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Regional Executive Director
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Dear RED Mirasol,

The Small Grants Programme (SGP) aims to empower community-based organizations through the provision of grants and technical assistance. Specifically, the objective of the SGP-7 is to build the socio-ecological and economic resilience of targeted landscapes and seascapes through community-based activities. For this phase of the SGP, the target sites are Catubig Watershed in Northern Samar province, Aurora province in the Sierra Madre, Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape in Surigao del Norte province, and the Calamian Group of Islands in Northern Palawan.

Under this project, a landscape strategy must be developed by the corresponding multi-stakeholder platform for each target landscape to enhance socio-ecological resilience through community grant projects. The strategy document will define priority areas of intervention (protection, restoration, rehabilitation, sustainable use, agriculture, livestock, residential etc.) and develop typology of potential projects to achieve strategic objectives and priorities for funding. Part of the multi-stakeholder governance platform is the Landscape Round Table Committee (LRTC). Its membership was identified in consultation with CGI stakeholders and reaffirmed during the National Steering Committee (NSC) meeting, as chaired by the DENR, last August 2023.

Having drafted the Landscape Strategy for Calamianes Group of Islands (CGI), it is important to present the document to the members of the LRTC for their recommendations and review before such document is submitted to the National Steering Committee (NSC). Once approved, the landscape strategy will signal the release of the call for proposals.

As a member of the LRTC, we would like to invite you to a meeting which will be on November 9. The venue shall be communicated later.

Should you have any concerns kindly contact the undersigned through mobile 09194904415 or 09154729405 and/or through email leajim.villanueva@sgp7.fpe.ph.

Thank you so much for your kind consideration.

Yours in conservation,

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