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### **MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Regional Executive Director  
DENR Regions NCR, 1, 2, 3, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and 5

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

**SUBJECT :** SEABIRDS MONITORING PRACTICUM (LUZON CLUSTER)

During the 1<sup>st</sup> National Seabird Forum and Action Planning Workshop on 1-3 October 2021, gaps in seabird research and conservation in the Philippines were identified including the ways forward in fulfilling the National Seabirds Action Plan. To achieve the action plan objectives, specifically the Capacity Building part of the major thematic areas, the Biodiversity Management Bureau is organizing a Seabird Monitoring Practicum on 11-13 July 2023 (exclusive of travel time) in Alaminos, Pangasinan (exact venue to be determined).

The primary goal of this workshop is to provide the participants with knowledge about seabird ecology, conservation, and monitoring techniques, and, at the same time, develop their skills in identifying seabird species and monitoring their populations.

In line with this, we would like to request two (2) representatives from each Region either from the Conservation and Development Division or their counterparts from PENRO/CENRO. We would appreciate receiving the names of the nominees by accomplishing the online registration form thru this link <https://tinyurl.com/SeabirdPrac> on or before 28 June 2023.

For any inquiries, please contact Mr. John Berhel Doria through telephone numbers (632) 89258946/ 89246031 to 35 loc. 224 or you may email us at [wrд@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:wrд@bmb.gov.ph) or [wcs.wrд@gmail.com](mailto:wcs.wrд@gmail.com).

For information and consideration.

  
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## **Seabird Monitoring Practicum**

### **July 11 to 13, 2023**

#### **I. Background and Rationale.**

The Seabird Monitoring Practicum aims to contribute to the conservation and protection of seabird populations in the Philippines. Seabirds play a crucial role in marine ecosystems, acting as indicators of environmental health and contributing to the richness of Philippine biodiversity. However, they face numerous threats, including habitat degradation, pollution, and climate change. This practicum provides an opportunity for participants to gain hands-on experience in seabird monitoring techniques and contribute to ongoing conservation efforts at the same time, this practicum addresses the Capacity Building part of the thematic areas of the National Seabirds Action Plan.

#### **II. Objectives.**

1. To provide participants with knowledge about seabird ecology, conservation, and monitoring techniques.
2. To develop participants' skills in identifying seabird species, monitoring their populations, and recording relevant data.
3. To contribute to the existing database on seabird populations and their habitats in Alaminos, Pangasinan.

#### **III. Expected Output.**

1. Participants will gain practical skills in seabird monitoring, including identification, counting, and data collection.
2. Data collected during the practicum will contribute to ongoing research and conservation initiatives, and enhance the understanding on seabird populations in Alaminos, Pangasinan.

#### **IV. Target Participants.**

Two (2) representatives from each Regional Office, preferably from the Conservation and Development Division or their counterpart from PENRO/CENRO.



## **V. Methodology.**

### **1. Classroom Sessions:**

- Introduction to seabird ecology, behavior, and conservation.
- Training on seabird identification, monitoring techniques, and data collection methods.
- Overview of the existing research and conservation efforts in Alaminos, Pangasinan.

### **2. Field Activities:**

- Guided field trips to seabird habitats in Alaminos, Pangasinan.
- Practical sessions on seabird monitoring, including population surveys, nest monitoring, and behavioral observations.
- Hands-on experience in data collection, recording, and analysis.

### **3. Group Discussions:**

- Regular group discussions to share observations, discuss challenges, and exchange knowledge.
- Analysis of collected data and interpretation of findings.
- Brainstorming sessions for developing recommendations and future conservation strategies.

## **VI. Date and Venue.**

The Seabird Monitoring Practicum will be held from July 11 to 13, 2023, in Alaminos, Pangasinan. The venue for classroom sessions will be communicated to participants upon registration, while field activities will take place in various seabird habitats within the area.