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MEMORANDUM

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FROM : The Director, in concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for
Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **PROPOSED CRITICAL HABITAT ESTABLISHMENT OF A)
ILIN AND AMBULONG ISLANDS FOR PHILIPPINE TEAK
AND B) GINABLAN MANGROVE, WILDLIFE, AND BIRD
SANCTUARY**

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum dated 16 January 2023 regarding the proposed Critical Habitat (CH) establishment of a) Ilin and Ambulong Islands Critical Habitat located in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro and b) Ginablan Mangrove, Wildlife, and Bird Sanctuary located in Brgy. Ginablan, Romblon.

Per review of the submitted CH documents, our comments and recommendations are as follows:

A) Ilin and Ambulong Islands located in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro

On the Assessment Report:

- a) Kindly indicate the population estimates of the threatened species present in the proposed CH especially the population estimate of the species of concern, the Philippine teak (*Tectona philippinensis*). Additional assessments may be necessary to gather the necessary data.

On the technical descriptions and map of the proposed Critical Habitat:

- a) Kindly forward the e-copy of the map and the technical descriptions to wrd@bmb.gov.ph or wcs.wrd@gmail.com for our review prior to printing in Mylar by the Region. The map should bear the signature of the Regional Executive Director. Please include the BMB Director (Recommending Officer) and DENR Secretary (Approving Officer) as signatories thereof.



Other documentary requirements:

- a) Local Resolution / Ordinance - Kindly submit an updated resolution and ordinance from the concerned LGU supporting the declaration of Ilin and Ambulong Islands as a Critical Habitat.

B) Ginablan Mangrove, Wildlife, and Bird Sanctuary located in Brgy. Ginablan, Romblon.

On the Assessment Report:

- a) Kindly submit a copy of the updated Assessment Report on the proposed CH. The format should follow the prescribed template indicated in the BMB Technical Bulletin 2018-04, "Prescribing the Templates for the Assessment Report and Map of Proposed Critical Habitat."

On the technical descriptions and map of the proposed Critical Habitat:

- a) Kindly forward the e-copy of the map and the technical descriptions to wrд@bmb.gov.ph or wcs.wrд@gmail.com for our review prior to printing in Mylar by the Region. The map should bear the signature of the Regional Executive Director. Please include the BMB Director (Recommending Officer) and DENR Secretary (Approving Officer) as signatories thereof.

Other documentary requirements:

- b) Community consultation – Kindly submit a copy of the report on the community consultation with the local stakeholders and concerned LGUs on the results of the assessment. The consultation report shall include the highlights of the discussion, agreements reached, and recommendations from the community. The report must be supported by attendance sheets and photographs; and
- c) Local Resolution / Ordinance - Kindly submit a clear copy of the resolutions from the concerned LGUs supporting the declaration of Ginablan Mangrove, Wildlife, and Bird Sanctuary as a Critical Habitat.

We will appreciate receiving the documents following the prescribed formats under Section 4 of the DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-02, "Guidelines on the Establishment and Management of Critical Habitat," and BMB Technical Bulletin 2018-04, "Prescribing the Templates for the Assessment Report and Map of Proposed Critical Habitat," on or before 3 of March 2023.

Should you have any questions or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the Wildlife Resources Division at tel. no. (632) 8925 8946 and/or email wrд@bmb.gov.ph / wcs.wrд@gmail.com and look for Mr. John Berhel P. Doria.

For information and consideration.



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