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MEMORANDUM

ТО	:	The Regional Executive Directors DENR Regions MIMAROPA, 11 and CARAGA
FROM	:	The Director, BMB and in concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Special Projects
SUBJECT	:	Orientation-Training on Biodiversity Monitoring Tools and Information Systems for Protected Areas
DATE	:	

This refers to the implementation of the Project on Integrated Approach in Management of Major Biodiversity Corridors in the Philippines or BD Corridor Project which is funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) as the lead executing agency and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as GEF Implementing Agency.

One of the target outputs of the project is the enhancement of existing monitoring tools for biodiversity assessment and establishment of an online repository for the important data for planning and future reference.

In line with this, the BD Corridor Project in coordination with BMB and USAID-SIBOL is organizing an orientation training on Biodiversity Monitoring and Information System for PA and OECM this coming March 5-17, 2023 (inclusive of travel time) in Butuan City (venue TBD).

The orientation training will be a two (2) part activity. The first part will be on the Enhanced Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring System (eBAMS) and Enhanced Socioeconomic Assessment and Monitoring System (eSEAMS) on March 6-11, 2023; while the second part will be on Protected Area Information System (PAIS) and Caves and Wetlands Information System (CWIS) on March 13-16, 2023.



In connection with this, may we request the participations of the following representatives from the Eastern Mindanao Biodiversity Corridor (EMBC) and Mindoro Biodiversity Corridor (MBC) to the said orientation training, namely:

- 1. Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) or Assistant PASus
- 2. PA Technical Staff (preferably with GIS/MIS knowledge)
- 3. Representative from CDD
- 4. Regional ICT Staff

The participants are required to bring with them laptops and relevant documents like ecopies BAMS, SEAMS, PA Census and other monitoring reports to the said training.

Meals and accommodations during the training shall be charged to the BD Corridor Project and subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations. Transportation, which include flights and ground transportation to and from the venue, shall be charged to the participants' respective offices.

Attendance at the abovementioned event, including Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays shall be considered an official time. Regular and Contract of Service employees attending the activity who will incur official time in excess of 22 days for this month, shall be entitled to equivalent offsetting privilege to be used within 6 months, in accordance with the schedule as agreed upon with their supervisor.

Should you have questions or clarifications, please contact the National Project Management Unit (NPMU) through Ariel Erasga with email address <u>bdcorr.nrm@gmail.com</u>, <u>alerasga@yahoo.com</u> and Romina Lim with email address <u>bdcor.rtsl@gmail.com</u>.

For your favorable action on the matter.

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