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Regional Executive Director
Regional Office 4B (MIMAROPA)
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DENR by the Bay Bldg., Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila

Dear **Director Claudio**,

As part of our support for sustainable livelihoods for indigenous peoples in Southern Palawan under the *Community, Conservation, and Natural Climate Solutions (CCNCS): Mantalingahan Landscape Conservation Project*, Conservation International - Philippines (CIP) will be holding a **Policy Dialogue on the Collection and Trade of Almaciga Resin in Palawan** on **November 9, 2022** in **Puerto Princesa City**. The dialogue will discuss the current policy framework covering the collection, transport, and trade of almaciga, particularly the DENR's DAO No. 23, Series of 2021 (Guidelines on the collection of gums, resins, and oils) and PCSD Resolutions 04-233, 99-147 (zoning on Tribal Ancestral Lands and guidelines on almaciga tapping in core zones) and related regulations.

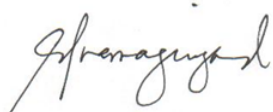
This dialogue seeks to provide a venue for indigenous communities and the policy makers to discuss current frameworks on almaciga tapping and to explore proposals to allow for sustainable almaciga tapping in traditional gathering areas that have been impacted by current guidelines. The participation of staff from the DENR MIMAROPA will be very important particularly on the possible issuance of revised guidelines on almaciga tapping within the Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape and the Province of Palawan. For more details, please see the attached activity design.

CIP will cover the airfare and overnight accommodations of the DENR MIMAROPA staff who will be attending on November 8 – 9, 2022. We will be communicating with the designated staff once we have finalized the venue.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Policy and Governance Adviser, **Edward Lorenzo** at **09088984750** or you may email him at elorenzo@conservation.org.

We look forward your favorable response to our request.

Sincerely yours,



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