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**ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES, CESO I**

*Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and International Affairs*  
Department of Environment and Natural  
Resources DENR Bldg. Visayas Avenue, Diliman,  
Quezon City

**Dear Undersecretary Leones:**

The Committee on Natural Resources of the House of Representatives will be holding a face-to-face Committee Meeting on **22 February 2023 (Wednesday), 1:30 in the afternoon at Nograles Hall, 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:

*Bills approved on Third Reading in the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress*

1. **House Bill No. 1821**, An Act Establishing The Final Forestland Boundary Of The Province Of Siquijor, by Rep. Zaldy S. Villa
2. **House Bill No. 3891**, An Act Declaring The Island Of Mindoro A Mining Free-Zone, Prohibiting All Forms Of Mining Operation And Activity, And Providing Penalties Therefor, by Rep. Arnan C. Panaligan
3. **House Bill No. 6219**, An Act Declaring The Island Of Mindoro As A Mining-Free Zone, And Providing Penalties For Violation Thereof, by Rep. Alfonso V. Umali, Jr.

*Continuation of the Deliberation on the following:*

*Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS) (included in the LEDAC Priorities)*

1. **House Bill No. 73**, entitled "An Act Institutionalizing The Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS), Mandating Its Use In Policy And Decision-Making, Designating The Agencies Responsible For Its Implementation, Providing Institutional Arrangements Among Responsible Agencies, Appropriating Funds Therefore And For Other Purposes", authored by Rep. Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, PhD.; and
2. **House Bill No. 2604**, entitled "An Act Institutionalizing The Philippine Ecosystem And Natural Capital Accounting System (PENCAS), Mandating Its Use In Policy And Decision-Making, Designating The Agencies Responsible For Its Implementation, Providing Institutional Arrangements Among Responsible Agencies, Appropriating Funds Therefor And For Other Purposes", authored by Rep. Antonio "AA" B. Legarda.

*Initial Deliberation of the Following Measures:*

- 1. House Bill No. 1757**, An Act Providing For The Sustainable Management Of Heritage Trees And For Other Purposes, by Rep. Paolo Z. Duterte and Rep. Eric Go Yap
- 2. Local Bill on Heritage Trees:**  
**House Bill No. 1418**, An Act Declaring The Acacia Trees In The Municipality Of Binalonan, Province Of Pangasinan, As Local Heritage Trees And Appropriating Funds For Its Protection, Preservation, And Conservation, And Other Purposes, by Rep. Ramon N. Guico Jr.

We would like to request the submission of your position paper on the aforementioned topic, or a draft thereof, on or before 20 February 2023 (Monday), 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.**

*Chairperson*

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