



MEMORANDUM

FOR : All DENR Regional Executive Directors

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

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE 3rd CROCODILE FORUM IN THE
PHILIPPINES**

Please be informed that on November 8-11, 2023, the **3rd Crocodile Forum in the Philippines** with the theme “Engaging Communities and Partners Participation towards Sustainable Conservation” will be held at Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building (Thomasian Alumni Center), University of Santo Tomas, España Blvd., Manila. The forum is being organized by the *Crocodylus Porosus* Philippines, Inc. (CPPI), University of Santo Tomas, in collaboration with ASEAN Center for Biodiversity, and Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB). The Forum aims to highlight the plight of the two species of *Crocodylus* found in the Philippines – *Crocodylus porosus* and *Crocodylus mindorensis*; explore possibilities for advancing *crocodile conservation and sustainable management in the country* and offer a venue for information exchange regarding national and international developments on crocodile conservation and farming. International and national experts will be gathered for this forum to provide opportunities, insights, and encouragement in addressing the challenges faced by these species.

During the forum, a consultation workshop for the two important documents in the conservation of the two crocodilian species in the country will be conducted. These are the “Crocodile Conservation Action Plan of the Philippines,” and the “Protocol for Managing Human-Crocodile Conflict in the Philippines,” both developed by this Bureau through the National Committee for Crocodile Conservation (NCCC)¹ and its Technical Working Group.

Recognizing the relevance of the Forum in the management of crocodiles in your Region as well as in the review of the above-mentioned documents, the participation of the concerned members of the NCCC from Regions 2, 9, 10, 12, CAR, and CARAGA are hereby enjoined. In addition to the NCCC members, we also recommend one (1) representative each from all the Regions to participate in the said Forum.

The registration fee for participants from the DENR is waived by the organizers. Furthermore, the organizers shall shoulder the participant’s economy roundtrip plane or bus fare and accommodation costs for the duration of the forum. Other incidental

¹ NCCC – a committee composed of experts on crocodiles created by the DENR through Special Order No. 2015-1010 “Reconstituting the Philippine Crocodile Recovery Team to be known as the National Committee for Crocodile Conservation (NCCC)” (Doc. 1)

expenses of participants shall be chargeable against their respective Offices. Attached is the provisional program of the forum, for your reference.

For confirmation of attendance, please accomplish the registration form in this link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdeyb4rm> and to the Wildlife Resources Division of this Bureau through e-mail address wrd@bmb.gov.ph on or before October 16, 2023. The list of participants shall be submitted to the lead organizer to facilitate the flight and accommodation arrangements.

For information and consideration.

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