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Subject: SIBOL RPMC Meeting

**Dear RED Claudio:**

Greetings from the United States Agency for International Development's Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscapes (USAID SIBOL)! We a five-year project of USAID, in partnership with the Philippine government (Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR); and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD). USAID SIBOL is implemented by the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) together with its consortium partners: Resources, Environment and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS), Center for Conservation Innovations (CCI), Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP), and Zoological Society of London (ZSL).

SIBOL aims to improve natural resources governance, sustainably manage natural resources, and reduce environmental crimes by promoting positive environmental behavior in its five key biodiversity areas spread across the country, namely: the Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (SIPLAS) in Surigao del Norte; the Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL), the Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park (PPSRNP) and the Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat (CNCH) in Palawan; and the Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape (MOBPLS) in Zambales.

Pursuant to DENR Special Order (SO) No. 2021-664, and DENR Regional SO No. 058 series of 2022 with Addendum No. 305, the Regional Project Management Committee (RPMC) for SIBOL Project was created. On November 8, 2022, the first RPMC meeting was held in Aziza Paradise Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. Since then, we have not convened the RPMC.

In relation thereto, may we ask your most convenient schedule for our next RPMC meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to update our partners on the progress of SIBOL Project in Palawan. We would appreciate it very much if you could designate a focal person to whom we can coordinate with regarding this request.

We look forward to your favorable response on this matter. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,



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