



Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Environmental Management Bureau
MIMAROPA Region

FOR : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR MIMAROPA

ATTN : THE CENR OFFICER
Taytay, Palawan

FROM : THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR
EMB MIMAROPA

SUBJECT : MEETING ON THE EMERGING WATER QUALITY
COINCERNS OF BACUIT AND EL NIDO BAYS

DATE : 11 JANUARY 2023

This has reference on the concern raised during the 4th Quarter Governing Board Meeting during the conduct of the Bacuit-El Nido Water Quality Management Area (BENB WQMA) dated October 12, 2022 regarding on the cases of diarrhea on local and tourist in El Nido Palawan. Based on the report from the DOH MIMAROPA, there were a total of 396 cases of diarrhea recorded as of June 11, 2022. Moreover, it was also stated that the source of diarrhea comes from the contamination of groundwater wells that are being used by the establishments.

In line with this, may we invite you to a **virtual meeting on 13 January 2023 (Friday) at 10:00am via Zoom**. Below is the meeting ID and passcode:

Meeting ID: 894 7700 0229

Passcode: 986884

The agenda of this meeting would be as follows:

- Discussion on the proposed actions in the holistic approach in the management of algae in Bacuit Bay
- Reiteration of “No Swimming Zone” within Bacuit Bay and discuss the current and most beneficial use of the bay
- Control of tourist arrivals in island destinations with failing fecal coliform levels
- Discuss the actions to take on the contaminated groundwater wells
- Discuss the technical assistance to LGU and collaboration of all concerned agencies on the possible rehabilitation of Bacuit Bay

For confirmation of attendance or clarifications, please get in touch with Ms. Maevelyn Kathryn D. Tupasi at these numbers (02) 8633 2587 and kathryn_tupasi@emb.gov.ph.

For your information, records, and reference.

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