



September 6, 2022

**LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO**

Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA

Attention:

**KRYSTAL T. VILLANADA**

Protected Area Superintendent

Dear Director Claudio,

A conservation day to you!

Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (MBCFI) is a non-stock, non-profit organization that conserves the environment, biodiversity, and natural resources in Mindoro Island, Philippines. The organization continues to promote greater awareness and concern for Mindoro's environment through improved information campaigns, capacity building, empowering communities, and enjoining them in formulating and implementing responsive policies for effective resource management and conservation.

MBCFI has conducted about 40 scientific researches since 2008 with more than 50 new species records out of it. Assisted more than 14 PO from local communities, which helped in planting more than 150,000 seedlings covering 129 hectares in priority sites of MBCFI in Mindoro. These milestones will not be possible without our partnership with relevant stakeholders, communities, and especially with the DENR. MBCFI and the DENR-MIMAROPA has forged a memorandum of agreement in 2013 for biodiversity conservation in Mindoro.

In line with our goals to continue our mission in conserving Mindoro's diverse but threatened biodiversity, and heightened enthusiasm to achieve more milestones such as stated above, MBCFI envisioned that our priority thrust would be effectively achieved through the establishment of the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center (MBCC). One of the objectives of the MBCC is to provide space for biodiversity collection (preserved specimens from Mindoro). These specimens will be housed in the natural history museum of the center. Together with paintings, drawings, photographs, other art, and exhibits regarding biodiversity.



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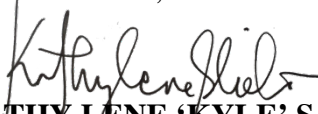


Apo Reef Natural Park is one of our priority areas and where we would like to get our collections. Collections do not have to be new or live specimens but also derivatives (bones, seeds, feathers, etc.) that are possibly available on the island already. And thus, we would like to request your approval for the said collections. We would like to present our museum storyline to the PAMB and, hopefully, be included in the next Regular PAMB meeting agenda as “MBCFI Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center update and to secure a resolution allowing MBCFI to collect specimens based on our GP.”

Attached herewith are the photos of the biodiversity center and parts of the museum storyline that would require the said collections for your reference.

For any queries or clarifications, don't hesitate to get in touch with us through this email (Kathy\_s\_cielo@mbcfi.org.ph) or these numbers (63) 917 514 5953 / (63) 999 999 7299. We look forward to your favorable response. Thank you very much.

In conservation,

  
**KATHY LENE 'KYLE' S. CIELO**  
MBCC Manager

Noted by:

  
**GRACE C. DIAMANTE**  
Executive Director



**Figure 1. Building 2 of MBCC where the museum is located**

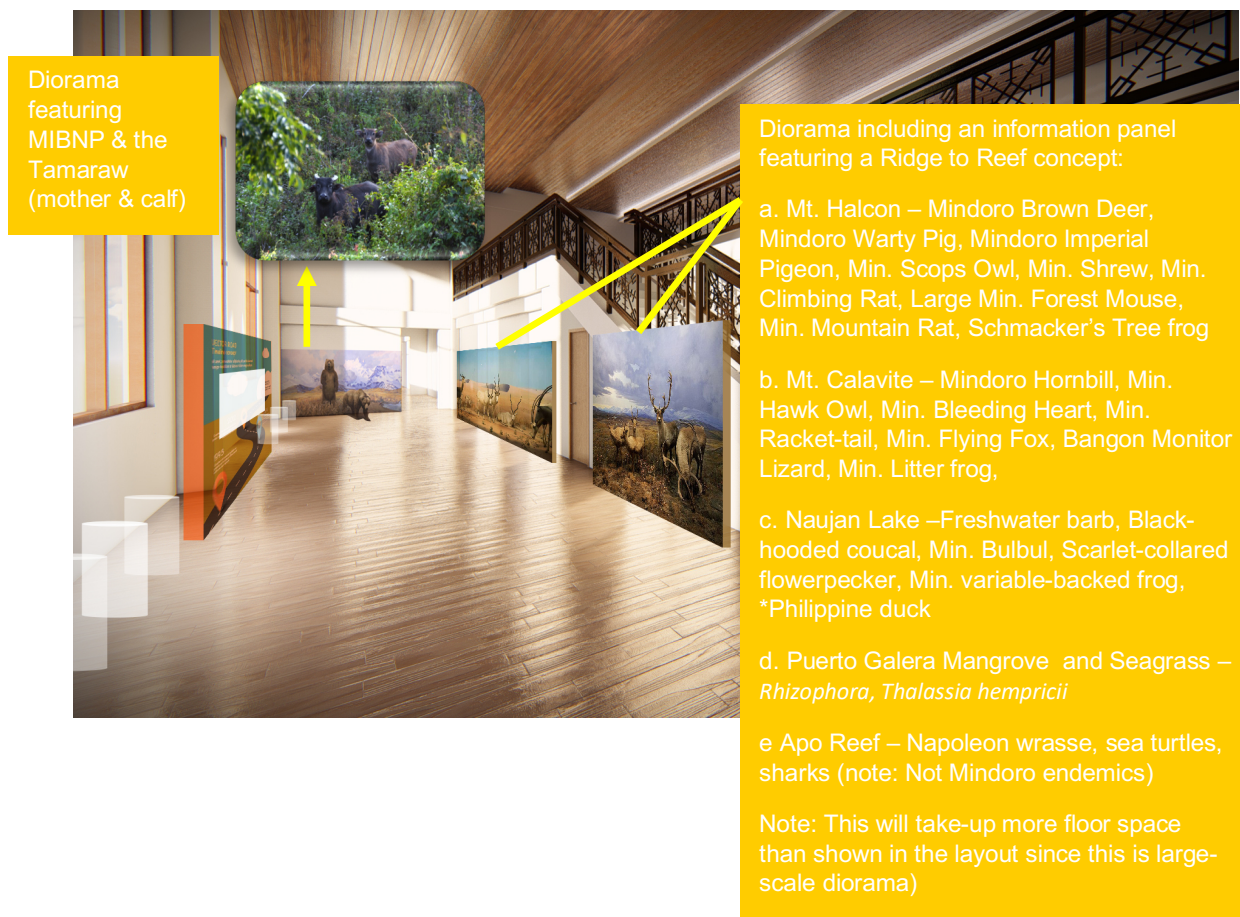


**Figure 2. Area for the museum**





**Figure 3. Flora**



**Figure 4. Fauna**