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OIC Regional Executive Director
Department of Environment and Natural Resources MIMAROPA
Ermita, Manila

Attention: **Mr. Felizardo B. Cayatoc**
PENRO (Palawan)

Dear **Director Mirasol**,

The Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), responsible for facilitating interregional development in Mindanao, is actively working with private and government agencies for the realization of a wildlife center that aims to preserve biodiversity in the Mt. Apo Natural Park. This center will focus on wildlife rescue, conservation, community anti-poaching efforts, and disaster resilience campaigns.

A Technical Working Group (TWG) has been formed with representatives from DENR-XI, DENR-XII, nine (9) LGUs, and two (2) private institutions to facilitate the establishment of the center. We have scheduled on-site learning sessions at Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (Crocodile Farm) and with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development on 6-10 November 2023 in order to further capacitate the TWG on how to establish a wildlife rescue and conservation center.

May we **kindly request your permission and assistance of your technical team during the conduct of this activity.**

Ms. Lady Lyn A. Bruce of the Policy Formulation Division will coordinate with your office regarding this request. Your team may reach her through her mobile number 09171138999 and email address lady.albarico@minda.gov.ph, for queries and clarification.

We look forward to your positive response on this request. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

MARIA BELEN S. ACOSTA, CESE
Secretary, Mindanao Development Authority
and Philippine Signing Minister for BIMP-EAGA

