region.  
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460 On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of DENR MIMAROPA  
461 were recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based  
462 on the comments and recommendations of the Committee.  
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#### 464 **DOST MIMAROPA**

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466 Assistant Regional Director Jerry B. Mercado presented the FY  
467 2023 budget proposal of DOST MIMAROPA with a total of 26 PAPs  
468 amounting to Php226.48 million.

EnP. Pontillas inquired if the proposed researches are in support of promoting competitiveness and innovation of industries in the region and inquired about investments on researches on the study of live fish industry.

RD Mendoza also asked whether these concerns could be accommodated by DOST MIMAROPA under the Small Enterprises Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP).

ARD Mercado explained that in the crafting and identification of the research agenda and research portfolio, consultations with stakeholders were conducted to determine the needs. This is followed by the prioritization of key investment areas. He assured the body that the FY 2023 budget proposal of DOST MIMAROPA is supportive and compliments with the research, development, and innovation projects especially the transfer and commercialization of technologies.

With regard to the proposed research study for live fish industry, ARD Mercado said that the inclusion of the said research under the SETUP is possible subject to the submission of proposals for review by the DOST MIMAROPA.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of DOST MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **DOT MIMAROPA**

Atty. Beviene G. Malateo presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of DOT MIMAROPA with a total of 16 PAPs amounting to Php35.64 million.

EnP. Pontillas inquired if the presented DOT budget was realistic given that mobility is still constrained by the COVID-19 pandemic. He suggested for DOT MIMAROPA to venture on other investments such as insurance for the safe travel of people to the Philippines.

Atty. Malateo answered that the regular PAPs of DOT was included in the proposal in preparation for the eventual opening of destinations to both local and foreign tourists. The upscaling of tourism workers under the Tourism Industry Training Program will address the concern on health protocols.

Labor Sector Representative (LSR) and DAC Chairperson Darius M. Guerrero suggested that the Tier 1 PAPs of DOT MIMAROPA be expanded to be included in the Tier 2 PAPs of the agency in order to promote and develop further the tourism industry not only in preparation for its eventual opening, but also to make it more sustainable ecologically and environmentally plausible.

Atty. Malateo noted all the comments but emphasized that the agency has no sufficient budget and they are working within what was approved in order to make the tourism industry sustainable.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of DOT MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on the comments and recommendations of the Committee.

#### **DTI MIMAROPA**

Assistant Regional Director Rodolfo J. Mariposque presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of DTI MIMAROPA with a total of 12 PAPs amounting to Php97.28 million.

LSR Guerrero inquired whether the Devolution Transition Plan (DTP) was already considered in the FY 2023 budget proposal and how it affected the budget proposal of DTI MIMAROPA. ARD Mariposque mentioned that there was a DTI proposal to Congress to exempt the agency from the Devolution and shared that the submitted DTP of DTI Central Office was under conditional approval. He also mentioned that one of the comments of DBM on their DTP was to train their Negosyo Center (NC) local government counterpart, but the challenge for DTI was the lack of counterpart office in the local government. He added that there were still ongoing discussions between the DBM and DTI regarding comments and recommendations relative to their DTP. He also added that DBM mandated them to include trainings for LGUs, and these were already included in their budget proposal.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of DTI MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

#### **EMB MIMAROPA**

Ms. Maria M. Siena De Luna presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of EMB MIMAROPA with a total of six PAPs amounting to Php216.73 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of EMB MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

#### **FDA MIMAROPA**

With the absence of a representative from FDA MIMAROPA and considering that their FY 2023 budget proposal was submitted for review of the Secretariat a few weeks ago, EDC Chairperson Galicha suggested to review the FDA proposal with a total of five PAPs amounting to Php23.09 million.

LSR Guerrero said that the establishment of the field office will complement the creation of the FDA MIMAROPA. He supported the EDC endorsement of the FDA budget proposal to the RDC.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of FDA MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **MGB MIMAROPA**

Regional Director Edwin M. Mojares presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of MGB MIMAROPA which consists of nine PAPs amounting to Php28.10 million.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of MGB MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **NIA MIMAROPA**

Engr. Lowell Lozano presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of NIA MIMAROPA consisting of 12 PAPs amounting to Php2.42 billion.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of NIA MIMAROPA were recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **PCA MIMAROPA**

Ms. Marilyn M. Ramos presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of PCA MIMAROPA with a total of 12 PAPs amounting to Php408.90 million.

PSR Gumal-in inquired on the Coconut Seed Farm Development (SFDP), it has no allotment provided for the provinces of Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan. She asked if the IPs of Oriental Mindoro were considered in the budget proposal of PCA. She stressed that IPs own vast areas of land and it would be beneficial for them to be given seedlings to plant coconut in those areas. Ms. Ramos answered that IPs that met the requirements under the National Coconut Farmers Registry System (NCFRS) were considered in the formulation of proposals of PCA. She explained that the SFDP for Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, and Palawan were already targeted for 2019. However, there was a proposed budget for Oriental Mindoro amounting to ₱4.69 million under the Sustainable Planting and Replanting of Local Cultivars Project (SPRLCP) where IP communities and groups form part.

EDC Chairperson Galicha hoped for further integration of PCA programs in ancestral domains in collaboration and coordination with the NCIP and the IP Elders Council.

PSR Darius Guerrero said that most of the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Fund (CFIDP) is included under Tier 2. He added that during the discussion on CFIDP, he reiterated his appeal to include the coconut farmers' organizations not only as beneficiaries but as partners in the implementation of the program. Ms. Ramos said that farmers organizations especially small coconut farmers organizations are being engaged in coconut planting activities. PCA has the list of farmers and they were included in the crafting the CFIDP as they were also registered in the NCFRS.

EnP. John Francisco Pontillas suggested to consider oil palm industry that is actually expanding in Palawan in their budget proposal. Based on a study conducted by the World Bank, oil palm has ramifications on biodiversity and production of other crops, and this issue might be considered by PCA. Ms. Ramos answered that the PCA has an existing project in Palawan on fertilization of existing coconut palm plantations under Tier 1 proposal. EDC Chairperson requested PCA to present the status of palm oil industry in MIMAROPA during the next EDC meeting.

Mr. Atienza inquired if the Shared Coconut Processing Facilities (under CFIDP) is under GAA or Trust Fund, with the CFIDP not yet approved. He said that the CFIDP was already proposed to the RDC, during a special meeting on July 05 2021, for funding and there is no need to endorse it again under the FY 2023 proposal of PCA Region 4. RD Mendoza agreed with the observation of Mr. Atienza and said that if the CFIDP will not be funded under the FY 2023 GAA, then it should not be included in the budget proposal of PCA Region 4.

On motion duly seconded, only the tier 1 proposal of the FY 2023 budget proposal of PCA MIMAROPA was recommended for RDC endorsement.

### **Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD)**

EnP. Pontillas presented the FY 2023 budget proposal of PCSD with a total of 16 PAPs amounting to Php346.30 million.

RD Mendoza suggested to reflect only the agency counterpart in the proposed budget to avoid having a bloated budget proposal. Revisions to budget form should also be made to reflect the multi-year cost and the FY 2023 cost.

On motion duly seconded, the proposed PAPs of PCSD were recommended for RDC endorsement subject to revisions based on the comments and recommendations of the Committee.



### **3. CY 2022 Proposed EDC Work Program**

Ms. Cruzado presented the proposed CY 2022 EDC work program. The proposed activities for the year include participation and inputs to the following RDC activities: a) RDC FY 2023 budget review and consultation; b) regional consultation on the updating of the regional development investment program; c) preparation of the 2021 Regional Development Report; d) monitoring of RDC-endorsed projects; and e) evaluation of project proposals, among others.

The Committee will continue to monitor the implementation of the MIMAROPA Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan (RRP) for COVID-19 and the Palawan RRP for Typhoon Odette. The major programs and projects of member agencies for the MIMAROPA provinces shall also be reviewed as well as the issues and concerns affecting project implementation.

On motion duly seconded the proposed 2022 EDC work program was approved for adoption.

### **G. Matters for Information**

#### **4. CY 2021 EDC Accomplishment Report**

An audio visual presentation was played highlighting the CY 2021 accomplishments of the EDC. Among these include the following: conduct of regular and special meetings, participation on several interagency consultation and workshops, review and approval of economic sector-related programs and projects, monitoring and evaluation, and confirmation of additional EDC member.

#### **5. CY 2021 Summary of Attendance**

Ms. Cruzado presented the CY 2021 summary of attendance of the EDC members. She acknowledged the following agencies and offices with complete attendance to the four regular meetings and two special meetings: Bayay Sibuyanon, DTI MIMAROPA, BFAR MIMAROPA, DAR MIMAROPA, DENR MIMAROPA, DOST MIMAROPA, DOT MIMAROPA, EMB MIMAROPA, MGB MIMAROPA, NIA MIMAROPA, PhilFIDA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division, PCSD, Philippine Trade and General Workers Organization, Pampamayanang Mangyan Ugnayan, Inc., Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement, PPDO Occidental Mindoro, PPDO Oriental Mindoro, PPDO Marinduque, PPDO Romblon, PPDO Palawan, CPDO Calapan, and CPDO Puerto Princesa.

Certificate of recognitions were awarded to Mr. Rodne R. Galicha, Engr. Jovenee C. Sagun, LSR Darius M. Guerrero, PSR Juvelyn V. Gumal-in, and PSR Delfin M. Natal, Jr. who recorded complete attendance during the said meetings.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT**

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725 EDC Chairperson Galicha reminded everyone of the schedule of the 1<sup>st</sup>  
726 Quarter RDC Full Council Meeting on March 04, 2022.

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735 JOBELLE M. CRUZADO

RODNE R. GALICHA

736 Acting EDC Secretary

EDC Chairperson

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL  
MIMAROPA Region

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Second Quarter Meeting  
May 05, 2022 Calapan City (Online)

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FIRST QUARTER MEETING

AGENDA ITEM/ISSUE	AGREEMENTS	STATUS
FY 2023 Budget Review	<p>The Committee recommended RDC endorsement of the economic sector agencies FY 2023 budget proposals subject to modifications based on the comments of the Committee.</p> <p>The deadline for submission of required documents is on February 28, 2022.</p>	<p>All required documents were submitted by the economic sector agencies on the set deadline.</p> <p>The RDC, during its 78<sup>th</sup> full council meeting held on March 04 virtually through Zoom, endorsed the proposed FY 2023 budget proposals of the following EDC member agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFAR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• CDA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DAR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DENR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DOST MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DOT MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DTI MIMAROPA</li> <li>• EMB MIMAROPA</li> <li>• FDA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• MGB MIMAROPA</li> <li>• NIA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• PCA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• PCSD</li> </ul> <p>Copies of the resolutions and the list of PAPs were transmitted to their respective central offices on March 29-30, 2022.</p>
	<p>The following were requested to provide feedback on the list of RRP PAPs for concurrence and inclusion in their revised FY 2023 budget proposals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BFAR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DA MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DAR MIMAROPA</li> </ul>	<p>All mentioned agencies were able to submit their feedback on the list of RRP PAPs for concurrence and subsequent inclusion in their FY 2023 budget proposals.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DENR MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DOT MIMAROPA</li> <li>• DTI MIMAROPA</li> </ul>	
	EDC Chairperson Galicha requested PCA to present the status of palm oil industry in MIMAROPA during the next EDC meeting.	PCA MIMAROPA was requested to present updates on palm oil industry during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter EDC meeting on May 05, 2022.
	PSR Darius M. Guerrero requested the PCA to provide regular updates on the Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan (CFIDP) and monitor utilization of the Trust Fund.	PCA MIMAROPA was requested to present updates on the CFIDP during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter EDC meeting on May 05, 2022.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting

May 05, 2022 Online

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: 2021 Regional Development Report

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1. The MIMAROPA Regional Development Report (RDR) provides an annual assessment of the implementation of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP).
2. The MIMAROPA RDR contains an assessment of the socioeconomic performance of the region for a given year based on the targets indicated in the MIMAROPA RDP and its accompanying Results Matrix (RM). It also provides strategic and policy directions to refocus priorities and/or catch-up with targets.
3. The NEDA MIMAROPA annually prepares technical instructions, guidelines, and forms to ensure a more in-depth assessment of the implementation of the RDP.
4. The RDC, during its 77<sup>th</sup> full council online meeting held on December 03, 2021, approved the proposed 2021 RDR preparation guidelines through RDC Resolution No. 2021-077-1021.
5. The 2021 MIMAROPA RDR will be based on statistical data, annual accomplishment reports, and other sectoral inputs of the regional line agencies (RLAs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), government owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), local government units (LGUs), and private sector representatives (PSRs).
6. The region's performance will be assessed relative to the implementation of the rehabilitation and recovery plan for COVID-19, Bayanihan to Recover as One Act, Bayanihan 2, Balik Probinsya, Bagong Pag-asa (BP<sup>2</sup>) program, and End Local Communist Armed Conflict, all of which are under the whole-of-nation approach.
7. Gender-fair language (GFL) will be used in the writing of the regional development report.
8. The draft 2021 RDR chapters and result matrices of the economic sector will be presented for validation.
9. Action requested: For review and endorsement to the RDC.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Second Quarter Meeting  
May 05, 2022 Calapan (Online)

### BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT

Subject: Support to NEDA Board-RDCom-Mindanao Area Committee (NB-RDCom-MAC) Resolution No. 22, series of 2021, entitled “A Resolution urging all Regional Development Councils (RDCs) to support the implementation of the Philippine Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and Policy and Measures (PAMs)”

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1. The Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) serves as a guide for participating countries’ long term development plan towards a climate-resilient and low-carbon pathway and subsequently achieve the Paris Agreement’s goal of limiting global average temperature increase to well below 2°C while pursuing efforts to limit the increase to 1.5°C.

2. The Government of the Philippines submitted its NDC in accordance with Decision 1/CP.21 of the Conference of Parties of the UNFCCC on 15 April 2021, wherein it committed to a projected cumulative greenhouse gases (GHG) emission reduction and avoidance of 75% from business-as-usual scenario. This commitment is composed of 2.71 percent unconditional (using nation’s resources) and 72.29 percent conditional (using means of implementation to be provided by developed countries).

3. On 14 October 2021, the NEDA Board-Regional Development Committee-Mindanao Area Committee (NB-RDCom-MAC) conducted its 32<sup>nd</sup> conference and passed the NB-RDCom-MAC Resolution No. 22, series of 2021 entitled “*A Resolution urging all Regional Development Councils (RDCs) to support the implementation of the Philippine Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) and Policies and Measures (PAMS)*”. Based on the NB-RDCom-MAC resolution, the RDCs are urged to undertake the following:

- Ensure a monitoring and coordination mechanism, given their existing structures for the planning and implementation of NDCs and PAMs, including the cascading of action plans to the agencies and LGUs; and

- Coordinate with the Climate Change Commission in localizing the NDC in respective regions to determine regional contributions to the NDC and PAMs.

4. The salient features of the NDC were already presented to the MIMAROPA Economic Development Committee and the MIMAROPA RDC on 06 May 2021 and 04 June 2021, respectively. The Secretariat will present the details of the requested support as reflected in the attached NB-RDCom-MAC resolution.

5. Action requested: Recommend RDC support on the implementation of the NDC and PAMs.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting  
05 May 2022 Calapan City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Proposed Development of Lake Lamao in San Fernando, Romblon

1. Republic Act No. 10816 or the Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016 promotes the development of farm tourism in the country as a catalyst for development.
2. Agriculture and tourism are the primary growth drivers of the MIMAROPA economy and its development can spur livelihood and employment opportunities to improve the local economy.
3. The Municipal Government of San Fernando, Romblon, requested funding assistance from concerned agencies for the Development of Lake Lamao through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 40 “Resolution respectfully request funding for the Development of Lake Lamao at Brgy. Azagra, San Fernando, Romblon”.
4. Lake Lamao is a seven hectare natural lake that offers tourism activities like fishing, boating, and bird watching. The development of Lake Lamao, which has an estimated cost of Php28.85 million, is aligned with the MIMAROPA Farm Tourism Strategic Action Plan (FTSAP) 2016-2022 and the updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022.
5. A representative from the LGU of San Fernando will present the details of the proposed project to the EDC.
5. Action requested: EDC recommendation to RDC for inclusion of the proposed project in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program.

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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER EDC MEETING  
HELD ON 05 MAY 2022 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

EDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORABLY ENDORSING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF LAKE  
LAMAO IN SAN FERNANDO, ROMBLON

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10816 or the Farm Tourism Development Act of 2016 promotes the development of farm tourism in the country as a catalyst for development;

WHEREAS, agriculture and tourism are the primary growth drivers of the MIMAROPA economy and its development can spur livelihood and employment opportunities to improve the local economy;

WHEREAS, the Municipal Government of San Fernando, Romblon, requested funding assistance from concerned agencies for the Development of Lake Lamao through Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 40 "Resolution respectfully request funding for the Development of Lake Lamao at Brgy. Azagra, San Fernando, Romblon";

WHEREAS, Lake Lamao is a seven hectare natural lake that offers tourism activities like fishing, boating, and bird watching;

WHEREAS, the development of Lake Lamao, which has an estimated cost of Php28.85 million, is aligned with the MIMAROPA Farm Tourism Strategic Action Plan (FTSAP) 2016-2022 and the updated MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) 2017-2022;

WHEREAS, the EDC recognizes the project's potential as a farm tourism destination which can boost Sibuyan Island's tourism activities and eventually contribute to the local economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to favorably endorse the proposed development of Lake Lamao in San Fernando, Romblon;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the proposed project be considered in the agency investment program of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Tourism (DOT), and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and be included in the MIMAROPA RDIP;

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this resolution be furnished to all concerned.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA JR.**  
EDC Secretary

**RODNE R. GALICHA**  
EDC Chairperson



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
Second Quarter Meeting  
May 05, 2022      Calapan City (Online)

**BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

**Subject: Proposed Projects of the Province of Marinduque**

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1. The Provincial Government of Marinduque submitted the following project proposals for inclusion in the MIMAROPA Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) and for consideration of some national government agencies in their FY 2023 agency investment programs as follows:

Project Title	Proposed Funding Requirement	Requested Funding Agency
Development of Ulong Baywalk/Construction of Seawall	Php86,850,000.00	DOT, TIEZA
Construction/Improvement of Daykitin Port in Buenavista	Php82,000,000.00	DOTr, DPWH
Construction/Improvement of Suha Port in Torrijos	Php63,000,000.00	DOTr, DPWH

2. The proposed projects are aligned with development vision of MIMAROPA and support with the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022.

3. Representative from the Provincial Government of Marinduque will present the details of the projects for review of the members and possible concurrence of DOT MIMAROPA, DOTr, DPWH MIMAROPA, and PFDA. Project evaluation report of the proposals was also prepared for consideration of the Committee.

4. Action requested: For EDC approval.

## PROJECT EVALUATION REPORT

PROJECT TITLE : Proposed Development of Ulong Baywalk / Construction of Seawall

PROPONENT : LGU Mogpog, Marinduque

DATE : April 27, 2022

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### Background

The municipality of Mogpog is the gateway to the province of Marinduque. The Ulan Bay or popularly known as Ulong Bay is strategically located in western part of the Municipality of Mogpog. Its proximity to Balanacan seaport, the major entry point in the province, makes it a very accessible alternative destination in the southern part of Luzon.

Mogpog is blessed with tourism assets which if developed will become one of the popular tourist attractions and will ultimately spur the economic activity in the area.

A proposal for the development of Ulong Baywalk/Beach was submitted by the Municipality of Mogpog, Marinduque to NEDA MIMAROPA requesting endorsement from the Regional Development Council (RDC) for inclusion of the project in the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) and in the agency investment program of the Department of Tourism (DOT) or Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA)

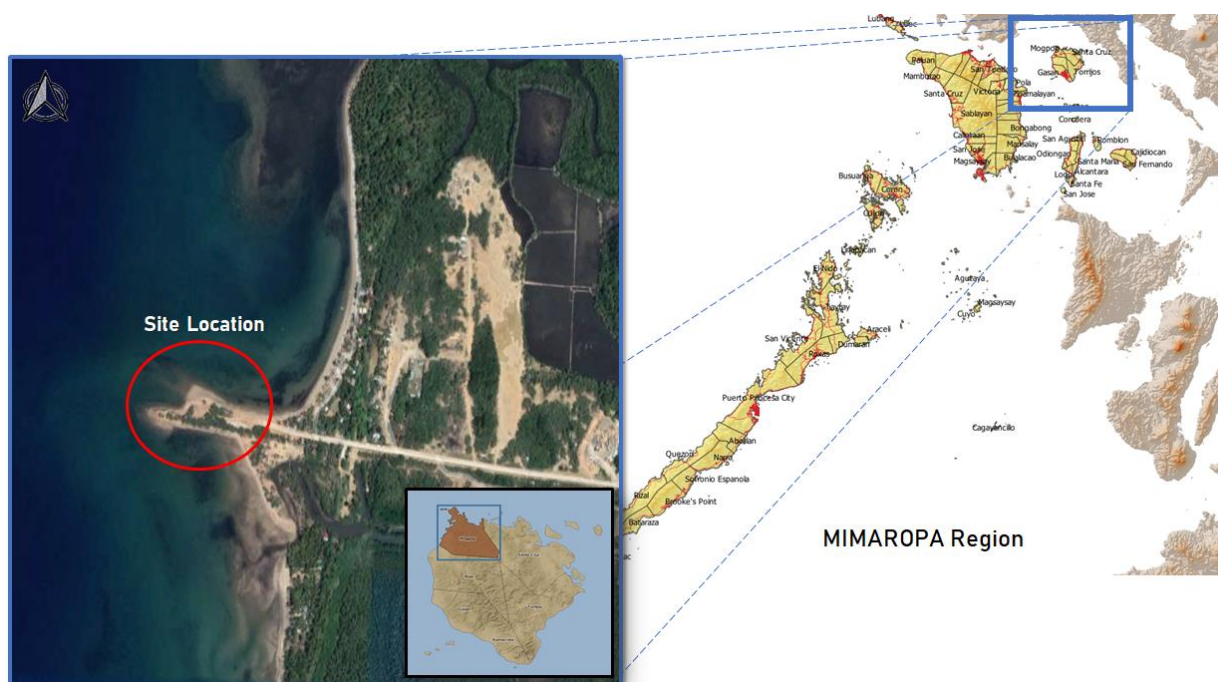
### Project Description

The project involves the construction of pavilions, walkway, jogger's lane and an open park overlooking the Mogpog islets facing westward towards Mindoro and Batangas

The development of Ulong Baywalk/Beach includes the construction of a seawall that will serve as a protection to the existing reclaimed area along Ulong Beach, where an open space, joggers' and bikers' lanes will be constructed alongside of the seawall to cater health enthusiasts of Mogpog. The development includes the establishment of an activity/event center, cottages that will serve as a venue to all SMEs affected by the pandemic, where they can put up food stalls within the area, and creating job opportunities for the local residents.

### Project Objectives

The main objective of the project is to develop a secure area for the establishment of a tourist attraction or facility in Mogpog, Marinduque which further aims to provide income and livelihood opportunities to the local residents.



### Project Cost and Funding:

Total cost of the project is Php 86 million including the construction of a seawall at Php 23.6 million. Proposed funding source is the DOT or TIEZA.

## Comments

1. The proposed project is aligned with the goals and objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022 under the Chapter 9: Expanding Economic Opportunities in Industry and Services through Trabaho at Negosyo.
2. The project adheres to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) specifically SDG No. 8 “Decent Work and Economic Growth”. The SDG aims to create opportunities for good and decent jobs and secure livelihoods, support inclusive and sustainable business practices, and promote better government policies and fair and accountable public institutions. (<https://www.sdgfund.org/goal-8-decent-work-and-economic-growth>).
3. The project proposal is included in the Provincial Development Investment Program 2017-2022 of the province of Marinduque.
6. The proposed project is included in the list of devolved programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) to the LGUs as a result of the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Cases. Expenditure Assignment Based on the Local Government Code of 1991 or Annex A of the National Budget Memorandum No. 138 provides that tourism development and promotion programs were devolved to the provinces while the tourism facilities and other tourist attraction, including the acquisition of

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3. The project proposal is included in the Provincial Development Investment Program 2017-2022 of the province of Marinduque.

6. The proposed project is included in the list of devolved programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) to the LGUs as a result of the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Cases. Expenditure Assignment Based on the Local Government Code of 1991 or Annex A of the National Budget Memorandum No. 138 provides that tourism development and promotion programs were devolved to the provinces while the tourism facilities and other tourist attraction, including the acquisition of

equipment, regulation and supervision of business concessions, and security services for such facilities were devolved to municipalities.

7. The project may need Environment Compliance Certificate (CCC) or Certificate of Non-Coverage (CNC).

**Recommendations:**

8. The Secretariat is recommending RDC endorsement of the proposed development of Ulong Baywalk/Beach at Mogpog, Marinduque for inclusion in the RDIP and agency investment program of the DOT and/or TIEZA subject to the submission of copy of endorsement from Sangguniang Panglalawigan or Provincial Development Council, concurrence of agency concerned, and RDC Project Profile (Revised DBM BP Form 202).

## PROJECT EVALUATION REPORT

PROJECT TITLE : (a) Construction/Improvement of Daykitin Port  
(b) Construction/Improvement of Suha Port

PROPONENT : Province of Marinduque

DATE : April 27, 2022

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### A. Project Background

The province of Marinduque submitted a list of projects to the Secretariat consisting of Construction/Improvement of Daykitin Port, located in Brgy. Daykitin, Buenavista and Construction/Improvement of Suha Port located in Brgy. Suha, Torrijos both in Marinduque. The province is requesting RDC endorsement of the projects to national government for funding in FY 2023.

The two ports serve as fish landing and market areas for the fishermen and local entrepreneurs in the area. Daykitin Port serves as the center of commerce and trade in the municipality of Buenavista while Suha Port is being utilized as venue for marketing/selling of agri/fishery products.

The proponent is seeking to improve the ports to accommodate the increasing number of fishing vessels/bancas docking in the area, provision of fish drying area, and enhancement of mobility people and goods. The Suha Port, in particular, can also be used as gateway to Salomagu Island.

### B. Project Objectives

The projects also aim to: a) create employment opportunities and livelihood activities for residents of the proposed areas; b) offer safe and efficient travel for people and goods; c) increase local and foreign tourist arrivals; d) improve access to tourist destinations; e) increase revenues of the LGUs concerned; and f) attract investors and developers. The following are the expected beneficiaries of the projects:

Project	Beneficiaries
a. Construction/Improvement of Daykitin Port in Buenavista, Marinduque	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A total of 3,408 residents living within the influence area</li><li>• The municipality of Buenavista as well as the entire province</li><li>• The marginalized members of society, local small entrepreneurs, farmers, fisher folks, and transport sector</li></ul>
b. Construction/Improvement of Suha Port in Torrijos, Marinduque	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A total of 1,920 residents living within the influence area</li><li>• The marginalized members of society, local small entrepreneurs, farmers, fisherfolk, women, tourism service providers, tourists, youth, investors, and developers will economically benefit from the project</li></ul>

### C. Project Outputs

Project	Outputs
a. Construction/Improvement of Daykitin Port in Buenavista, Marinduque	The target physical output of the project is an 18mx9m pier; a 30mx30m back-up area; an extension of causeway; and a shed.
b. Construction/Improvement of Suha Port in Torrijos, Marinduque	The target physical output of the project is a rock causeway pier with a back-up area; and the widening of causeway.

### D. Project Cost and Financing:

The estimated cost of construction/improvement of Daykitin Port is Php82 million and Php63 million for the construction/improvement of Suha Port. The proponent is proposing the projects for funding of the Department of Transportation (DOTr).

### E. Executing and Implementing Entity

The proponent mentioned the involvement of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), and the Provincial Government of Marinduque in implementation of the projects.

### F. Comments on the Proposal:

1. The project proposal is consistent with the ten point socioeconomic agenda of President Duterte especially in *increasing competitiveness and the ease of doing business*; and to *Promote rural and value chain development toward increasing agricultural and rural enterprise productivity and rural tourism*.
2. The projects support the goals and objectives of the MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan 2017-2022.
3. It was not mentioned if the projects are included in the approved Local Development Investment Plan (LDIP) for the period 2020-2022; the Local Tourism Development Plan (LTDP); Provincial Development and Physical Framework Plan (PDPFP); or Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP).
4. The proposed project was included in the list of devolved programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) to the LGUs as a result of the Supreme Court Ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia Cases. Expenditure Assignment based on the Local Government Code of 1991 or Annex B of the National Budget Memorandum No. 138 provides that improvement of local distribution channels were devolved to the municipalities.
5. The proposal should include a Project Implementation Schedule involving the proposed preparatory activities of the project including the roles and responsibilities of all involved entities.
6. The project should include GAD component in all the stages such as project identification, design, formulation, and implementation.

## **G. Recommendations**

The secretariat is recommending the endorsement of the two ports to Philippine Fisheries Development Authority – Department of Agriculture subject to submission of endorsement from *Sangguniang Panlalawigan* or Provincial Development Council, agency concurrence, and RDC Project Profile (Revised DBM BP Form 202).

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting  
05 May 2022 Calapan City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Support to the Buy Local Advocacy campaign

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1. Republic Act (RA) No. 6977, as amended by RA 8289 and further amended by RA 9501, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) declared the policy of the State to promote, support, strengthen, and encourage the growth and development of MSMEs in all productive sectors of the economy, particularly rural/ agri-based enterprises.
2. MSMEs, which made up 99.5 percent of all businesses in the country and generated 62.4 percent of total employment, are the backbone of the Philippine economy but majority were forced to shut down temporarily or reduced its workforce due COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Piloted in Region 2, the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) launched Buy Local Advocacy, a nationwide campaign which aimed at creating opportunities to help the MSMEs recover from the COVID-19 crisis through buying and consuming fresh produce and goods manufactured in the region.
4. The adoption of the Buy Local Advocacy campaign as a recovery strategy to assist MSMEs is aligned with MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) in expanding economic opportunities in industry and services through *Trabaho at Negosyo*.
5. To assist the MSMEs in their recovery, DTI MIMAROPA is pushing both for the local and national governments to procure local goods and services produced by MSMEs in the region wherein as provided in Section 4 of Republic Act 9501 “eligible MSMEs shall be entitled to a share of at least ten percent of the total procurement value of goods and services supplied to the Government, its bureaus, offices, and agencies annually.”
6. DTI MIMAROPA is requesting the RDC to support the Buy Local Advocacy campaign the agency regional offices, local government units, state universities and colleges, and other stakeholders to support the Buy Local Advocacy campaign through adopting an ordinance and policy in their respective offices and jurisdictions.
7. A representative from the DTI MIMAROPA will present the details of the Buy Local Advocacy campaign to the EDC.
8. Action requested: EDC recommendation to RDC to support the Buy Local Advocacy campaign and urging the local government units, agency regional offices, state universities and colleges and other government instrumentalities to adopt an ordinance or policy on the Buy Local Advocacy.



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**REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**  
MIMAROPA Region Calapan City

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER EDC MEETING  
HELD ON 05 MAY 2022 THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING

EDC Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

FAVORABLY RECOMMENDING MIMAROPA RDC TO SUPPORT  
BUY THE LOCAL ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN OF DTI MIMAROPA

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9501, otherwise known as the Magna Carta for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) declared the policy of the State to promote, support, strengthen and encourage the growth and development of MSMEs in all productive sectors of the economy, particularly rural/ agri-based enterprises;

WHEREAS, MSMEs, which made up 99.5 percent of all businesses in the country and generated 62.4 percent of total employment, are the backbone of the Philippine economy but majority were forced to shut down temporarily or reduced its workforce due COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) launched Buy Local Advocacy, a nationwide campaign which aimed at creating opportunities to help the MSMEs recover from the COVID-19 crisis through buying and consuming fresh produce, goods, and services produced by MSMEs in the region;

WHEREAS, adoption of the Buy Local Advocacy campaign as a recovery strategy to help MSMEs is aligned with MIMAROPA Regional Development Plan (RDP) in expanding economic opportunities in industry and services through *Trabaho at Negosyo*;

WHEREAS, to assist the MSMEs in their recovery, DTI MIMAROPA is pushing both for the local and national governments to procure local goods and services produced by MSMEs in the region wherein as provided in Section 4 of Republic Act No. 9501 “eligible MSMEs shall be entitled to a share of at least ten percent of the total procurement value of goods and services supplied to the Government, its bureaus, offices, and agencies annually;”

WHEREAS, DTI MIMAROPA is requesting support from the RDC on the Buy Local Advocacy campaign and enjoining the local government units, agency regional offices, state universities and colleges, and other government instrumentalities to adopt an ordinance or policy on the Buy Local Advocacy in their respective offices and jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the EDC recognizes the significance of the Buy Local Advocacy campaign as a recovery strategy to aid MSMEs to bounce back and create more livelihood opportunities and employment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to favorably recommend MIMAROPA RDC to support the Buy Local Advocacy campaign of DTI MIMAROPA.

RESOLVED FURTHER, to enjoin all local government units to formulate local ordinance on Buy Local Advocacy and all regional offices, state universities and colleges, and all government instrumentalities to adopt office order or policy on the same.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

ATTESTED:

**BERNARDINO A. ATIENZA JR.**  
EDC Secretary

**RODNE R. GALICHA**  
EDC Chairperson

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarterly Meeting  
May 05, 2022 Calapan (online)

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Digital marketing under the Philippine Rural Development Project

1. The Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) is a six-year national project that aims to establish a modern, value chain-oriented, and climate-resilient agriculture and fisheries sector entrepreneurial activities.
2. In partnership with local government units (LGUs) and the private sector, the PRDP provides key infrastructure, facilities, technology, and information campaign to raise incomes, productivity, and competitiveness in targeted areas.
3. During the fourth quarter meeting of the MIMAROPA Regional Project Monitoring Committee conducted on 16 November 2021, Director Agustin C. Mendoza of NEDA MIMAROPA requested DA MIMAROPA to include interventions in digital marketing in their PRDP activities.
4. Trainings on digital marketing are being provided by DA for the PRDP target beneficiaries. Such trainings aim to: a) increase awareness and appreciation of the benefits of digital marketing; b) assist proponent groups in identifying appropriate digital marketing strategies for their products and services by crafting their customized digital marketing plans; and c) identify different digital marketing platforms and organizations that the proponent groups could work with in the future.
5. A representative from DA MIMAROPA will provide updates on the inclusion of digital marketing in the PRDP.
6. Action requested: For information.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarterly Meeting  
May 05, 2022      Calapan (online)

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Updates on the Palm Oil Industry in Palawan

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1. During the first quarter EDC meeting conducted on 22 February 2022, EDC Chairperson Rodne R. Galicha requested the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) MIMAROPA to provide updates on the palm oil industry in Palawan during the second quarter EDC meeting.
2. According to the Palm Oil Industry Roadmap 2014-2023, potential palm oil production areas in the country include: Regions IX, X, XI, XIII, MIMAROPA, and ARMM. In 2020, the production of palm oil in Palawan increased by eight percent from 22,808 metric tons (MT) in 2019 to 24,631 MT in 2020. It contributed five percent to the total palm oil production in the Philippines.
3. Some issues encountered in developing the production areas in the said regions include: a) implementation of Executive Order No. 23 that prohibits large scale agricultural plantation development considering that the covered areas are classified as timberland and forestland; and b) complexity in the acquisition of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) if there are indigenous communities.
4. A representative from PCA MIMAROPA will provide updates on the palm oil industry in Palawan.
5. Action requested: For information.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting  
May 05, 2022 Calapan City

### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Updates on the EDC endorsed plans, programs, and projects

1. To assist the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the performance of its functions, the following sectoral committees were created: development administration committee (DAC), economic development committee (EDC), infrastructure development committee (IDC), and social development committee (SDC). The sectoral committees shall perform functions analogous to and supportive of the functions of the RDC.

2. The Economic Development Committee (EDC) meets quarterly to discuss, review, recommend, or endorse matters related to: a) agriculture and fisheries; b) agrarian reform; c) trade, industry, and services; d) science and technology, and e) environment and natural resources.

3. One of the committee's identified activities for CY 2022 is the monitoring of RDC-endorsed projects. Among the programs, projects, and plans endorsed by the EDC to the RDC were: a) Philippine Rural Development Program, b) Solar-Powered Fertigation Project, c) Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency Project, d) Sustainable Tourism Development Project, and d) Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan.

4. The following agencies were requested to present the updates on the corresponding topics during the 2nd quarter EDC meeting for the information of the members:

Agency	Topics
DA MIMAROPA	Philippine Rural Development Program Solar Powered Fertigation Project
BFAR MIMAROPA	Fisheries and Coastal Resiliency Project
DOT MIMAROPA	Sustainable Tourism Development Project
PCA	Coconut Farmers and Industry Development Plan

6. Action requested: For information.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Second Quarter Meeting

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### **BRIEF FROM THE EDC SECRETARIAT**

Subject: Updates on the Water Quality Management Areas (WQMAs) in MIMAROPA Region

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1. Section 5 of the Republic Act (RA) No. 9275 or the Philippine Clean Water Act of 2004 mandated the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) in coordination with the National Water Resources Board to designate certain water bodies as water quality management area (WQMA) using appropriate physiographic units such as watershed, river basins or water resources regions.
2. The objective of the WQMA is to protect, through stakeholders collaboration, the designated water body and its tributaries by keeping their water quality within the Water Quality Guidelines or Criteria conforming to the water body's classification or even improve the current water quality to higher classification. A WQMA action plan shall be prepared to address water quality issues and problems of the respective water body.
3. Currently, the MIMAROPA region has four designated WQMAs namely: (1) Bacuit Bay in El Nido, Palawan; (2) Calapan River in Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro; (3) Coron Bay in Coron, Palawan; and (4) Sabang Bay in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro. Each WQMA has a governing board chaired by the EMB Regional Director and composed of representatives of mayors and governors of member LGUs, representatives of relevant national government agencies, non-governmental organization, water utility sector and business sector.
4. The status of the WQMA action plans, issues, concerns, and other significant updates will be presented by EMB MIMAROPA.
5. Action requested: For information.