



Fwd: UNDP Auditors' Initial Findings on Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project (MBC) on Financial Transactions

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Subject: UNDP Auditors' Initial Findings on Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project (MBC) on Financial Transactions

Dear RED Felix and PENRO Tanada,

This has reference to the preliminary findings from the recent spot check activity conducted by the UNDP Auditors on August 17-22, 2023 for transactions from January to June 2023, specifically concerning the Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor Project (MBC).

The audit has revealed the following key findings:

1) Discrepancy in Shared Documents

We have noticed a discrepancy between the documents provided to us by the MBC focal team and the sample size of 12 transactions data required by the UNDP Audit team.

2) Incomplete Supporting Documents for Expenditure Transactions

Among the 12 transactions comprising a total expenditure of PESO 4,531,184.18 for the MBC project, our auditors have been unable to validate a single transaction due to incomplete supporting documentation.

Their audit has found that despite some documents being provided, we are yet to receive the requisite supporting documents for our sample of expenditures, corresponding to approximately 25.20% (PESO 7.98 million) of the total reported expenditure in the FACE Form for the period of January to June 2023. The absence of these supporting documents has hindered their ability to verify the reported expenditures.

On August 22, 2023, we convened a meeting with UNDP, BMB and NPMU to discuss the current status of the project and course of action. During this meeting, we emphasized the critical importance of arranging for the provision of the required documents without further delay.

To assist the MBC team and the PENRO Office, we will be sending the BD Corridor NPMU Finance Team and Ms. Judith Redulla (former BMC Finance Officer) to the PENRO Office, Occidental Mindoro on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 to facilitate the completion of the required documents and/or help rectify these concerns.

We would appreciate it if you can help mobilize the appropriate Offices/Units in addressing these concerns before the submission of the UNDP Audit Team's report due on 01 September 2023.

Thank you for your full cooperation.

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