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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
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12, and CARAGA

ATTN : **The Chief, Conservation and Development Division**
Asian Waterbird Census Regional Coordinators

FROM : **The OIC Director**

SUBJECT : **ANNUAL ASIAN WATERBIRD CENSUS FOR 2023**

Please be informed that the conduct of the 2023 Asian Waterbird Census (AWC) is scheduled on January 7 to 22, 2023. As discussed during the AWC Planning Workshop on November 23-24 these dates are for guidance only and counts from December 2022 to February 2023 will still be considered.

Pointers, guides, and forms for the AWC, including the site schedules, are available on the BMB website at www.mb.gov.ph. Please download, print, and distribute them to your counters. The Regional AWC coordinators are advised to engage personnel who are previously involved in AWC along with other volunteers. Geographic coordinates and digital maps should be provided by the counters per site along with the AWC report. Please do the count in the same sites that were visited in previous years and use the same site or locality name in reporting unless a prior decision has been made to stop visiting old sites. New sites may, however, be visited as necessary.

It is requested that the AWC 2023 results be analyzed at the Regional Office level and provide BMB with advance copies of the AWC reports and data sheets through e-mail at wrд@bmb.gov.ph or wcs.wrd@gmail.com. The official report should be transmitted to this Bureau **not later than the end of April 2023**.

In addition to the regular AWC, we wish to inform also that the Philippines is participating in the International Black-faced Spoonbill Census (BFS Census) which is scheduled on **6 to 8 January 2023**. We recommend that the conduct of AWC for certain areas which are known to support Black-faced Spoonbill population should coincide with the schedule of BFS Census.

For further queries, please contact **Mr. John Berhel P. Doria** of this Bureau through telephone no. **(02) 8-925-8946** or email through wcs.wrd@gmail.com and/or wrд@bmb.gov.ph.

For your information and guidance.

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