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MEMORANDUM

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FOR : **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**
Ilocos Region (Region I)
MIMAROPA (Region IV-B)
Western Visayas (Region VI)
Davao Region (Region XI)

FROM : **THE DIRECTOR**
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS)

SUBJECT : **SUSTAINABILITY MONITORING AND ASSESSMENT OF COMPLETED SPECIAL PROJECT ENTITLED ALIEN SPECIES CRISIS: ASSESSING THE ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES OF AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES IN THE PHILIPPINES**

The Project Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMED) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) is responsible for evaluating project results based on the achievement of outcomes and their overall contribution to national and ENR sector priorities and targets. Among the major activities of the FASPS-PMED is the conduct of the Sustainability Monitoring and Assessment of completed foreign-assisted and special projects (FASPs). One of the identified projects for assessment is the **Alien Species Crisis: Assessing the Ecological Impacts of Invasive Alien Species of Amphibians and Reptiles in the Philippines**, implemented by HerpWatch Pilipinas Inc. in partnership with the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) in 2018 to 2020 which aimed to provide an in-depth and science-based information on the invasion biology and ecology of alien amphibians and reptile in the Philippines and to help guide the development of sound policies and management of these biological invaders. Field surveys and ecological studies were conducted in Ilocos Norte, Palawan, Davao and Antique.

In this regard, we would like to request for an online key informant interview (KII) with the project focal person/s on **August 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m.** to gather data and information regarding the status of the project outputs. Attached for your reference is the Activity Design for the Sustainability Monitoring and Assessment. We will send the Zoom details in a separate communication as soon as we receive confirmation from your end.

Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our staff, Ms. Melissa Ann Garcia through annmelissa.20@gmail.com

For your consideration.


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Annex A

Project Profile

Project	:	Alien Species Crisis: Assessing the Ecological Impacts of Invasive Alien Species (IAS) of Amphibians and Reptiles in the Philippines
Implementing Agency	:	HerpWatch Pilipinas, Inc.
Duration	:	2018-2020
Site	:	Region 1: Ilocos Norte, 4B: Palawan, 6: Aklan, 11: Davao Oriental
Methodology	:	Online KII
Respondent:	:	FASPS-PMD, HerpWatch Pilipinas, Inc., BMB, DENR Region 1, 4B, 6 and 11

Major Outputs / Accomplishments	Proposed Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field surveys and ecological studies (submitted to BMB and DENR offices) Morphological data analysis Ecological assessment and habitat mapping Training and conservation awareness campaign (held at the Mindanao State University-Iligan) Policy Recommendations for management of alien amphibians and reptiles 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is/are the action/s taken based on the results and recommendations of the study? Can you cite some instances where the results and recommendations of the study were applied? What are the next steps/ways forward identified following the results of the studies? What are the challenges / hindrances encountered? What action/s was/were taken to address these challenges? What are the Lessons learned, Good Practices, Innovations and Success Stories of the project?