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**Dear Undersecretary Leones:**

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **15 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Belmonte Hall, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives.**

In light of this, we would like to invite you or your authorized representative to attend the said meeting and shed light on the following:

**Approval of Measures per Sec. 48 of the House Rules**

- 1. House Bill No. 5500**, entitled "An Act Declaring The Month Of June Of Every Year As The "Marine Turtle Awareness Month", by Rep. Mujiv S. Hataman;
- 2. Tamaraw Conservation Program**
  - a. House Bill No. 5538**, entitled "An Act Institutionalizing The Tamaraw Conservation Program, Creating Its Administrative And Implementation Mechanism, And Provising Funds Therefor," by Rep. Leody F. Tarriela and
  - b. House Bill No. 5818**, Entitled "An Act Institutionalizing The Tamaraw Conservation Program, Creating Its Administrative And Implementation Mechanism, And Providing Funds Therefor," by Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan

**Initial Deliberations of the following Measures**

- 1. House Bill No. 6516**, entitled "An Act Establishing The Bantayan Island Protected Landscape And Seascape Under The Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (ENIPAS) And Providing For Its Management," By Rep. Janice Z. Salimbangon
- 2. House Bill No. 6577**, entitled "An Act Expanding The Boundaries Of Las Piñas Paranaque Wetland Park And Its Vicinities As Protected Area And For Other Purposes," by Rep. Camille A. Villar

**Continuation of the Deliberations on the following House Bills:**


- 1. House Bill No. 1405**, entitled "An Act Establishing The Mt. Masaraga Protected Landscape In The Province Of Albay As A Protected Area Under The Category Of Protected Landscape, Providing For Its Management And For Other Purposes," by Rep. Fernando T. Cabredo,;
- 2. House Bill No. 2658**, entitled "An Act Declaring The Sultan Naga Dimaporo Protected Landscape And Seascape Area Within The Municipality Of Sultan Naga Dimaporo, Province Of Lanao Del Norte As Component Of The National Integrated Protected Areas System Under The Category Of Protected Landscape And

- Seascape And Providing For Its Management,” by Rep. Dimaporo, Sittie Aminah Q.2. Dimaporo, Mohamad Khalid Q.
3. **House Bill No. 2785**, entitled “An Act Establishing Aurora Memorial Protected Landscape In The Municipalities Of Maria Aurora And San Luis All In The Province Of Aurora And In The Municipality Of Bongabon, Nueva Ecija As A Protected Area, Providing For Its Management, And For Other Purposes,” by Rep. Rommel Rico Angara
  4. **House Bill No. 3392**, entitled “An Act Declaring A Parcel Of Land Located In The Municipalities Of President Manuel A. Roxas, Katipunan And Siayan In The Province Of Zamboanga Del Norte, A Protected Area With The Category Of Protected Landscape Under The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) To Be Referred To As The Mt. Gutom Protected Landscape, Providing For Its Management And Appropriating Funds Therefor,” by Rep. Glona G. Labadlabad
5. **Panaon Island**
- a. **House Bill No. 3743**, Entitled “An Act Declaring The Panaon Island And Its Surrounding Areas, Situated In The Province Of Southern Leyte As Protected Seascape, Pursuant To Republic Act 11038, Otherwise Known As The Expanded National Integrated Protected System (ENIPAS) Act Of 2018,” by Rep. Luz Mercado
  - b. **House Bill No. 4095**, entitled “An Act Declaring The Panaon Island And Its Surrounding Areas, Situated In The Province Of Southern Leyte As Protected Seascape, Pursuant To Republic Act 11038, Otherwise Known As The Expanded National Integrated Protected System (ENIPAS) Act Of 2018,” by Rep. Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap
  - c. **House Bill No. 6677**, entitled “An Act Declaring The Waters Surrounding Panaon Island, In The Province Of Southern Leyte, A Protected Area With The Category Of Protected Seascape Under The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS), To Be Referred To As The Panaon Island Protected Seascape, Providing For Its Management, And Appropriating Funds Therefor,” by Rep. Christopherson "Coco" M. Yap
6. **House Bill No. 3397**, entitled “An Act Declaring The Olutanga Island Protected Landscape And Seascape Located In The Province Of Zamboanga Sibugay As A Protected Area, Providing For Its Management And For Other Purposes,” by Rep. Wilter Y. Palma

We would like to request the submission of your position paper on the aforementioned topic, or a draft thereof, on or before the meeting date, in order to give the Committee Members enough time to read through the materials. Attached herewith is a copy of the House Bills, for your kind reference.

For confirmation of attendance or further inquiries, the Committee may be reached at [committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph](mailto:committee.naturalresources@house.gov.ph). We are looking forward to having a fruitful discussion with you on the said measures. Thank you very much!

Very truly yours,

  
**HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.**  
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