

Republic of the Philippines PROVINCE OF OCCIDENTAL MINDORO MUNICIPALITY OF LUBANG

OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL MAYOR

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Occidental Mindoro

HON. EDUARDO B. GADIANO PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR Provincial Capitol, Mamburao

Dear Honorable Governor Gadiano,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to respectfully request the support and technical assistance of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau (DENR-EMB) for a crucial initiative within our jurisdiction. As part of our commitment to achieving the Seal of Good Local Governance, we seek your invaluable assistance in the classification of water bodies in Occidental Mindoro.

Water bodies play a vital role in the overall environmental health of our province, and proper classification is essential for sustainable management, conservation, and regulatory purposes. We believe that partnering with DENR-EMB is the most appropriate approach to ensure the accurate and efficient classification of these water bodies.

Our proposal for technical assistance from DENR-EMB includes the following key activities:

- 1. Water Body Assessment: We request DENR-EMB to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the water bodies in Occidental Mindoro. This assessment will involve evaluating the water quality, ecosystems, and overall health of our lakes, rivers, and coastal areas.
- 2. Classification Framework: Based on the assessment, we seek guidance and expertise from DENR-EMB to develop a standardized classification framework that aligns with national and international standards. This framework will serve as a reference for future decision-making and management strategies.
- 3. Capacity Building: We would greatly appreciate training and capacity-building initiatives for our local environmental personnel to ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and tools to sustainably manage and protect our water bodies.
- 4. Community Engagement: DENR-EMB's involvement in community awareness programs and consultations will help garner public support for the preservation and sustainable use of our water resources.

We understand the significant workload and responsibilities of your office, and we are committed to providing the necessary resources and cooperation to facilitate this partnership. The successful classification of water bodies will contribute to our province's efforts in achieving the Seal of Good Local Governance and promote environmental sustainability in Occidental Mindoro.

We kindly request an audience at your earliest convenience to discuss the details and logistics of this technical assistance initiative. Your guidance and support in this endeavor are of utmost importance, and we are confident that, together, we can make a positive impact on the environmental well-being of our province.

Thank you for your attention to this request. We look forward to the opportunity to collaborate with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL LIM ORAYANI Municipal Mayor