## **ADVANCE COPY**

#### SPECIAL ORDER No. 2023-

#### SUBJECT: RESCHEDULING THE CONDUCT OF TRAINING ON THE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION AND MANAGEMENT OF FOREST PESTS AND DISEASES

In the interest of service, and in view of the supervening circumstances that warrant the rescheduling of some activities, the conduct of **Training on the Prevention**, **Suppression and Management of Forest Pests and Diseases** is hereby rescheduled from 24-26 May 2023 to 7-9 June 2023.

All other provisions of DENR Special Order No. 2023-306 dated 24 May 2023 shall remain in force and effect.

This Order shall take effect on the date specified herein.

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#### TRAINING ON THE PREVENTION, SUPPRESSION AND MANAGEMENT OF FOREST PESTS AND DISEASES

#### I. Introduction

The natural and plantation forest in the country has been facing new and increasing threats from forest pests and diseases. These threats pose negative consequences to the environment and native habits, apart from economic losses from plantation forests. The capacity of the DENR field officers to identify, prevent and manage these forest pests and diseases are limited.

In order to strengthen the capability of our field officers to recognize and prevent these forest pests and diseases, this Office shall conduct a training on the prevention, suppression and management of forest pests and disease. The activity will include hands-on training on properly identifying pests and diseases, and implementing prevention and suppression measures.

The training shall be conducted on 7-9 June 2023 in Metro Manila to be participated by representatives from the Regional Offices particularly from the Conservation and Development Division (CDD) and Enforcement Division (ED).

#### II. Objective

The conduct of this activity generally intends to capacitate selected DENR personnel with the knowledge and skills in the prevention and suppression of forest pests and diseases. Specifically, the training aims to achieve the following:

- 1. Capacitate the participants in identifying forest pests and diseases;
- 2. Capacitate the participants in employing preventive measures in addressing the threats of forest pests and diseases;
- 3. Capacitate the participants in determining suitable methods in managing forest pests and diseases; and,
- 4. Provide an avenue for the participants to share their experiences in managing and addressing forest pests and diseases.

#### **III.** Participants/Learners

The activity shall be attended by selected personnel from the Forest Management Bureau, and the Regional Offices particularly from the Conservation and Development Division (CDD) and Enforcement Division (ED).

#### IV. Materials

During the conduct of the training, the participants are required to bring their laptops and current data regarding forest pests and diseases within their respective regions, if available.

#### V. Schedule

The activity is scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of CY 2023 based on the approved Work and Financial Plan of the Bureau and will be conducted on 7-9 June 2023 in Metro Manila.

# VI. Program of Activities

Time	Activity	<b>Responsible Person/s</b>
Day 1 (7 June 2023)		
09:00 AM – 12:00 NN	Arrival and Registration of Participants	Secretariat
12:00 NN - 1:00 PM	Lunch break	
01:00 PM - 01:30 PM	Opening Program	
	<ul> <li>Prayer</li> <li>National Anthem</li> <li>Acknowledgement of Participants</li> </ul>	
	Welcome Remarks	FMB Director
01:30 PM - 01:45 PM	Training Overview	FRCD Chief
01:45 PM - 03:00 PM	Introduction to Forest Pests and Diseases in the Philippines	Romana A. Mauricio, FERD, SRSS
03:00 PM - 03:15 PM	Health Break	
03:15 PM - 04:00 PM	Basic Entomology	Yrah Joy C. Panizales, LESD, SRS
04:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Identifying and Detecting Forest Pests, main causes, and distribution	Yrah Joy C. Panizales, LESD, SRS
Day 2 (8 June 2023)		
08:30 AM - 09:00 AM	Recap of Day One	Regional Participants
09:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Identifying and Detecting Plant Diseases, main causes, and distribution	Cecille Q. Marquez, LESD, SRS
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Activity 1: Identifying common forest pests and diseases in the field offices (3 Groups)	Regional Participants
10:30 AM - 11:20 AM	Reporting of Output for Activity 1 (10 mins per Group)	Regional Participants
11:20 AM – 12:00 NN	Soil Microbiology and Seed-borne diseases	Cecille Q. Marquez, LESD, SRS
12:00 NN - 01:00 PM	Lunch break	
01:00 PM - 03:00 PM	Methods of Forest Pest Management and Control	Yrah Joy C. Panizales, LESD, SRS
03:00 PM - 03:15 PM	Health Break	

Time	Activity	<b>Responsible Person/s</b>
03:15 PM - 05:00 PM	Methods of Plant Disease	Cecille Q. Marquez,
	Management and Control	LESD, SRS
	(continuation)	
Day 3 (9 June 2023)		
08:00 AM - 08:30 AM	Recap of Day Two	Regional Participants
08:30 AM - 09:30 AM	Travel to Field Area (La Mesa)	
09:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Activity Two: Hands-on	Resource Person
	Identification of Forest Pests and	(ERDB)/ Regional
	Diseases and Methods for Control	Participants
	and Management	
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Travel Back to Hotel	
12:30 PM - 01:30 PM	Lunch break	
01:30 PM - 03:00 PM	Post-Assessment and Way Forward	Secretariat
03:00 PM - 05:00 PM	Closing Ceremony	Secretariat
05:00PM	Home Bound	

### VII. Expected Outputs

After the conduct of the training, participants are expected to:

- Be able to identify forest pests and diseases and employ preventive measures in addressing the threats of forest pests and diseases;
- Be able to determine suitable methods in managing forest pests and diseases; and,
- Share experiences in managing and addressing forest pests and diseases in their respective regions.