

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM
Orientation for Enforcement Agencies on relevant Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation
Laws and Policies for the West Philippine Sea Kalayaan Island Group
April 20, 2023 || Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

The Biodiversity Management Bureau is the lead agency responsible for the conservation and protection of biodiversity under the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. This is implemented through our programs on the management of Protected Areas under the NIPAS Act (Republic Act No. 7586 as amended by RA 11038), and Wildlife Conservation (Republic Act No. 9147 or the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act).

With regards to the West Philippine Sea, this Bureau was tasked by the Department to explore and study effective strategies for the conservation and management of the biodiversity and ecosystems therein, as a means to further national interest. One of our identified activities contributory to this is the conduct of capacity-building on Biodiversity and Wildlife conservation for our partners in Maritime Enforcement, especially those that are routinely deployed in the Kalayaan Island Group (KIG).

As such, may we invite your Agency to an **Orientation for Enforcement Agencies on relevant Biodiversity and Wildlife Conservation Policies for the West Philippine Sea this coming April 19-20, 2023, at Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.** We hope to explore with our Enforcement Agencies how a biodiversity orientation, and possible capacity building for wildlife handling / conservation can be included as a regular program of the Area Task Force - West for the deployment of uniformed personnel in the KIG.

Time	Activity	Responsible Person
<i>April 20, 2023</i>		
<i>Orientation on Biodiversity Conservation Policies</i>		
7:00 AM	BREAKFAST	
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Registration	
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Welcoming/Introduction of Participants Opening Remarks	PENRO, CENRO, MENRO, PCSD instead of Ms Neneng CMD
8:45 - 9:00 AM	Rationale / Presentation of Workshop Objectives and Program	Ms. Des

9:00 - 10:00AM	<p>Session 1: Presentation of Plans and Recommended Activities</p> <p>Presentation of Expeditions, Studies, Results and Recommendations (Highlight biodiversity, habitats, marine turtles)</p> <p>Reaction from ATF West</p>	Joaqui
10:00 - 10:15AM	BREAK: AM Snacks	
10:15 - 11:15AM	<p>Session 2: Presentation of Biodiversity Conservation Policies relevant to the West Philippine Sea:</p> <p>A. Wildlife - Marine Turtles, Seabirds, Critical Habitats (WRD)</p> <p>B. Coastal and Marine Biodiversity and Protected Area Management (CMD)</p>	<p>Atty. Tenazas and Doc Rizza</p> <p>Criselda Castor</p>
11:15 - 12:00NN	<p>Session 3: Brief Discussion/ Presentation of current Biodiversity and Environmental Protection Programs being implemented in the West Philippine Sea</p> <p>A. LGU Kalayaan B. PCSD C. ATF West (Enforcement D. DENR</p>	Facilitator: Joaqui
12:00NN - 1:00PM	LUNCH	
1:00 - 2:30PM	<p>Session 4: Mini-Workshop to discuss the possible inclusion of an Orientation on Biodiversity Protection and Conservation in the</p>	Lea Avilla

	<p>regular programs of ATF West, LGU Kalayaan, PCSD</p> <p>Reaction from ATF-West, LGU Kalayaan, PCSD; Key Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For ATF West: Can this Orientation be included in the regular process of deployment of uniformed Personnel in the area?2. Or LGU Kalayaan and PCSD: Can a similar Orientation be provided regularly for the Civilian Community?3. What assistance will the said Agencies need for this Orientation to be included in the regular pre-deployment process of Uniformed Personnel to the KIG, and for the Civilian Community?4. What documentary requirements/procedures need to be followed?	
2:30 - 2:45PM	BREAK: PM Snacks	
2:00 - 3:30PM	<p>Mini-Workshop/Feedbacking: Initial Development of Biodiversity Policy CEPA Materials</p> <p>Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Is there any information provided in these proposed materials that are new to our enforcement partners?2. What items would Enforcement Agencies want to include in the proposed Orientation?	Joaqui
3:30 - 4:00PM	<i>Synthesis and Next Steps and Closing Remarks</i>	Ms Des