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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Regional Executive Director
Regions I, IV-A, IV-B, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XIII

FROM : The Assistant Secretary
Policy, Planning and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE ORIENTATION AND LEVELLING- OFF WORKSHOP FOR THE ABANDONED, UNDEVELOPED AND UNDERUTILIZED FISHPONDS (AUU) IN RELATION TO FISHPOND LEASE AGREEMENT (FLA)**

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Identified participants should register at this link: **https://tinyurl.com/AUU101-Participants** to facilitate the crafting of the DENR Special Order. We appreciate receiving your responses **on or before 03 October 2022**.

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Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscapes Project

AUUF 101 TRAINING AND WORKSHOP
Iloilo City, October 17-21, 2022

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Date/Time	Activity	Topic	Person In-Charge
October 17, 2022 (Day 1)			
0800-1200	Arrival, registration and billeting		SIBOL, NTWG Secretariat
1200-1300	Lunch/Rest		
1300-1315	Preliminaries		Facilitator
1315-1330	Welcome Remarks		PPFAP
1330-1430	The Perspectives	• **Rationale and Training/ Workshop Overview** • **Background (NCI Convergence, Consultations)** • **DENR's Initiatives on AUUF Reversion (which led to the creation of the TWG)**	PSD as Chair
1430-130	**Lecture 1**	**Brackishwater Fishponds Aquaculture System, FLA and other tenurial instruments** **What is an AUUF**	RP to be identified *Ms. Mary Anne of BFAR, or any representatives from BFAR
1530-1540	Health Break		
15400-1630	Continuation	**Brackishwater Fishponds Aquaculture System, FLA and other tenurial instruments** **What is an AUUF**	RP to be identified *Ms. Mary Anne of BFAR, or any representatives from BFAR
1630 - 1645	Q & A		
1645-1700	Orientation	Briefing on Field Visit to Leganes and Dumangas: - Departure, Health safety - Van assignment	NWTG Secretariat

		- Food arrangement - Assignment: Insights	
1700-1830	Announcements/Break		
1830-1930	Welcome Dinner	Fellowship time	NTWG Secretariat
October 18, 2022 (Day 2)			
0700-0730	Breakfast		
0730-0800	Travel to Leganes	Group 1	
0800-1000	Orientation and Ocular Visit to Leganes Integrated Katunggan Ecopark	**From Vanishing to Flourishing**: The Pioneering Case of Leganes AUUF Reversion to a Mangrove Ecopark	**Vicente P. Jaen II** Mayor, Leganes **Wilson Batislaon** MENRO, Leganes
1000-1045	Travel to Dumangas	***Drop by Ermita Pagatpat plantation***	
1045-1200	Dialogue with MLGU; ocular visit to AUUFs	**A Vision: Transforming AUUF to Community- managed mangrove conservation**	**Braeden John Q. Biron** Mayor, Dumangas **Ronaldo B. Golez** Vice Mayor **Ms. Flosel Almirante** MENRO, Dumangas
1200-1300	Lunch		
1300-1330	Travel back to Iloilo		
1330-1430	**Processing**	**Learnings and Insights**	**Facilitator**
1430-1600	**Lecture 3**	**Philippine Mangroves: From Maynilad Plantations to Abandoned Pond Reversion Process, Guidelines**	**Dr. Jurgenne Primavera**, Chief Mangrove Scientific Adviser, ZSL
1600-1630	Open Forum		Resource Speaker
1630-1800	**Lecture 4**	**Mapping and Validation of AUUs and Probable Intrusions into Coastal Greenbelt**	**FMB** and **Wilfredo Yap,** Fishpond Consultant, ZSL
1800-1830	Open Forum		Resource Speaker
1830-1845		Reminders and announcements	
1845-1945	Dinner		
October 19, 2022 (Day 3)			
0800-0830	Recap of Days 1 & 2	Learning and insights	Facilitator

0830-1030	**Lecture 5**	**Laws and Policies Governing Abandoned, Underutilized and Unproductive Fishponds (AUUF)**	**Atty. Cheryl Rose Librero**, DENR Legal Counsel
1030-1100	Open Forum		Resource Speaker
1100-1200	**Presentation**	**Summary presentation of Status of AUUFs per Region**	**DENR Region Representative**
1200-1300	Lunch		
1300-1400	**Feedbacking**	**Summary Matrix of the Regional Presentations**	**NTWG Secretariat**
	Presentation	Presentation of the Draft DAO on AUU Reversion -for group's comments and recommendations	SIBOL
1845-1945	Dinner		
October 20, 2022 (Day 4)			
0800-0830	Recap of Day 3	Learning and insights	Facilitator
0830-1200	Continuation	**Presentation of the Draft DAO on AUU Reversion** *-for group's comments and recommendations*	**SIBOL and NTWG**
1200-1300	Lunch		
1400-1700	Workshop	**Action Planning**	**SIBOL and NTWG**
October 21, 2022 (Day 5)			
0800-0830	Recap of Day 4	Learning and insights	Facilitator
0830-1000	**Guidance**	**Ways forward**	**Facilitator**
1000-1100	Closing	Closing program: **Inspirational message** **Responses** **Photo-ops**	NTWG Secretariat **Ernie Guiang** COP, SIBOL **NTWG Chair** **RTWG Chair** **SIBOL**
1100-1200	Check-out		
1200-1300	Lunch		
1300-1700	Travel back to base		

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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 2021- 274

SUBJECT: **CREATION OF THE DENR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE REVERSION OF THE ABANDONED, UNDEVELOPED AND UNDERUTILIZED (AUU) FISHPONDS AND OTHER RELATED MANGROVE CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION POLICIES**

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A. National TWG

CHAIR : **The Assistant Secretary**
Policy, Planning and Foreign- Assisted Projects

ALTERNATE: **The Director**
Policy and Planning Service

MEMBERS :
Deputy Administrator, National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
The Director, Legal Affairs Service
The Director, Forest Management Bureau
The Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau
The Director, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

The Director, Land Management Bureau
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

B. Regional TWG

CHAIR : The Regional Executive Director

ALTERNATE: The Assistant Regional Director, Technical Services

MEMBERS : Division Chief, Conservation and Development Division
Division Chief, Survey and Mapping Division
Division Chief, License, Patents and Deeds Division
The PENR Officer
The CENR Officer

C. National Secretariat

CHAIR	:	Chief, Policy Studies Division Policy and Planning Service, DENR
MEMBERS	:	Division Chief, Forest Resource Conservation Division Forest Management Bureau
		Division Chief, Coastal and Marine Division Biodiversity Management Bureau
		Division Chief, Coastal Zone and Freshwater Ecosystems Research Division Ecosystems Research and Development Division
		Chief Physiography and Coastal Resource Division National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
		Division Chief, Land Management Division Land Management Bureau

Roles and Responsibilities of the National TWG:

1. Prepare and consolidate DENR's position with regards to AUU fishponds based on existing policies;
2. Consolidate maps from old Land Classification Office and NAMRIA pertaining to forestlands turned over to DA-BFAR for purposes of fishpond development/Fishpond Lease Agreements (FLA);
3. Consolidate list of AUU FLAs for five (5) years from date of approval of the lease of contract from DA-BFAR officially turned over to DENR;
4. Create a common GIS database to serve as repository of all information pertaining to AUU and other mangrove areas, and upload the same in the DENR Geo-Portal for ease of access;
5. Provide guidance to the Regions in the validation/verification of cancelled AUU FLAs and other areas turned-over to BFAR for such purposes;
6. Intensify coordination efforts between DA-BFAR and DENR on fishponds with FLAs and NGP areas;
7. Prepare the action plan for the reversion process and the resolution of issues/ concerns; and
8. Recommend appropriate policies.

Roles and responsibilities of the Regional TWG:

1. Provide existing data holdings of the DENR Region on AUU to the GIS database created by the National TWG;
2. Conduct validation/verification of cancelled and abandoned areas covered by FLAs based on guidance of the NTWG;
3. Recommend priority AUU areas for reversion to forestland;
4. Intensify coordination efforts between BFAR Regional and Provincial Fisheries Offices and DENR Regional and Field Offices on fishponds with FLAs and NGP areas; and
5. Perform other functions as may be required.

Roles and responsibilities of the National Secretariat:

1. Coordinate meetings, prepare correspondences and keep record of minutes of meetings and reports on the work of the TWG;
2. Perform secretariat functions during the TWG meetings;
3. Assist in the coordination with and between the IATWG and other partners for the timely accomplishment of the TWG targets;
4. Monitor the progress and accomplishments of the TWG as well as the implementation of the activities as agreed during the IATWG meetings;
5. Assist in the inclusion of the target activities and corresponding financial requirements to the Work and Financial Plan of the Department; and
6. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the TWG Chairperson and/or higher authorities.

Both the national and regional TWG may invite representative/s from the academe and/or Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) during consultation meetings and validation activities. The same shall also represent DENR in the IATWG created under NCI-SRD Resolution No. 06 Series of 2020.

All expenses to be incurred in line with the implementation of this Order shall be charged against each respective office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

ATTY. ERNESTO D. ADOBO, JR. ***CESO I***
Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources, and Legislative Affairs

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ANNEX B. TARGET PENR OFFICES TO ATTEND THE AUU 101 WORKSHOP

REGION I
PENRO Pangasinan
REGION IV-A CALABARZON
PENRO Quezon
REGION IV- B MIMAROPA
PENRO Mindoro Occidental
PENRO Palawan
REGION V
PENRO Masbate
PENRO Camarines Norte
PENRO Camarines Sur
PENRO Sorsogon
REGION VI
PENRO Iloilo
PENRO Aklan
PENRO Negros Occidental
PENRO Capiz

REGION VII
PENRO Bohol
PENRO Cebu
REGION VIII
PENRO Western Samar
PENRO Leyte
PENRO Northern Samar
REGION IX
PENRO Zamboanga del Sur
PENRO Zamboanga City
REGION X
PENRO Lanao del Norte
REGION XIII
PENRO Surigao del Sur
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