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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
DENR Regions II, III, VIII, IX, XII, CALABARZON,
MIMAROPA

FROM : The OIC Assistant Director
In-Charge, Office of the Director

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE CONSULTATION MEETING
AND CROSS-VISIT BENCHMARKING OF EXISTING
AND ESTABLISHED MARINE STATIONS OR
LABORATORIES IN THE PHILIPPINES**

DATE :

In line with the effort to successfully establish DENR Marine Scientific Research Stations in seven (7) selected sites within the six (6) marine biogeographic regions in the Philippines, this Bureau will be conducting a cross-visit benchmarking activity on the existing and established marine stations or laboratories in the country. The existing marine stations considered are the **Bolinao Marine Laboratory (BML) of UP MSI in Pangasinan on 13-16 August 2024** (inclusive of travel time) and **Br. Alfred Shields FSC Marine Station (BrAMS) of De La Salle University in Batangas on September 2024** (specific date TBA).

The specific objectives of the activity as stipulated in the activity design are as follows:

1. Familiarize the DENR MS team with the host station's facilities and infrastructure.
2. Share ongoing research projects and methodologies.
3. Foster collaboration and knowledge exchange.
4. Demonstrate field sampling techniques and protocols.
5. Identify potential areas for collaboration between DENR and the host station.
6. Learn from the host station's management practices.
7. Observe field research operations in real-time.
8. Develop a strategic plan for establishing DENR Marine Stations.

A **consultation meeting and feedbacking with UPMSI and JYAA** will be held prior to the cross-visit on **12 August 2024 at 2-5 PM** in Quezon City (specific venue TBA) to present the updates on the establishment of the DENR Marine Stations. The specific agendas of the meeting are as follows:

1. Updating of the status of each DENR MSR Station;
2. Discuss the floor area of technical facilities integrated into each DENR MSR Station;
3. Presentation of the initial architectural design of the DENR MSR Stations; and

4. Other matters.

As such, may we kindly request the participation of the concerned staff from your respective Regional and Field Offices, to wit:

1. Regional Office (CDD/CRFMS)

- Region 2 (1)
- Region 3 (1)
- Region 8 (1)
- Region 9 (1)
- Region 12 (1)
- CALABARZON (1)
- MIMAROPA (1)

2. Field Office (PENRO/CENRO)

- Cagayan (1)
- Aurora (1)
- Eastern Samar (1)
- Zamboanga Del Sur (1)
- Sarangani (1)
- Batangas (1)
 - Calaca (1)
- Palawan (1)
 - Snake Island Management Office (1)

3. Park Superintendent per Protected Area Management Office (NIPAS MPAs)

- Palau Island Protected Landscape and Seascape (1)
- Guiuan Marine Resource Protected Landscape and Seascape (1)
- Dumanquilas Bay Protected Seascape (1)
- Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (1)
- Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape (1)
- El Nido-Taytay Managed Resource Protected Area (1)

Each Station can also invite (1) one partner stakeholder (Local Government Unit, Higher Education Institutions, or Non-Government Organization) for the said activity. The regional or field office shall cover the traveling expenses of the partner stakeholder. Regional Executive Directors are authorized to issue Regional Special Orders relevant to this activity.

Please be informed that this Office will cover your food and accommodation expenses for the whole duration of the activity while traveling expenses including plane fare, land transportation, and travel insurance shall be charged to your respective offices under the Marine Station Fund. A travel advisory will be sent prior to the activity. For confirmation of attendance, kindly fill out this link: <https://forms.gle/TWZ5Mobv3HueWaqf8>

Should you have any queries, you may contact Ms. Eena Nuevas / Ms. Joyce Melendres of the Coastal and Marine Division at cmd@bmb.gov.ph / eenanvs@gmail.com / joycymelendres@gmail.com or through the telephone numbers (02) 8925 8948/ (02) 8924 6031 loc 207.

Thank you very much and we look forward to your participation in this activity.

Very truly yours,

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