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## MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Integrated Environmental Science

**THE BUREAU DIRECTORS**  
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Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

**THE SERVICE DIRECTORS**  
Policy and Planning Service  
Knowledge and Information Systems Service  
Climate Change Service

**THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**  
All Regions

FROM : **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE GROUND VALIDATION  
SURVEYS - RAPID BIODIVERSITY ASSESSMENT AND  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE-USE- SECOND STEP OF THE GREEN  
ASSESSMENT**

DATE : **31 AUGUST 2023**

In relation to the Memorandum dated 26 May 2023 on the Application of the Green Assessment Framework - Rapid Appraisal and Ground Truthing Survey, the Climate Change Service in collaboration with USAID SIBOL<sup>1</sup> will be conducting the capacity development on aerial ground truthing, second step of the green assessment.

Initially formulated to post-disaster scenarios by the USAID SIBOL project, specifically for Typhoon Odette, the green assessment will be adopted by the Department to provide pre- and post-disaster studies based on ecosystems and biodiversity that will serve as the foundation for planning for future disaster risks as well as green reconstruction and resilience planning. This Framework has three tiers: Stage 1, which involves Rapid Appraisal to determine the extent of damage to ecosystems, Stage 2, which entails post-disaster comprehensive assessment of biodiversity, ecosystems, and ecosystem services and Stage 3 Resilience Planning.

The series of workshops will aim to enhance the capacity of DENR employees through the updating of existing methodologies and adoption of new ones for the department.

The Rapid Biodiversity Assessment will determine changes in biodiversity, and threatened ecosystems and refugia; and advance knowledge on utilizing and maximizing biodiversity

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<sup>1</sup> Philippine Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes (SIBOL) is a project launched by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) that will support the management of the country's natural resources and combat environmental crimes. The Research Triangle Institute International serves as its lead implementer.

information during post-disaster scenarios. This will then result in a more accurate and detailed estimate of the extent of damage that will inform the green recovery planning.

With this, may we request representatives from Regional Offices and Bureaus to be trained for rapid biodiversity assessment to be conducted on **September 11-15 (Luzon Cluster) and September 25-29, 2023 (Visayas-Mindanao Cluster)** in a venue within Clark, Pampanga and Cebu City, Cebu. We strongly encourage the attendance of field personnel from our PENROs and CENROs.

Please be guided by the following requested representations:

1. One (1) staff trained during the Stage 2 Aerial Ground Truthing
2. Two (2) staff from PENRO/CENRO

Qualifications and requirements for target participants are indicated in the attached Activity Design. We also encourage nominations of female participants to ensure gender balance in capacity building activities.

USAID SIBOL will be covering the food and accommodation expenses during the workshop proper. Travel expenses of chosen representatives from and to their place of assignments must be charged to each respective office.

Should you have queries and concerns, kindly contact the Climate Change Service through [ccs@denr.gov.ph](mailto:ccs@denr.gov.ph) or 02-8928-1194. Please fill-up the registration form <https://tinyurl.com/GAS2RBA-Registration> to confirm the attendance of your participants on or before **September 04, 2023**.

Please see attached concept note and draft special order for more detailed information on the activity.

  
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