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MEMORANDUM

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions 1-13, CAR and NCR

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : **CELEBRATION OF 2023 WORLD WETLANDS DAY ON FEBRUARY 2**



This pertains to the annual celebration of the World Wetlands Day (WWD) every 2nd of February to highlight the vital role of wetlands in sustaining humanity and nature. This year's theme, "Wetland Restoration" highlights the urgent need to prioritize wetland restoration and the steps we need to take to revive and restore degraded wetlands.

As in the previous years, we enjoin all the Regions to participate in the observance of the 2023 WWD through various platforms to inform the public and stakeholders on the importance and conservation needs of wetlands, especially wetlands within your respective jurisdiction and in Ramsar Sites. In carrying out the celebration, the Regions are encouraged to use the WWD 2023 logo for wetland-related materials and activities. Also, the template banner for the national celebration of 2023 WWD shall be made available for download through the BMB website (www.bmb.gov.ph). For more information and downloadable IEC materials including the logos, kindly visit this link: <https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/material#>.

May we also request the submission of report of 2023 WWD activities for our compilation and preparation of a national report to the Ramsar Convention Secretariat. In particular, WWD celebrations in Ramsar Sites (*i.e.*, Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary; Naujan Lake National Park, Agusan Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary, Tubbattáha Reefs Natural Park, Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, Las Piñas-Parañaque Wetland Park, Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands Conservation Area and Sasmuan Pampanga Coastal Wetlands) should be highlighted in the reports of concerned Regions. Please log-in your respective events as well on the World Wetlands Day Event tracker at <https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/events>.

For information and consideration,

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