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HON. HERMILANDO I. MANDANAS

The Governor

Province of Batangas

Member, VIP MPAN and LEN Management Board

Dear HON. MANDANAS:

Greetings!

In reference to the agreement during the Follow-up Online Meeting of the Verde Island Passage Marine Protected Area Network and Law Enforcement Network (VIP MPAN AND LEN) held on 04 May 2023, this Office will host a **DENR and Provincial Legal Officers for the VIP MPAN and LEN Virtual Meeting on Friday, July 7, 2023, at 1:00 PM**. The purpose of this meeting is to engage in a comprehensive discussion and seek advice and recommendations on the proposed establishment of the VIP under the NIPAS. It may be noted that a similar letter was sent last May 22, 2023 for a Meeting, however, it was deemed necessary to postpone it due to unforeseen circumstances.

We are pleased to extend an invitation to your Legal Officer to participate in this online meeting. During the session, relevant documents will be presented and discussed to facilitate the provision of legal advice and recommendations on the matter at hand. In order to familiarize yourself with the previous discussions, we have attached the highlights of the Follow-up Online Meeting of the VIP MPAN and LEN held on May 4, 2023.

To be able to join the virtual meeting via Zoom, kindly use the ID: **868 2796 3848** and Passcode: **516064**. For further inquiries, you may contact the Secretariat at BMB's coastalandmarine@gmail.com or at Tel/Fax No. (02) 8925 8948.

We sincerely appreciate your continued support to the VIP MPAN and LEN and look forward to your participation in this important meeting. Together, we can make significant progress in advancing the cause of the VIP and its vital protection.

Very truly yours,


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