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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DENR Regions-CAR, 2, 3, IVB and 5

FROM : The DIRECTOR
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service

**SUBJECT : MONITORING AND VALIDATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE ON-GOING AND COMPLETING SPECIAL PROJECTS
OF THE FOREIGN-ASSISTED AND SPECIAL PROJECTS
SERVICE (FASPS)**

The Project Accounts Management Division (PAMD), designated as oversight/focal of the Special Projects (SPs), of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS), will be dispatched together with one (1) technical staff each from the Project Preparation Division (PPD), Project Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMED) and Project Management Division (PMD) to conduct a joint field monitoring and validation on the implementation of SPs being funded by the DENR-FASPS. Apart from this, consultation/meetings with other project stakeholders will also be undertaken by the Team to have a better appreciation and familiarization on the newly-approved SPs. The proposed activity is scheduled to take place from the period May to June FY 2023.

Please find attached a copy of Activity Design, for your information and reference.

The FASPS-PAMD will be coordinating with your Regional focal persons/project proponents on the details of the proposed field visits and counterpart funds to be downloaded to your respective Offices in support of the conduct of aforementioned activity.

In view of this, we would like to request your usual support and assistance to this forthcoming endeavor.


AL O. OROLFO, Ph.D.

cc : FASPS-PMD
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The DIRECTOR**
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

FROM : **The CHIEF**
Project Accounts Management Division

SUBJECT : **MONITORING AND VALIDATION ON THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ON-GOING AND COMPLETING
SPECIAL PROJECTS OF THE FOREIGN-ASSISTED AND
SPECIAL PROJECTS SERVICE (FASPS)**

The Project Accounts Management Division (PAMD) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) will be conducting field monitoring and validation on the implementation of Special Projects (SPs) being funded by the DENR-FASPS. The proposed activity is scheduled to take place from the period May to June FY 2023.

The Budget Management Section (BMS) of PAMD, designated as Focal Point of SPs, will be dispatched together with one (1) technical staff each from PPD, PMED and PMD, to undertake joint monitoring and validation on the implementation progress of the on-going/completing SPs. This will also include assistance and meetings with the field implementing partners/project proponents of the newly-approved SPs in coming up with an agreed monitoring tool through the assignment of criterion weight per component and activity in the approved WFP to properly track and evaluate the progress of the SPs. Apart from this, consultation meetings/dialogue with other project stakeholders will also be undertaken by the Team to have a better appreciation and familiarization on the projects.

Attached is the activity design for your reference.

For your consideration and approval.

IMELDA R. DELA CRUZ

**MONITORING AND VALIDATION
OF ON-GOING/NEW SPECIAL PROJECTS
OF THE
FOREIGN-ASSISTED AND SPECIAL PROJECTS SERVICE
(FASPS) - DENR CENTRAL OFFICE**

ACTIVITY DESIGN

1. BACKGROUND

The Project Accounts Management Division (PAMD) of the Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) is the newly-designated Focal Point of the Special Projects (SPs) being funded by the DENR-FASPS. A Team from the Budget Management Section (BMS) of PAMD, will be dispatched together with one (1) technical staff each from the PPD, PMED and PMD, to undertake field monitoring and validation on the implementation progress of the on-going/completing SPs. This will also include assistance and consultation meetings with the field implementing partners/project proponents of the newly-approved SPs in coming up with an agreed monitoring tool through the assignment of criterion weight per component and activity in the approved WFP to properly track and evaluate the progress of the SPs. The weight criterion is the basis for the overall measurement based on the distribution of weighted value to each activity/task of the project. Below are the projects to be monitored by the BMS Team.

| No. | On-going/Completing Projects | Project Location/ Implementing Partner-Proponent |
|-----|--|---|
| 1 | Survey and Characterization of Native Fruit and Ethnomedicinal Trees of Apayao (Native Fruit) | CAR/Apayao State College |
| 2 | Pilot Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management Practices in Magat River System using Innovative Science Tools towards Development of Package of Good Practices for Adoption in Cagayan River Basin (IWRM) | Region-2/Isabela State University (ISU) |
| 3 | Characterization of Bamboo Species from various ecosystems of Cagayan Province, Philippines through DNA Barcoding, Morphological and Phytochemical Profiling (Bambooza) | Region-2/Cagayan State University (CSU) |
| 4 | Breeding and Nest Site Selection of Cavity-nesting Birds at Subic Watershed Forest Reserve, Luzon, Philippines (Cavity Nesting) | Region-3/Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) and Institute of Biology, University of the Philippines Diliman |

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|---|---|--|
| 5 | Research on the Meta-Population of Tamaraw in Mindoro (Tamaraw) | PENRO Occidental Mindoro, Region-IV-B (MIMAROPA)/ Tamaraw Conservation Program (TCP) |
| 6 | Collaborative Assessment of Abandoned, Underutilized, and Undeveloped Fishponds in Sorsogon Province (AUUF) | Region-5 |

| No. | Newly-Approved Projects | Project Location/ Implementing Partner-Proponent |
|-----|---|--|
| 7 | Assessment of Bioinvasion and Proliferation of Exotic Plant Species in Camp John Hay Forest Reserve in Baguio City : A Basis for the Policy Inputs on the Management of Exotic Plants and Promotion and Restoration of Native Plants (Exotic Plants in Camp John Hay) | PENRO Benguet, CAR/UP Baguio |
| 8 | Cave Air Quality Alert System (Cave Air QAS): AeroCave Tool Adoption for Monitoring and Assessment of Cave Air Quality under Intense Climatic Events in a Tropical Setting (CaveAir QAS) | DENR-R4A / UP-SESAM |
| 9 | Assessment of Coastal Biodiversity Associated with the Wetland Ecosystems of Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP) and Tanza Marine Tree Park (TMTP) (Wetland Eco in LPPWP/TMTP) | DENR-NCR / UP SESAM / Adamson University |
| 10 | Economic Valuation in the Calculation of Damage Estimates to Coral Reef Ecosystem within Ticao-Burias Pass Protected Seascape (TBPPS) in the Bicol Region (Coral Reef Damage) | DENR - R5 |
| 11 | Ecology and Behavior of Philippine Tarsiers in Mount Matutum Protected Landscape Tarsier Sanctuary (Tarsier in Mt. Matutum) | DENR -OSEC UP - DILIMAN / IBA Foundation |

2. METHODOLOGY

The proposed activity will consist of courtesy calls to the DENR Regional/Provincial Offices and Planning Chiefs, communication and coordination with the concerned focal person/s of the implementing partner Regions and project proponents and other stakeholders, field visits/site inspections, round table meetings and other means necessary to determine and validate the status of the different SPs. Thereafter, a Back-to-Office Report will be prepared and submitted by the Team to the PAMD Chief for review and notation and will be submitted to the FASPS Director for information/reference.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION

The Team shall be composed of the following staff from PAMD-FASPS and shall be assisted by technical personnel from PPD/PMED-FASPS, deployed to jointly undertake the aforementioned activity to the different SPs sites:

PAMD-FASPS

Vicente P. Javier, Jr.
Leilani N. De Jesus
Carlo B. Buentipo
Giulla C. Lacsamana

PPD-FASPS

1 representative (Technical Staff)

PMED-FASPS

1 representative (Technical Staff)

PMD-FASPS

1 representative (Technical Staff)

4. TIMELINE OF ACTIVITIES

The proposed field visits will be undertaken from May to June 2023 with tentative schedules as follows:

| SPECIAL PROJECTS | TENTATIVE SCHEDULE | LOCATION |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Cavity Nesting | 03-05 May 2023 | Zambales, Region-3 |
| Exotic Plants in Camp John Hay and Native Fruit of Apayao | 15-19 May 2023 | CAR |
| IWRM and BAMBUSA | 29 May–03 June 2023 | Region-2 |
| AUUF/TBPPS | 19-23 June 2023 | Region-5 |
| Meta Population of Tamaraw | 27-30 June 2023 | Occidental Mindoro, R4B |

5. BUDGETARY REQUIREMENTS

| UACS | | LOCATION / OFFICE | | | | | | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------|---|----------|--------|
| PARTICULAR | CODE | CAR | PENRO Apayao | Region II | Region III | PENRO Occidental Mindoro, R4-B | Region 5 | |
| Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Other Maintenance and Operating Expenses | 50299990-99 | 6,000 | 11,000 | 16,000 | 10,000 | 13,000 | 16,000 | 72,000 |
| Supplies and Materials Expenses | | | | | | | | |
| Fuel Oil and Lubricants | 50203090-00 | 2,000 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 1,000 | 3,000 | 5,000 | 21,000 |
| Total | | 8,000 | 16,000 | 21,000 | 11,000 | 16,000 | 21,000 | 93,000 |

Funds in support for the above activities shall be sourced from **Fund 101-A.02.d - Conduct of Special Studies, Design and Development in Support of Forestry, Mining and Development Management Operations including Climate Change Resiliency - Support to Grant.**


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| | 04/28/23 | Dia-Daula | 4/28/23 | Sir, For your consideration. Thank you Jen |

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