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Dir. LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, *CESO IV*Regional Executive Director, Region IV-B
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Roxas Boulevard, Brgy. 668, Ermita, Manila

## Dear Director Claudio:

Warm Greetings from UPLB-CFNR!

The UPLB-CFNR is part of a regional alliance of four (4) countries implementing a regional research project entitled, "Strengthening collaborative tree seed supply systems for restoration in Asia" with Bioversity International (part of the Alliance Bioversity—CIAT) as the project leader. The project will work with forestry authorities, Forest Landscape Restoration (FLR) implementers, and forest-dependent communities in Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, and the Philippines to strengthen institutional and technical capacities so that FLR projects are linked with quality seed sources and local seed producers with customers to support local livelihoods and sustainable forest management. In the Philippines, UPLB-CFNR has partnered with ERDB FWRDEC in Mindanao to implement this project.

As part of the project activities, the project will conduct a national capacity needs assessment for three different groups: users of seeds and seedlings (FLR practitioners or NGP or reforestation practitioners), seed and seedling suppliers and seed and seedling suppliers with own seed sources (please see attached questionnaire for the purpose and details of the survey). May we kindly request your Office to assist us contact the said respondents (NGP focal point or somebody knowledgeable about the seed and seedlings used in NGP) to fill up the corresponding link based on their user category:

- For organizations who collect, produce or purchase tree seeds or seedlings for their own purposes (e.g., for implementing FLR projects, seed banking, conservation, or research) – <a href="https://forms.gle/37fDXLUJaPSmogk96">https://forms.gle/37fDXLUJaPSmogk96</a>
- 2. For organizations, companies and individuals who supply tree seed or seedlings of native tree species to FLR projects or users https://forms.gle/fhxrwiUw9ptjZHu68
- 3. For organizations, companies and individuals who manage tree seed sources and supply tree seed or seedlings of native tree species to FLR projects- <a href="https://forms.gle/rhUB8tQf4aoAVkPbA">https://forms.gle/rhUB8tQf4aoAVkPbA</a>

If you have other queries about the questionnaires, please feel free to contact our CFNR project leader, Dr. Ike Tolentino, Jr. (<a href="mailto:eltolentino@up.edu.ph">eltolentino@up.edu.ph</a> or mobile phone # 09178424307) or the DENR counterpart, Dr. Dennis Gilbero (forgilbero@gmail.com or mobile phone # +63 995 964 9074) for more details.

In the interest of promoting forest landscape restoration using quality seeds and seedlings of native tree species, we hope for your kind response to this request.

Please accept by warmest regards,

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