



TRAINING/ACTIVITY DESIGN

“CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE UPDATING OF MANAGEMENT PLAN OF MARINDUQUE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (MWS) INCLUDING MANAGEMENT ZONING AND OTHER POLICIES PER ENIPAS ACT OF 2018 FOR PAMB MEMBERS, PAMO AND TSD STAFF/PERSONNEL ON SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2023 IN BOAC, MARINDUQUE.”

I. RATIONALE

The Marinduque Wildlife Sanctuary (MWS), a two parcel mountainous terrain in central Marinduque covering an area of 9,758.71 hectares has been declared as Protected Area by virtue of Proclamation No. 696 under the NIPAS Act of 1992 in 2004 and RA 11083 or Expanded NIPAS of 2018. As such, it is required by the law to be administered by a multi-sectoral Protected Area Management Board (PAMB), as its decision-making body. The operation and implementation of the Protected Area Management Plan is under the direct supervision of the Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) through the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu), who is directly accountable to the PAMB and also acts as the secretariat of the Board.

The area is also a locally important watershed with five major water systems that supports majority of the rice fields in the province, aside from being the main source of domestic water supply of almost all the households in the province. The survival of the different flora and fauna species and sustainability on the provision of services are dependent upon intact ecosystems of the MWS as a Protected Area in order to protect it from indiscriminate exploitation and to maintain and preserve its ecological balance.

However, the members of PAMB, the PAMO Staff and TSD Staff are novices in managing a protected area considering that most of them are newly appointed, thus, they need practical and operational guidelines in the management and protection of such an area. Likewise, the DENR's functions in ENR management are shared by local government units (LGUs) as a result of the passage of the Local Government Code in 1991. And that different environmental laws and DENR policies emphasized the promotion of collaborative implementation of environmental programs and projects with various stakeholders.

Further, a large number of personnel operating in the field are not adequately equipped with skills and knowledge on legal procedures and requirements to effectively combat environmental crime.

Thus, it is recommended to conduct a capacity building training/refresher course for PAMB members and partners in the management & protection of the MWS in the area of habitat/species management, protection and law enforcement.