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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Directors**
DENR Regions III, MIMAROPA and XIII

ATTN : **Protected Area Superintendents**
Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape
Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape
Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park
Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape

FROM : The Director and In concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE THIRD INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (ITWG) FOR THE SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY, OCEANS AND LANDSCAPES (SIBOL) PROJECT ON 21 JULY 2023 AT NOVOTEL ARANETA, CUBAO, QUEZON CITY**

Pursuant to DENR Special Order No. 2021-664 creating the Project Steering Committee (PSC), Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (ITWG), National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU), and Regional Project Management Committee (RPMC) for the Philippines Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes (SIBOL) Project, please be informed that the ITWG will be convene for its third Meeting on **21 July 2023, Friday, 9:00AM-3:00PM at Novotel Araneta, Cubao, Quezon City.**

The said Meeting aims to attain the following objectives:

1. Review of Minutes and Matters Arising from the previous ITWG meeting;
2. Report the progress, accomplishments, challenges, and milestones of SIBOL Project for FY 2023;
3. Identify and endorse the replication sites of SIBOL;
4. Discuss the schedule of the next ITWG Meeting and proposed agenda for the second Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting; and
5. Other Matters.

Through the SIBOL Project, protected area development and management programs and activities in Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape, Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape, Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape, and Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park are being supported particularly

in improving the PA's natural resources governance, sustainably managing natural resources, and reducing environmental crimes.

In view of the above and as members of the SIBOL ITWG, may we request the participation of the PASus of the abovementioned protected areas. All expenses such as transportation and accommodation expenses to be incurred in the conduct of this meeting shall be charged to USAID SIBOL Project.

Attached is the copy of the minutes of the second ITWG Meeting and the provisional program. For confirmation of attendance and other concerns, PASus may coordinate with the Bureau's National Parks Division and SIBOL Project through Ms. Frances Brillo (frances.brillo@bmb.gov.ph/8925-8947) and Ms. Alexa Lasch (alasch@ph-sibol.org), respectively.

For information and consideration.

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