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LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director MIMAROPA Regional Office Department of Environment and Natural Resources Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

Dear Director Claudio.

For the past several months, the *Community, Conservation and Natural Climate Solutions* (CCNCS): Mantalingahan Landscape Conservation Project has established partnerships with government and non-government stakeholders in the project sites, finalized its workplan, and secured the Free, Prior and Informed Consent of seven ancestral domains and the endorsements of local government approval in non-tenured areas. We are still in the process of completing technical studies on the community, restoration, protection, and biodiversity components, among others.

As part of our continuing engagement with the Forest Management Bureau, we would like to update you with details of our progress and discuss ways and means of working together in this project. Conservation International is requesting for a **two and a half (2½) hour meeting** at your convenience on **October 12** or **13, 2022**. We hope to discuss with your office and technical staff our final sites and workplan, as well as provide updates on our activities.

For any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our National Coordinator, **Ms. Paula Vila** at **0968 8634467** or email her at <u>pvila@conservation.org</u>.

We look forward to meeting you and your team to discuss this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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