

**Minutes of the 88<sup>th</sup> TPAMB Meeting**

Zoom Conference, ID No. 833 6127 9837  
23 February 2022

**1. Call to Order.** Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS representative was elected to preside over the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 2:59PM

Present:

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| 1. Atty. Teodoro Jose S. Matta, PCSDS                      | Presiding Officer |
| 2. PENRO Felizardo Cayatoc, DENR                           | Member            |
| 3. Atty. Vicente V. Escala, Office of the Gov              | Member            |
| 4. Hon. Sergio S. Tapalla, LGU-Cagayancillo                | Member            |
| 5. Mr. John Sebastian B. Fabello, 2 <sup>nd</sup> District | Member            |
| 6. Ms. Marilyn Cruz, Committee on Appropriations           | Member            |
| 7. Dr. Ramon P. Docto, Palawan State University            | Member            |
| 8. Dr. Roger Dolorosa, Western Philippines University      | Member            |
| 9. Ms. Agnes Acosta- Magdaug, 3 <sup>rd</sup> District     | Member            |
| 10. Ms. Rowena M. Sorioso, PCSSD-DOT                       | Member            |
| 11. Ms. Marivel Dygico, WWF-Phils                          | Member            |
| 12. Mr. Mario Basaya, BFAR                                 | Member            |
| 13. SB Jerry Buncag, ENR Comm, Cagayancillo                | Member            |
| 14. RADM Alberto B Carlos, Western Command                 | Member            |
| 15. Ptr. Jehu Cayaon, Tambuli ta mga Kagayanen             | Member            |
| 16. Mr. Rommel L. Carbonell, Saguda                        | Member            |
| 17. Mr. Enrique Nunez, CI-Phils                            | Member            |

Absent:

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| 1. Hon. Franz Josef George E. Alvarez, 1 <sup>st</sup> District | Member |
| 2. Mr. Albert G. Rama, ENR Comm, Province                       | Member |
| 3. Commo Donn Anthony L Miraflor PN                             | Member |
| 4. Commo Angel Z Viliran, CGD-Pal                               | Member |

Guest:

1. Dr. Ronald Ona, Palawan State University
2. Atty. Adelina B. Villena, PCSDS
3. Capt Brendo Casaclang, NFW
4. CG ENS Jemar A Talingting, CGD-Pal
5. CG PO1 John H. Alarcon, CGD-Pal
6. Marjorie Ortega DENR - PENRO

**2. Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting/Matters Arising Out of the Minutes.** The minutes of the previous meeting was shared onscreen for reference. The Board reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes. The highlights of the previous meeting and actions taken were reported as follows:

Highlights/Major Concern	Action Taken
2021 Operational Report	Video version presented
TMO 2022 Work and Financial Plan and APP	Approved
PASu 2022 Contract	Approved
TRNP Contingency Plan	Final report and approved plan submitted to UNESCO-Jakarta on 11 Jan 2022. Final tranche (US\$3000) received
TRNP Financial Plan	Incorporated in the draft General Management Plan for 2022-2031

Hope Spot Endorsement	Deferred for review; Agreement sent to Executive Committee on 27 January 2021
Increase in Enforcement Incentive of Marine Park Rangers	Released to the apprehending team
Commendation of CG Commander Severino Destura	Sent to CG CDR Destura on 21 February 2022

### 3. Agenda

**3.1 Hope Spot Designation.** Tubbataha was nominated by WWF-Philippines for Hope Spot status. The application was approved, and a Champion Agreement from Mission Blue (organizers of Hope Spot) was received, requiring the signature of the PASu. The PASu is requesting for authority to sign the agreement.

The subject matter was discussed during the Executive Committee meeting in January and was deferred to allow the members to study the provisions of the Agreement. TMO consulted its legal consultant and was advised that, on the use of TRNP social media content, it should be provided that Mission Blue needs to ask permission every time TRNP content will be used.

On the provision on “Right to Publicity Release’, the phrase ‘perpetual and irrevocable right and permission to use the content’ is contentious. The PASu said she will ask Mission Blue if this provision could be revised.

The Chairman suggested that out of abundance of caution, the approval of granting authority to the PASu to sign the Agreement be deferred subject to comments from Atty. Adelina B. Villena and Atty. Vicente V. Escala on the legality of the matter. The Executive Committee was tasked to review and decide on the matter.

**3.2 PSFI MOA Signatory.** The PSFI will support TMO by providing a grant of Php2M in 2022 to fund enforcement, research, and conservation awareness campaign. PSFI and TMO needs to enter into a MOA to formalize the partnership.

The Executive Committee, in Resolution No. 22-133, ‘Authorizing the Protected Area Superintendent to Enter into Memorandum of Agreement with Pilipinas Shell Foundation, Inc. (PSFI)’ authorized the PASu to sing the MOA, subject to the ratification of the TPAMB. The Board ratified the resolution.

**3.3 TRNP Trust Fund Signatory.** PENRO Eriberto Sanos, who was one of the signatories to the TRNP Trust Fund, was replaced by PENRO Felizardo B. Cayatoc. The PASu requested for a change in signatory and presented TPAMB Resolution No. 22-03, ‘Replacing PENRO ERIBERTO SAÑOS and Designating PENRO FELIZARDO B. CAYATOC as Signatory to the TRNP Trust Fund Accounts.”

The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

**3.4 LAMAVE Research.** LAMAVE is proposing a continuation of their research on elasmobranch and marine turtles in TRNP. The NGO requests permission to collect tissue samples for DNA testing to determine connectivity and an endorsement to PCSDS for the issuance of a transport permit.

The Resolution was approved by the Board.

**3.5 Gratuity Pay to TMO Staff for 2021.** The PASu presented TPAMB draft Resolution No. 22-05, ‘Approving the Granting of Gratuity Pay for 2021 to TMO Staff’ which was based on Administrative Order No. 46, series of 2021, signed by Hon. Rodrigo R. Duterte on the 29th of December 2021. The Order grants gratuity pay to contract of service and job order

workers in government that rendered more than four months' satisfactory performance as of 15 December 2021 and whose contracts are still effective of the same date in pro-rata basis;

The resolution was approved subject to the inclusion of the clause: 'subject to the observance of accounting and financial procedures'.

#### **4. Other Matters.**

**4.1. 2022 Diving Season.** PASu Songco informed the Board that there will be a dive season this year. Six (6) dive operators already applied for permits to operate and three more signified their intent to operate this dive season.

**4.2. MPIF MOA Signing Schedule.** The schedule for the MOA signing of the Metro Pacific Investments Foundation and the TPAMB was 10 March 2022 at 3 pm. The Board is invited to join the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 pm

Prepared by:

**ANGELIQUE M. SONGCO**  
Secretary

Attested by:

**ATTY. TEODORO JOSE S. MATTA**  
Presiding Officer