



## MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**  
DENR-MIMAROPA

ATTN : **The Protected Area Superintendent**  
Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park

FROM : **The Chief, Wildlife Resource Division**  
In-Charge, Office of the Director, BMB

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR RESOURCE SPEAKER DURING THE CLUSTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIPAS MPA CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAM (NIMCAP): DAMAGE ASSESSMENT, RESPONSE, RESTORATION, AND MONITORING OF NATURAL RESOURCES ON AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2023**

DATE : **AUG 31 2023**

In 2014, the DENR-BMB, together with DENR Regional Offices NIPAS Management Staff, developed a Multi-Year NIPAS MPA Management Capacity Building Program Framework. This collaborative effort involved the support and assistance of the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (US NOAA) and the US Agency for International Development (USAID). The framework aims to enhance the capacity of DENR personnel in effectively managing NIPAS Marine Protected Areas, ensuring the conservation of marine ecosystems. This strategic partnership seeks to equip staff with essential skills for addressing MPA management challenges, fostering sustainable coastal and marine resource preservation for future generations.

This year, the "Damage Assessment, Response, Restoration, and Monitoring of Natural Resources" module is scheduled for rollout across all regions in clusters. The training dates are as follows:

- Cluster 2: August 11-19, 2023 in Sorsogon, Region 5
- Cluster 3: September 9-17, 2023 in General Santos, Region 12
- Cluster 1: October 13-21, 2023 in Pangasinan, Region 1

The objectives of these events are as follows:

**Short Term Objective:** *By the end of the training, participants, including key officials, PA staff, LGUs, and PAMB, will have acquired knowledge and skills in assessing damage to coastal resources within MPA areas, specifically in response to catastrophic events like oil spills. They will also learn how to formulate mitigation or restoration plans and natural resource damage assessment guidelines.*

**Long Term Objective:** *Over the course of five years, staff of the NIPAS MPAs, along with key stakeholders, will be trained in NRDA procedures or guidelines. Furthermore, these guidelines will be fully institutionalized and integrated into the MPA policy.*

We sincerely appreciate your valuable experience in this matter, and we are pleased to extend this invitation for you/your representative to serve as a Resource Person, specifically during the Training Proper **Day 3- Ship Grounding** Topic of the attached program. Your knowledge and insights would be invaluable in enriching the training experience. As a resource speaker, we will cover all expenses related to your travel (plane fare and ground transportation to and from the venue), as well as food and accommodation during the training.

Should you have any clarifications, you may contact **Ms. Maria Katrina L. Apaya** of the Coastal and Marine Division of this Bureau through contact numbers **(02) 8925- 8948/ (02) 8924-6031 loc 249**, or through email at [cmd@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:cmd@bmb.gov.ph)/ [katrina.apaya@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:katrina.apaya@bmb.gov.ph).

For consideration.

  
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