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MEMORANDUM

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TO : **All Regional Executive Directors**
DENR Regional Offices

: **The Directors**
DENR Staff and Line Bureaus

FROM : **The Undersecretary**
Policy, Planning, and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2023 ASIA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AWARDS (AEEA)**

This pertains to the United Nations Environmental Programme's (UNEP) call for nominations for the 2023 Asia Environmental Enforcement Awards (AEEA). AEEA is given to individuals and/or government organizations/teams that demonstrate excellence and outstanding leadership in enforcing national laws to combat transboundary environmental crimes in Asia (or in fostering Africa-Asia cooperation in the area of illegal trade in wildlife).

The thematic scope of AEEA covers any transboundary environmental crimes, such as illegal trade in wildlife, and illegal trade in chemicals or waste.

This Office was requested to submit nominations for this prestigious award.

As outlined in AEEA's Information Note, the following criteria will be used in selecting this year's AEEA's recipients:

Categories	Explanation	Indicative examples
1. Collaboration	Investigations and/or enforcement activities that have succeeded through cooperation with counterparts from other countries either in the preparation, execution or follow-up phase. Applicants need to identify nominees in two countries at least	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Handover of relevant information leading to a successful operation in another country.- A successful controlled delivery across countries.
2. Impact	Law enforcement operations that have resulted in successful disruption of criminal networks beyond the mere confiscation of contraband.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Arrest of high-level traffickers through financial investigations.- Operations that results in prosecution/conviction of high-level trafficker.

3. Innovation	Law enforcement interventions that demonstrate technological, intelligence-led, science-based approaches resulting in successful arrests, prosecutions and convictions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification of traffickers through forensics analysis (e.g. phones, DNA, etc.). - Seizures through effective profiling based on risk indicators.
4. Integrity	Law enforcement actions that have identified and acted upon cases of collusion of public officials or that have resisted pressure from other bodies of the public or private sector, third parties and other relevant actors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An investigation resulting in the arrest of public officials facilitating the smuggling of contraband. - The arrest of senior public officials or other influential figures. - A situation where public officials have resisted bribes or other corrupt attempts and investigations for bribery have been launched.
5. Gender leadership and Women's Empowerment	<p>Leadership in advancing gender equality through concrete actions in combating transboundary environmental crime.</p> <p>Women's leadership in directing collaborative and successful operations against transboundary environmental crime</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An enforcement agency establishes a network of female enforcement officers to advance gender equality. - Positive actions are taken to ensure women are promoted to leadership positions. - A complex operation coordinated and led by one or more women
6. Africa-Asia cooperation in the fight against illegal trade in wildlife*	Joint investigations and/or enforcement activities facilitated by collaborative action between counterparts from Asia and Africa resulting in successfully addressing transnational wildlife crime.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A successful exchange of information or intelligence that leads to the arrest of key individuals involved in a smuggling operation across continents - A coordinated enforcement operation in Asia and in Africa leading to the disruption of a transnational syndicate
	Applicants need to identify nominees in two countries at least (one in Africa and one in Asia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A controlled delivery between the 2 continents - A successful exchange of evidence through mutual legal assistance

In order for the Department to filter all worthy and qualified nominees, this Office is requesting a submission of your nominees for the said Awards, **not later than 27 July 2023, Thursday**. Please submit your nominees to legal.cpmc@denr.gov.ph, with the subject "**2023 ASIA ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT AWARDS**", together with the following documents:

1. Duly accomplished form¹;
2. Memorandum from the Head of Office addressed to this Office for the reason for nomination.
Please provide a short description of why the nominee deserves an Award (Maximum of 500 words).
3. Relevant documentation to support this nomination (e.g. media reports, photos etc.).

¹ Copy attached as Annex "A".

Other information regarding the subject Awards may be accessed through this link: <https://bit.ly/AEEA2023>

For your appropriate action.


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