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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT : DEATH OF ONE SALTWATER CROCODILE "SURIGAO"

DATE : July 13, 2023

WHO: One Saltwater Crocodile named "Surigao".

WHAT: Death of one Saltwater Crocodile named "Surigao".

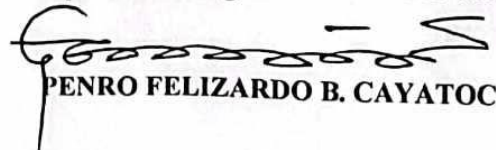
WHERE: The crocodile "Surigao" also known as "Kibol" was turned over to CFI in 1958 from Del Carmen, Siargao Island, Surigao thru the initiative of late House Speaker Hon. Ramon V. Mitra. Placed in the breeding ponds and served as breeder until it was transferred to P6 Crocodile Viewing Area in 2017.

WHEN: Surigao died on July 11, 2023, 8:00AM as reported by the Animal Keeper together with Mr. William L. Tabinas, Head of Crocodile Farming Unit and further confirmed upon examination by PWRCC Veterinarian, Dr. Glenn Rebong who likewise made necessary necropsy.

HOW: After serving its educational purpose to the public for many years, Surigao displayed odd behavior by avoiding its feed rations and floating irregularly, June of this year. After discussing with the Technical Services Section and the Veterinarian, Surigao was transferred to Pen 11-12, to allow movement and to administer proper medications last July 10, 2023.

WHY: For Surigao being a full adult upon arriving at CFI and estimated to be around 60 years old, up until today to being estimated to be around 90-100 years old. Surigao had finally succumbed to old age and died last July 12, 2023. Necropsy was conducted and its remains are buried at the PWRCC premise that served its home for three decades. Previous years, Surigao was observed to be inactive with less movement showing the characteristics of an old animal as stated above. Surigao was place at P6 or Crocodile Viewing Area. During the Necropsy, Dr. Rebong observed and found signs of affected area of the lungs (Respiratory) and digestive system aside from its reproductive organ. Detailed report including documentations will follow immediately.

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