Regional Special Order No. \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2 5 0 Performance Series of 2023

MAY 04 2023

SUBJECT: RECONSTITUTION OF THE PROVINCIAL CAVE ASSESSMENT TEAM (PCAT) FOR THE PROVINCE OF ROMBLON

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Section 2 of DENR Memorandum Circular (DMC) No. 2007-04<sup>1</sup>, the Provincial Cave Assessment Team (PCAT) for the province of Romblon is hereby reconstituted as follows:

## A. Composition

Team Leader

: Malvin R. Rocero

Chief, Technical Services Division

Assistant Team

Leader

: Arlyn D. Balibag

Chief, Conservation and Development Section

Members

: Raymund G. Inocencio

Planning Officer III

Felix Carl F. Falquerabao

Science Research Specialist II, MGB

Janice F. Forcadas

Ecosystems Management Specialist I

Marielle V. Magallanes

Forester I

Joevin Cris G. Fodra

Forest Ranger/ GIS Specialist

The PENRO may assign representative(s) from the Protected Area Management Offices (PAMOs) for caves found within Mt. Guiting-Guiting Natural Park (MGGNP) and CALSANAG Watershed Forest Reserve (CWFR).

The PENRO may invite other relevant organizations and Local Government Units (LGUs) to serve as members of the PCAT, as needed, provided that their participation is supported with endorsement or consent of the head of the organization.

## **B.** Functions

 Inventory and identification of caves, including their location and general description through available topographic and cave maps and field reconnaissance surveys compliant with Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) Technical Bulletin No. 2021-01: Standards on the Production and Layout of Cave Maps.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Procedure in Cave Classification

- 2. Assessment of bio-physical, socio-economic and cultural status of identified caves, including those found within protected areas, and preparation of report following the enhanced Cave Assessment Form per National Cave Committee (NCC) Resolution No. 2017-04.
- 3. Recommend classification to the Provincial Cave Committee (PCC) for caves found outside of protected area(s) and to the concerned Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) for caves found within MGGNP or CWFR.
- 4. Other cave-related functions as may be provided by the PCC or PAMB, higher offices, and policies.

All Regional Special Order(s) issued to PENRO Romblon which are inconsistent with this Order are hereby repealed.

This Order takes effect immediately and remains in effect until revoked in writing.

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV

Regional Executive Director

