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## **MEMORANDUM**

- FOR : All Regional Executive Directors DENR Regions I-XIII, CAR, and MIMAROPA
- FROM : OIC Assistant Director Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Director



- SUBJECT : **IDENTIFICATION OF PLANTING SITES FOR THE** NATIONWIDE SIMULTANEOUS BAMBOO AND TREE PLANTING IN THE CELEBRATION OF PHILIPPINE BAMBOO MONTH 2023
- DATE : AUG 31 2023

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), as the main government agency tasked to conserve and manage forest resources, is promoting proper utilization of bamboo for its economic benefits. In order to raise awareness regarding the various benefits of bamboo and to fully realize the contributions of bamboo in supporting the national economic and social development, Presidential Proclamation No. 1401 dated 27th of June 2022 declared the month of September of every year as Philippine Bamboo Month. The declaration coincides with the celebration of World Bamboo Day every 18th day of September.

With the theme, "Buong Bansa Magtanim: Kawayan para sa Kalikasan, Kabuhayan, Kaunlaran at Kinabukasan!", the DENR through the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) has lined up several activities to promote bamboo as a commodity that can contribute to the industry development and promotion of bamboo as an effective reforestation species. The Nationwide Simultaneous Bamboo Planting (NSBP) will again be part of this year's celebration in pursuit of the Department's thrust to rehabilitate degraded forestlands using bamboo and in continuous effort to develop sustainable bamboo plantations that would supplement the wood industry.

The participation of DENR Field Offices has greatly contributed to the success of the whole bamboo month celebrations in previous years. In this regard, this Office once again enjoins all Regional Offices to conduct and participate in activities promoting bamboo, including the recurring simultaneous bamboo and tree planting that will be held on 18 September 2023. Let us encourage our partner beneficiaries, DENR personnel, other organizations, and individuals that may be interested to join the celebration by participating in this activity.

For this, we would like to request the field implementing units to identify accessible bamboo sites for simultaneous planting on 18 September 2023 where we can accommodate and assist other organizations and individuals that would like to participate. Please submit to this Office a list of said sites with its corresponding shapefiles using the attached template. In

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addition, we would also like to request for raw video clips of the actual bamboo and tree planting – submission is 2 days after the said activity. You may access the template and shared folder through this link:

Bamboo and Tree Planting Sites: <u>https://bit.ly/Bamboo\_Planting\_2023</u> Raw Video Clips of Bamboo and Tree Planting Activity: <u>https://bit.ly/VideoClips\_BambooPlanting\_2023</u>

We will appreciate receiving your response on or before 08 September 2023. Our respective NGP Focal Persons will coordinate with you on the matter.

## FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND GUIDANCE, PLEASE.

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