

Fwd: Invitation for the conduct of the VIP MPAN and LEN 4th Secretariat and 3rd Management Board Meeting

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Good day!

For your information and consideration po, please.

Thank you.

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Greetings!

The DENR as the Head of the Secretariat Committee of the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network, would like to invite your Office in the 4th Secretariat and 3rd Management Board Meeting on 24-25 April 2023, respectively at Pontefino Hotel, Batangas City. The meeting shall discuss the following:

1. Matters arising from the previous meetings;
2. Updates on the implementation of the VIP MPAN Strategic Management Plan;
3. Emerging issues and proposed management interventions of the VIP MPAN and LEN.

We would appreciate your attendance to ensure the productive discussion of the above-mentioned points. Attached herewith is the invitation letter and provisional agenda signed by the DENR Secretary for your reference. Additionally, attached herewith are the draft resolutions for your perusal.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

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VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NETWORK
April 24-25, 2023, Pontefino Hotel, Batangas City

4TH SECRETARIAT MEETING

April 23, 2023 (Day 0)

Provisional Program

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| 14:00 - 15:00 | Ingress |
| 15:00 - 17:00 | DENR Secretariat Preparatory Meeting |
| 18:00 - 21:00 | Dinner |

April 24, 2023 (Day 1: Meeting Proper)

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| 07:00 - 08:00 | Breakfast |
| 08:00 - 08:20 | Registration and Opening Ceremonies (Invocation
, National Anthem, Welcome Remarks) |
| 08:20 - 08:40 | Matters arising from the previous Meetings |
| 08:40 - 9:00 | Adoption of Agenda |
| 09:00 - 12:00 | Reporting on 2020-2022 Achievements based on the Strategic
Management Plan and Presentation of 2023 Targets |
| 12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch |
| 13:00 - 13:30 | Existing and Proposed Development Projects, Standard Protocols, and
Recommendations |
| 13:30 - 14:00 | Inclusion of consortium of state universities and colleges (SUCs) and
other higher education institutions (HEIs) in the VIP MPAN and their
representation during the Secretariat meetings |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | Establishment of VIP as a protected area under the NIPAS |
| 15:00 - 15:30 | Comprehensive spatial planning of the VIP provinces harmonizing
CLUPs and other zones |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Discussion on the management interventions to protect and conserve
the coastal and marine resources of VIP from natural and
anthropogenic related incidences |
| 16:00 - 16:30 | Finalization of the Draft Agenda/Program for the 3 rd Management Board I |

VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK
AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NETWORK

3rd MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

April 25, 2023, Pontefino Hotel, Batangas City

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30 I. Meeting organization

1. Invocation
2. The Philippine National Anthem
3. Welcome Message from the Governor of Batangas
4. Opening Message from the DENR Secretary
5. Election of Chair and Co-Chair for the Meeting and Call to Order

09:30 - 12:00 II. Review and Adoption of the Minutes of the 2nd Management Board Meeting

III. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the 2nd Management Board Meeting

IV. Presentation of consolidated 2020-2022 Achievements based on the Strategic Management Plan and Presentation of 2023 Targets

V. Presentation and discussion on the proposed Board Resolutions:

- a. Requiring Major Activities in the VIP to Secure a Formal Prior Informed Consent from the VIP Management Board and Imposing a Bond Therefore
- b. Including the Consortium of SUCs and other HEIs in the VIP to be represented in the VIP Secretariat Meetings
- c. Declaring the Support and Cooperation of the VIP Provinces in the Conduct of the PASA
- d. Urging the VIP MPAN and LEN to Accelerate the Comprehensive Spatial Planning of the Entire VIP, Harmonizing Existing LGU CLUPs and Other Zones
- e. Urging the VIP MPAN and LEN to Develop a Response Plan on the Appropriate Management Interventions to Protect and Conserve the Coastal and Marine Resources of VIP from Natural and Anthropogenic Related Incidences

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 13:30 VI. Presentation and discussion on the proposed Board Resolutions (cont..)

13:30 - 14:00 VII. Summary and Agreement

**The Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and
Law Enforcement Network Management Board**

RESOLUTION NO. 001-2023

**RESOLUTION REQUIRING MAJOR ACTIVITIES IN THE VIP TO SECURE A PRIOR
INFORMED CONSENT FROM THE VIP MANAGEMENT BOARD AND IMPOSING A
BOND THEREFORE**

WHEREAS, the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network (VIP MPAN and LEN) was established by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between and among the Provinces of Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Philippine National Police (PNP) with the inclusion of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Conservation International Philippines;

WHEREAS, the inclusive marine and terrestrial limits of the Verde Island Passage, as resolved in Resolution 004-2018, include the municipal/city waters and terrestrial limits of the component LGUs to ensure the integrated approach in managing, conserving, and protecting the VIP;

WHEREAS, the VIP, being the center of the center of marine shore fish biodiversity in the world, has attracted research and development projects that are funded locally and internationally, and that major investors in tourism and other industries have also invested in many areas in the VIP, or are utilizing the VIP in their businesses;

WHEREAS, pursuant to RA 8293 or the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines, the VIP Management Board shall protect and secure the exclusive rights of all local stakeholders in the VIP to their intellectual property and creations;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14 of the Republic Act No. 9147 or the Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act, and the Joint DENR-DA-PCSD-NCIP Administrative Order No. 2005-01 providing specific guidelines for bioprospecting activities, all research projects in the VIP, domestic and especially foreign, whether explicitly on bioprospecting or not, shall be reviewed by the VIP Management Board and its Secretariat;

WHEREAS, Section 16, Article II of the Philippine Constitution, vests in the State the ultimate responsibility to preserve and protect the environment; and Section 2 Article XII, provides that wildlife, flora, and fauna, among others, are owned by the State and the disposition, development, and utilization thereof are under its full control and supervision;



NOW, THEREFORE, the Board, upon the unanimous vote by all the members present, hereby;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that all major activities in the VIP, as encompassed geographically by Resolution 004-2018, shall secure a Prior Informed Consent (PIC) from the VIP Management Board.

RESOLVED ALSO, that major activities mean:

- a) Development projects worth at least PhP5 million,
- b) Research and/or surveys by foreign entities regardless of funding worth with a minimum prerequisite clearance from the Department of Foreign Affairs, and shall fully support at least one local counterpart from an appropriate VIP state university or college (SUC) or HEIs who shall serve as partner in the project implementation,
- c) Local research and/or surveys worth at least PhP2 million, and
- d) Industry/business projects worth at least PhP10 million.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that upon the issuance of the PIC, projects/research principals shall post a bond (waived upon the discretion of the VIP Management Board with the recommendation of the VIP Secretariat) worth 5% of the project funds to the VIP Secretariat in earnest which shall be returned to the principal fully upon meeting all of the following requirements:

- a) Prior to any ground activity, the principal/proponent gives a presentation to the VIP Management Board or Secretariat about their project/research goals and objectives, and methodologies, and shows that other required clearances, certificates, and permits have been acquired,
- b) After at least two-thirds (2/3) of the work has already been completed, initial or immediate results of the project should be reported formally to the VIP Management Board and/or Secretariat, and
- c) The full and formal report, and/or research publications, submitted to and accepted by the funding institution of the project, should also be submitted to the VIP Management Board through the VIP Secretariat.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that the Governors of the VIP provinces shall issue their respective Administrative Orders informing and encouraging their component LGUs in the VIP to require potential proponents in research, development, and industry in their jurisdictions to comply with this Resolution through local ordinances.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2023 in Batangas City.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA
CHAIR, VIP SECRETARIAT

ATTESTED BY:

GOVERNOR HERMILANDO MANDANAS
CHAIRPERSON, 3RD VIP MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

**The Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and
Law Enforcement Network Management Board**

RESOLUTION NO. 002-2023

**RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE CONSORTIUM OF STATE UNIVERSITIES AND
COLLEGES (SUCs) AND OTHER HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS (HEIs) IN THE
VIP TO BE REPRESENTED IN THE VIP SECRETARIAT MEETINGS**

WHEREAS, the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network (VIP MPAN and LEN) was established by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between and among the Provinces of Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Philippine National Police (PNP) with the inclusion of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Conservation International Philippines;

WHEREAS, SUCs and other HEIs in the VIP have the research capabilities and have amassed research results and findings to better understand the ecology, sociology, and governance system in the VIP that can assist towards informed decisions and regulations to be set forth by the VIP Management Board;

WHEREAS, a consortium of SUCs has already been formed by the provinces of Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro;

WHEREAS, the SUC consortium and other HEIs can also serve as a backup repository of data and information relevant to the VIP, as well as serve as among the technical advisers of the VIP MPAN and LEN in matters relating, but not limited, to the VIP Management Board Resolution 002-2023;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, upon the unanimous vote by all the members present, hereby;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that the VIP Network, through its Secretariat, shall invite the VIP SUCs in Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro as one consortium and other HEIs in the VIP Secretariat and be represented by the lead SUC or personality of the consortium during the VIP Secretariat meetings.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the VIP Secretariat shall transmit the letter of invitation to the VIP SUC consortium immediately upon approval of this Resolution.



APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2023 in Batangas City.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA
CHAIR, VIP SECRETARIAT

ATTESTED BY:

GOVERNOR HERMILANDO MANDANAS
CHAIRPERSON, 3RD VIP MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

The Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network Management Board

RESOLUTION NO. 003-2023

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE SUPPORT AND COOPERATION OF THE VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE PROVINCES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PROTECTED AREA SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT

WHEREAS, the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network (VIP MPAN and LEN) was established by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between and among the Provinces of Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Philippine National Police (PNP) with the inclusion of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Conservation International Philippines;

WHEREAS, the establishment of protected areas whether initial components or proposed additional areas should be in accordance with the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) Act of 1992, as amended by the Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018;

WHEREAS, the Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) serves as a rapid screening and evaluation tool of proposed areas to determine their suitability for establishment as protected area and inclusion under the NIPAS in which an appropriate category shall also be determined to serve as the basis for its management;

WHEREAS, the VIP MPAN and LEN area presently has six (6) marine key biodiversity areas (MKBA) and about ninety (90) marine protected areas including three (3) terrestrial protected areas;

WHEREAS, conservation from ridge to reef (R2R), or from highlands to oceans (H2O) needs to be integrated as guided by Executive Order No. 533, s. 2006, also known as the "Adopting Integrated Coastal Management as a National Strategy to Ensure the Sustainable Development of the Country's Coastal and Marine Environment and Resources".

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, upon the unanimous vote by all the members present, hereby;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, all VIP provinces shall support and cooperate in the conduct of the PASA to determine its suitability for inclusion as a protected area under the NIPAS.



RESOLVED FURTHER, that this large multiple-managed conservation area also called as the VIP MPAN and LEN or VIP Network is consistent with the IUCN Category V Landscape/Seascape, i.e., "a protected area where the interaction of people and nature over time has produced an area of distinct character with significant, ecological, biological, cultural and scenic value; and where safeguarding the integrity of this interaction is vital to protecting and sustaining the area and its associated nature conservation and other values."

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of April 2023 in Batangas City.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA
CHAIR, VIP SECRETARIAT

ATTESTED BY:

GOVERNOR HERMILANDO MANDANAS
CHAIRPERSON, 3RD VIP MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

The Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network Management Board

RESOLUTION NO. 004-2020

RESOLUTION URGING THE VIP MPAN AND LEN TO ACCELERATE THE COMPREHENSIVE SPATIAL PLANNING OF THE ENTIRE VIP, HARMONIZING EXISTING LGU CLUPs AND OTHER ZONES (e.g. CONSERVATION, FISHERIES, TOURISM, NAVIGATION, ETC.) TO FACILITATE AREA- OR ZONE-SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network (VIP MPAN and LEN) was established by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between and among the Provinces of Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Philippine National Police (PNP) with the inclusion of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Conservation International Philippines;

WHEREAS, the geographic scope of the VIP MPAN and LEN includes both terrestrial and marine areas under the jurisdiction of the 37 component local government units which, as identified under VIP Management Board Resolution #4-2018, are the following: Nasugbu, Lian, Calatagan, Balayan, Calaca, Lemery, Taal, San Luis, Bauan, San Pascual, Mabini, Tingloy, Batangas City, Lobo, and San Juan in Batangas province; Mogpog, Boac, Gasan, Buenavista, Torrijos, and Santa Cruz in Marinduque province; Concepcion, Corcuera, and Banton in Romblon province; Puerto Galera, San Teodoro, Baco, Calapan City, Naujan, Pola, Pinamalayan, Gloria, and Bansud in Oriental Mindoro province; and Abra de Ilog, Paluan, Looc, and Lubang in Occidental Mindoro province;

WHEREAS, the marine limits of the VIP have been delineated and mapped by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) as requested in the VIP Management Board Resolution #3-2019;

WHEREAS, in view of the VIP Management Board Resolution #3-2023 declaring the support and cooperation of the VIP provinces in the conduct of the Protected Area Suitability Assessment;

WHEREAS, in light of the impact on the community, their livelihood, and the biodiversity of the recent MT Princess Empress Oil Spill disaster;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, upon the unanimous vote by all the members present, hereby;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that municipal LGUs work with their respective provincial LGUs to work together with concerned national government agencies to facilitate the zoning of the different land and water uses and harmonize these zones at the boundaries, especially between territories of MLGUs and PLGUs.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that areas or zones will be immediately identified for habitat protection, conservation and rehabilitation, fisheries and aquaculture, navigation, and tourism, as well as, "go" and "no-go" zones for coastal development.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2023 in Batangas City.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA
CHAIR, VIP SECRETARIAT

ATTESTED BY:

GOVERNOR HERMILANDO MANDANAS
CHAIRPERSON, 3RD VIP MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

**The Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and
Law Enforcement Network Management Board**

RESOLUTION NO. 005-2023

**RESOLUTION URGING THE VIP MPAN AND LEN TO DEVELOP A DISASTER
RESPONSE PLAN ON THE APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT INTERVENTIONS TO
PROTECT AND CONSERVE THE COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCES OF VIP FROM
NATURAL AND ANTHROPOGENIC RELATED INCIDENCES**

WHEREAS, the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network (VIP MPAN and LEN) was established by virtue of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between and among the Provinces of Batangas, Marinduque, Romblon, Oriental Mindoro, and Occidental Mindoro, and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR), the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG), the Philippine National Police (PNP) with the inclusion of the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Conservation International Philippines;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 10121 or the "Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010" provides for the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Framework and institutionalizes the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan;

WHEREAS, in light of the impact on the community, their livelihood, and on biodiversity and ecosystem within the VIP, due to the recent MT Princess Empress Oil Spill Disaster, there is a need to accelerate appropriate management interventions;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board, upon the unanimous vote by all the members present, hereby;

RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, that municipal LGUs work with their respective provincial LGUs to develop a response plan, systematize the reporting of coastal and marine ecosystems incidences in the VIP, and monitor its potential impacts on the coastal and marine environment, nearshore fisheries, and tourism; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that guidelines on the appropriate management interventions to protect and conserve different coastal and marine resources before, during, and after incidences with the long-term goal of enhancing the resilience of coastal and marine environment to withstand future natural and anthropogenic related incidences shall be developed.



APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April 2023 in Batangas City.

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

MARIA ANTONIA YULO-LOYZAGA
CHAIR, VIP SECRETARIAT

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