

## MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors  
All DENR Regional Offices

FROM : The Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and concurrent OIC  
Director

SUBJECT : **CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE RAMSAR REGIONAL  
CENTER – EAST ASIA (RRC-EA) WETLAND FUND 2024**

DATE :

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), in its capacity as the National Administrative Authority (NAA) for the implementation of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in the country, received the call for project proposals of the Ramsar Regional Center – East Asia (RRC-EA) for funding under the RRC-EA Wetland Fund 2024.

The RRC-EA Wetland Fund 2024 will be supporting projects that are in line with these two (2) thematic areas:

- 1) Wetland Conservation and Wise Use, to support the implementation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ramsar Strategic Plan 2016-2024 (Grant up to US\$ 10,000); and
- 2) Celebration of World Wetlands Day (Grant up to US\$ 5,000).

Pursuant to Memorandum Circular No. 16 series of 2017 of the Office of the President, should the DENR become the proponent of a foreign-funded project, it shall be subject to prior clearance and approval by the President or his authorized representative based on the recommendation of the Secretary of Finance. We therefore encourage partnership with the non-government offices operating in your area of jurisdiction in drafting proposals that will benefit either existing and possible Ramsar sites. Should there be no such sites within your area of operation, proposals can be made for priority wetlands which will contribute to the accomplishment of targets in the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.

The guidelines (including the application documents) and information packs for the RRC-EA Wetland Fund 2024 can be accessed through this link: <http://rrcea.org/call-for-proposals-for-rrc-ea-wetland-fund-2024>. The proponent should submit the proposal to BMB, copied to: [cawed@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:cawed@bmb.gov.ph) on or before **6 November 2023** to allow ample time for internal review and endorsement. For further queries, your staff may coordinate with Ms. Jay Em Reyes of the Caves, Wetlands, and other Ecosystems Division at (02) 8925-8951 or at [cawed@bmb.gov.ph](mailto:cawed@bmb.gov.ph).

For consideration.

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