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MEMORANDUM

TO : **The Regional Executive Directors**
DENR Regions III, MIMAROPA and XIII

FROM : **The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs**

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC) MEETING FOR THE SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY, OCEANS AND LANDSCAPES (SIBOL) PROJECT ON 26 OCTOBER 2022 IN A VENUE IN METRO MANILA**

Pursuant to DENR Special Order No. 2021-664 creating the Project Steering Committee (PSC), Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (ITWG), National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU), and Regional Project Management Committee (RPMC) for the Philippines Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes (SIBOL) Project, please be informed that PSC will have its first meeting on **26 October 2022, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM in a venue to be determined in Metro Manila.**

The said Meeting aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. Orient the PSC members on the Project objectives and its components;
2. Present the Project's accomplishments and target activities for the Year 3 (October 2022-September 2023) for the PSC's endorsement to the USAID; and,
3. Orient the PSC members on their functions relative to the implementation of the Project.

As you may know, SIBOL Project is a five-year project being implemented in partnership with the DENR, BFAR and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development, along with the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and its consortium partners namely Resources, Environment and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS), Center for Conservation Innovations (CCI), Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP), and Zoological Society of London (ZSL). It aims to improve natural resources governance, sustainably manage natural resources, and reduce environmental crimes by promoting positive environmental behavior. It has field offices in Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS) in Surigao del Norte; Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL), the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) and the Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat (CNCH) in Palawan; and Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape (MOBPLS) in Zambales.

In view of the above and as members of the PSC, may we request your participation in the said Meeting. For confirmation of your attendance and other concerns, the NPCU, through Ms. Alexa Jeanne Lasch (from the USAID-SIBOL) and Ms. Frances Brillo (from the BMB) will be coordinating with your Office.

For information.

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