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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR CAR, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, CALABARZON and
MIMAROPA

FROM : The Assistant Director

SUBJECT : **NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES
FOR THE LEGISLATION OF PROPOSED PROTECTED AREAS
UNDER THE NIPAS TO BE HELD ON 13-17 FEBRUARY 2023 IN
ESTANCIA DE LORENZO, SAN MATEO, RIZAL**

Pursuant to Section 5 and Section 6 of the NIPAS Act, as amended, please be informed that the Bureau is organizing a National Workshop on the Preparatory Activities for the legislation of proposed protected areas under the NIPAS in order to fast track the requirements to facilitate its legislation. Specifically, the workshop aims to:

1. Identify site-specific provisions as inputs to the draft Bill for the 4 proposed protected areas that already passed the evaluation of the NNRC;
2. Address the comments of the members of the House Committee on Natural Resources during the committee hearing for the 14 additional proposed areas; and
3. Prepare the technical description of the final boundary and the Draft Bills for the 13 proclaimed protected areas.

The said workshop will be held on 13-17 January 2023 in Estancia de Lorenzo, San Mateo, Rizal. It will be participated in by the Chief of the Conservation and Development Division of the concerned DENR Regional Offices, representatives of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), representatives of the DENR Legal Affairs Service, and technical staff of the Biodiversity Management Bureau. The Protected Area Superintendents of the following protected areas shall also participate:

Region	Name of Protected Area
CAR	1. Upper Agno River Basin Resource Reserve 2. Lower Agno Watershed Forest Reserve
2	3. Magapit Protected Landscape 4. Quirino Protected Landscape
3	5. Aurora Memorial National Park
CALABARZON	6. Kaliwa Watershed Forest Reserve

2,3,5 and CALABARZON	7. Philippine Rise Marine Resource Reserve
MIMAROPA	8. Rasa Island Wildlife Sanctuary 9. Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape 10. El Nido Managed Resource Protected Area 11. Malampaya Sound Protected Landscape and Seascape 12. Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park 13. Ursula Island Game Refuge and Bird Sanctuary (proposed Ursula Island Wildlife Sanctuary)
5	14. Chico Island Wildlife Sanctuary 15. Naro Island Wildlife Sanctuary 16. Mt. Masaraga Watershed Forest Reserve
6	17. Taklong and Tandong Group of Islands Natural Park (Proposed Additional)
7	18. Bantayan Island Wilderness Area
8	19. Panaon Island Protected Seascape (Proposed Additional)
9	20. Mt. Gutom Protected Landscape (Proposed Additional); and 21. Olutanga Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (Proposed Additional)
10	22. Cagayan de Oro-Iponan Watershed Protected Landscape (Proposed Additional) 23. Malasag-Mahuganao Watershed Forest Reserve (proposed as Cugman-Catanico Protected Landscape) 24. Sultan Naga Dimaporo Protected Landscape and Seascape 25. Mt. Tago Range Natural Park
11	26. Baganga Protected Landscape
12	27. Allah Valley Watershed Forest Reserve
13	28. Gaas Inlet Protected Landscape and Seascape (Proposed Additional) 29. Malinao Inlet Protected Landscape and Seascape (Proposed Additional) 30. Dinagat Protected Landscape and Seascape (Proposed Additional) 31. Alamio, Buayan, Carac-an, Panikian River and Sipangpang Falls Watershed

Each protected area shall be grouped for a workshop depending on the status of their legislation. The expected outputs are the following:

PAs that passed the evaluation of the NNRC	PAs with bills filed in the Congress	Proclaimed PAs
1. Site-specific provisions to be included in the draft bill	1. Revised bills based on the comments during the Committee hearing, for submission to House of Representatives and Senate	1. Final Boundary and inputs to the draft bills
2. Final Technical Description	2. Final Technical Description	2. Draft Bill

In view of the above, may we request the CDDs of the concerned DENR Regional Offices in the above list in coordination with the PASus to prepare the following and submit the same to this Office on or before 6 February 2023 for initial review of BMB:

1. Draft Bills of the 4 proposed PAs that already passed the evaluation of the National NIPAS Review Committee (NNRC);
2. Revised Bills based on the comments during the Committee Hearing with the House Committee on Natural Resources and Senate Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change for the 14 proposed PAs with bills filed in Congress;
3. Final boundary and draft Bills for the 13 proclaimed PAs; and
4. Technical Descriptions of PAs.

Attached is the list of PAs based on their status, advanced copy of the DENR Special Order, Activity Design, and Program of Activities for your reference and guidance.

For information and appropriate action.

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