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cc: Armida Andres, Division Chief, Coastal and Marine Division

Dear Director Bernardino,

Warm Greetings from CI Philippines!

In October 2019, the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), organized the National Mangrove Summit, in partnership with Conservation International Philippines and Forest Foundation. A draft National Mangrove Roadmap was developed during the Mangrove Summit and is part of the Summit proceedings. A follow-up meeting initiated with key government agencies, civil society organizations and academic institutions who participated in the last Summit such BMB, ERDB, BFAR, FMB, NFR, GIZ, CCC and University of the Philippines in February 2020. Another meeting to finalize the roadmap were scheduled in March 2020 but this did not materialize because of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

We would like to work with BMB to complete the National Mangrove Roadmap through a workshop in June 2022. The National Mangrove Roadmap can be used as the harmonizing framework for mangrove conservation and management towards the 2030 targets or beyond. We recognize as a partner of government that the Roadmap must be owned and championed by the DENR, DA-BFAR and DILG. It should also comprehensively and coherently address the issues identified in the National Mangrove Summit in 2019 and other previous dialogues.

As we have mentioned during the meeting with BMB in April 2022, Conservation International Philippines has funds to cover some of the costs of the Mangrove Roadmapping Workshop such as costs for meals workshops, venue, hotel accommodation, etc. The proposed plan was to invite key individuals from the DENR regional offices who participated in the National Mangrove Summit along with key representatives from relevant government agencies such BMB, FMB, ERDB, NAMRIA and BFAR. In this regard, may we respectfully request BMB's assistance to invite prospective participants from the DENR regional offices. Additionally, may we also request funding assistance for the flights and transportation costs of the prospective DENR participants. The target date of the workshop is 16-17 June 2022.

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We look forward to your favorable response and working with BMB on this endeavor. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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