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HON. EDNA G. LIM Municipal Mayor El Nido, Palawan

Dear Mayor Lim,

Environmental greetings!



This pertains to the submitted Comprehensive Development and Management Plan (CDMP) for Special Use Agreement in Protected Area (SAPA) on the construction of Bacuit Bay Islands Public Toilet of Local Government Unit (LGU) of El Nido, Palawan received by this Office on April 23, 2023.

Please be informed that upon review of the said CDMP, we have noted some comments particularly the following, to wit;

Statement based on CDMP	Comments	Suggestion / Remarks
The water supply will initially be provided by the LGU thru the Municipal Economic Enterprise Development Office which will provide water for the comfort rooms and will be stored on provisioned water tanks. But to ensure that adequate water supply will be given, the local government will order tourist boats to bring water to reload the water tanks	Noted	-
Individuals will be hired to man the comfort rooms to ensure that cleanliness and orderliness is maintained. These individuals will be funded under the ETDF and IPAF and will be under the supervision of the Protected Area Management Office	The individuals to be hired will be funded by the 10% share of the PAMO under ETDF only	Please revise the statement indicating that hired individuals will be charged against the 10% share of PAMO under ETDF
As for the water supply for the comfort rooms, the Municipal Economic Enterprise Development Office (MEEDO) will distribute clean water to the locations every day to fill up the water tanks that will be installed in the location. In addition, for the supply to be adequate and	The commitment of the PAMO is only the maintenance of the toilets utilizing the hired individuals responsible in the maintenance activities but not the distribution of the clean and fresh water. However, the individuals hired under 10% ETDF share of the PAMO as	Please revise the statement indicating that the PAMO hired personnel under ETDF will help on distributing clean and fresh water in the area and to ensure that adequate water supply will be given, the local government will order tourist boats to bring water to refill the water tanks.

sustained for all individuals who wish to use the toilets, the PAMO will also help on distributing clean and fresh water	maintenance personnel will help distribute the water from the tank to toilet if necessary.	
All waste handling will be performed in a safe manner with the supervision of the PAMO to minimize the risks to the environment	Waste handling has to be under the supervision of the MENRO being mandated by RA 9003 and Municipal Sanitary Office of the LGU	Please revise the statement
The daily manning and cleaning of the toilet facilities will be supervised by the Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) thru ETDF funding.	Noted	-
Seven (7) individuals will be hired and funded under the 10% share of PAMO	The hiring of the seven (7) individuals will be funded under the 10% ETDF share of PAMO	Please revise the statement
The use of comfort rooms will be free of charge and the maintenance will be funded under the Eco-Tourism Development Fund and on the Integrated Protected Area Fund (IPAF)	The PAMO only commits the fund under the 10% share from ETDF for the seven (7) individuals to be hired who will maintain the cleanliness of the toilet facilities. Maintenance of the structure and repair are not included.	Please revise the statement
It is stated in the Executive Order No. 22-022 dated May 23, 2022 that some task regarding toilet management particularly the funding from PAMO will be acquired through IPAF	All expenses and funding requirements particularly on toilet management assigned to the PAMO will come from the 10% share under ETDF not from the IPAF as the activity is not included in the Protected Area Management Plan (PAMP)	Please revise statement

The PAMO ENMRPA commits to support the operation of the Bacuit Bay Islands Public Toilet to meet its objective in providing functional, sustainable, quality public toilets in Bacuit Bay Islands and ensure clean, safe and cater the needs of tourist (local and foreign), tourism suppliers, and residents.

Be informed further that the CDMP was already endorsed by the PAMB Enbanc on its meeting last February 23, 2023. Be reminded that this is only one of the documents required for Special Use Agreement in Protected Area (SAPA). The CDMP was already forwarded to the DENR higher office thru channel in our memorandum dated April 24, 2023 for their review and further instruction.

Thank you very much for the support in conserving and protecting the environment and natural resources.

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