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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The PENRO**
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FROM : **The OIC Director**

SUBJECT : **TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM GAA FOR THE PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTER**

This refers to the supposed transfer of **PhP1M** funds to PENRO Palawan intended to support the operation of the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (PWRCC), particularly on the foods/feeds for animals maintained at the Center based on the approved Work and Financial Plan for PWRCC covering the 3rd and 4th Quarter of CY 2022.

The transfer of funds through the issuance of Sub-Allotment Advice (SAA) is no longer allowed as per the approved DENR Administrative Order 2022-14 (Manual of Authorities on Financial Matters) dated 17 June 2022. The Bureau was ready to transfer the funds to PENRO Palawan through a funding check as early as August 2022, however, PENRO has no MDS trust account then to accommodate such fund transfer. Since then, our staff at the Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) and our Budget Officer have been continuously coordinating and following up with the concerned staff of your Office regarding your request for an MDS trust account to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

In the course of our consistent follow up, we received information sometime in October 2022 on the challenges and timeline of opening an MDS account from your Office. Right after receiving such information, the WRD considered the realignment of funds taking into consideration of the impending consequence it may bring to the Bureau vis-a-vis failure to allocate the subject amount given the remaining months. The latest verbal communication was made by the WRD Division Chief last 8 November 2022 wherein she was informed that the newly created MDS account of PENRO Palawan is yet to be opened anytime on said week. This made this Office hesitant to a full download of the PhP1M due to the remaining months left and considering the process of requesting the issuance of the checkbook that will also entail another few more weeks.

Apart from this, it is the predicament of the Bureau to meet the requirement that downloaded funds **must be obligated/utilized by the end of December 2022**. This would be another hurdle for the PENRO to meet the disbursement of the funds on time.

In this regard and as much as the Bureau wanted to transfer the PhP1M for the PWRCC operation, given the only remaining months of the year left and to avoid the impending consequence of BMB and PENRO on financial audit, this Office will only transfer the funds for the food/feeds of the crocodiles and other captive wildlife species at the Center, covering the months of November and December of 2022 in the amount of PhP329,644.00 per approved WFP. The remaining amount of the PhP1M will be utilized/reallocated to an equally important concern of the Bureau, which is the food/feed for the animals maintained in our Wildlife Rescue Center.

Should you already obtain the PENRO's new MDS account, kindly inform this Office the soonest time possible to facilitate the transfer of funds **amounting to PhP329,644.00 intended for the food/feeds of the crocodiles and other captive wildlife species at the PWRCC for November to December 2022.**

For information and consideration.


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