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**MEMORANDUM**

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**FOR :** THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
DENR Regional Office MIMAROPA

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

**SUBJECT :** RESULTS OF INITIAL EVALUATION ON THE PROPOSAL  
ENTITLED "NORTHERN PALAWAN PAWIKAN  
CONSERVATION PROJECT (NPPC)"

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Memorandum (advance copy) regarding the submission of the abovementioned proposal for Special Projects. As part of our review process, please be informed that we have conducted the initial screening of said proposals based on our existing guidelines.

Below are the comments and suggestions:

Topic	Comments/Suggestions
Title	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The proposal will not cover all the measures in the conservation of marine turtles. A suggestion to make a more specific title relative to the focus of the proposal, such as, "Diversity and Habitat Distribution and Development of Marine Turtle Conservation Action Plan in Northern Palawan".</li></ul>
Rationale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In addition to the provided information, describe the regular activity of the Region under the Protection and Conservation of Wildlife, particularly that the Region, under the regular budget, is currently doing the population survey and monitoring for priority threatened species. Therefore, the proposal will provide a basis for a more sustainable action in the protection and conservation of marine turtles.</li><li>Include/describe the perspective/position of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) in this project. As mentioned, the proposed project will be in partnership with BMB. Cite what particular value addition of this project to the initiatives of BMB in the protection and conservation of marine turtles.</li></ul>
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rephrase the objectives to qualify which will be the general objective and specific objectives, as suggested below:</li><li>Generally, the project aims to strengthen the conservation and protection of marine turtles in the Municipalities of Calamianes, Taytay and San Vicente in Northern Palawan. Specifically:</li></ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To establish baseline information on marine turtle and its nesting and hatchery sites;</li> <li>- To develop a marine turtle conservation action plan;</li> <li>- To capacitate the local organizations and recommend policy on the implementation of the conservation action plan.</li> </ul>
Expected Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Clarification is sought on the One Control Map proposed to be produced by the project. This is not indicated in the proposed schedule of activities.</li> <li>● Reorganize/rephrase the stated expected outputs as indicated in the proposal, as suggested below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Technical Report consisting of the baseline information on marine turtles and its nesting and hatchery sites and other relevant information. The said information will be integrated into management planning and action plan on marine turtles and will be the basis in the formulation of policy paper.</li> <li>- Marine Turtle Conservation Action Plan.</li> <li>- Policy Paper in relation to the institutionalization and implementation of the MTAPs.</li> <li>- Improved capacity on reporting, apprehension activities and institutional competency of local organizations</li> <li>- Policy-brief and CEPA materials for the protection and conservation of marine turtles.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provide the methodology on how the major activities will be conducted such as the validation of marine turtles nesting sites and its hatchery sites, beach profiling of marine turtle nesting sites, among others.</li> </ul>
Lacking Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Duly Accomplished Criteria and Evaluation Form by PMD 4B</li> <li>● Logical Framework</li> </ul>
Overall Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We noted the importance of the submitted proposal on the in-depth understanding of the traditional nesting ground of marine turtles towards the development and implementation of a marine turtle conservation action plan in Northern Palawan Province.</li> <li>● Explore/describe how the results of the proposed project will also be useful to the existing initiatives of BMB in the conservation and protection of marine turtles.</li> </ul>

In this regard, may we request your Office to provide the results of the initial evaluation to the proponent for information and reference in future actions.

For further inquiry, your staff may coordinate with Mr. Mervin Murillo of the Project Preparation Division of FASPS, through this email address: [msmurillo@denr.gov.ph](mailto:msmurillo@denr.gov.ph).

For information and consideration.

  
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