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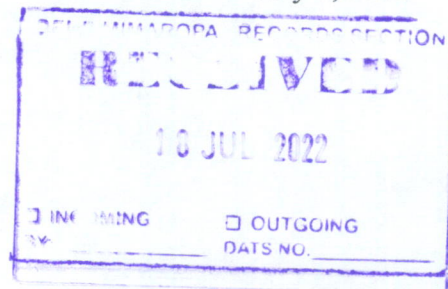
July 6, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR MIMAROPA  
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Ermita, Manila

**FROM** : The Provincial Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

**SUBJECT** : **REPORT ON THE ASSISTED LEARNING VISIT OF FOREST  
FOUNDATION PHILIPPINES (FFP) AND ATTENDED MMPL  
ENDOWMENT FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**




Forwarded is the memorandum dated June 13, 2022 from CENRO Quezon along with the Report on the assisted Learning Visit of Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP) and the conducted Endowment Fund Advisory Committee Meeting for Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL).

The visit was conducted on May 24, 2022 in the five (5) municipalities encompassing the MMPL. The Endowment Fund Advisory Committee Meeting was conducted on May 25-26, 2022 at the Hue Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, wherein the 2<sup>nd</sup> project proposal of MMPL PAMB was evaluated by the said committee.

For information and record.



  
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June 13, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Provincial Environment and  
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Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City

**FROM :** The Community Environment and  
Natural Resources Officer

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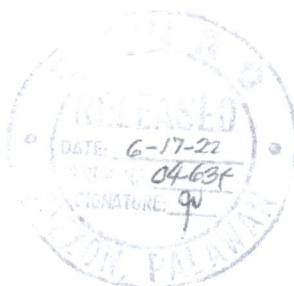
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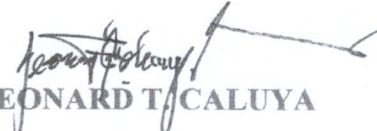
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Respectfully forwarded the report dated June 1, 2022 of PASu Renato S. Gonzaga of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) regarding the learning event conducted by Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP) and the Endowment Fund Advisory committee meeting dated May 25 – 26, 2022 at Hue Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

Please be informed that these activities were conducted prior to the evaluation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> project proposal of MMPL-PAMB under the MMPL endowment.

For his information and record.



  
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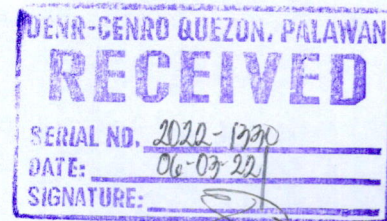
June 1, 2022

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR** : The Community Environment and  
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Quezon, Palawan

**FROM** : The Protected Area Superintendent  
Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape  
Protected Area Management Office

**SUBJECT** : **REPORT ON THE ASSISTED LEARNING VISIT OF FOREST  
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Please be informed that the staff of Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) Protected Area Management Office (PAMO) assisted the learning visit of the Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP) last May 24, 2022 along the national highway surrounding MMPL and attended the MMPL endowment advisory committee meeting last May 25-26, 2022 at Hue, Hotel Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

These activities were conducted prior to the evaluation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> project proposal of MMPL-PAMB under the MMPL endowment. The title of the 2<sup>nd</sup> project proposal was "Strengthening the Patrolling/Monitoring Activities within MMPL, Continuing the IEC Campaign, and Enhancing the Capacity of PAMB Members to Effectively Manage MMPL". This proposed project highlights the hiring of additional law enforcers and provision of needed field gadgets and gears; capacitate MMPL PAMB members and the PAMO in managing MMPL and encourage PAMB members to take part in the enforcement activity such as reporting environmental crimes and conduct Communication Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) campaign at schools and community with the protected area.

**Learning visit to MMPL:**

On May 24, 2022 the Executive Director of Forest Foundation Philippines Atty. Jose Andres Canivel and Member of the MMPL Endowment Advisory Committee Mr. Dennis Salvador and FFP staff Ms. Ana Gabriel and Ms. Irish Rocas visited MMPL to see MMPL's Mountain Range and learn about its important features along with environmental threats which degrade its socio-ecological value.

Above mentioned visitors were accompanied by PASu Renato S. Gonzaga, APASu Pressy Joy S. Cocjen and CEPA Officer Michael John D. Cantuba. They traveled on the road around MMPL starting from Quezon, Rizal, Bataraza, Brooke's Point then Sofronio Espanola and along the way, the PAMO staff discussed significant features of MMPL such as the watersheds and rich biodiversity areas. Also discussed are observed threats in MMPL such as the proposed road that is planned to traverse the core zone MMPL from Barangay Tagusao, Quezon to Barangay Pulot Interior Sofronio Espanola and the illegal selling of land inside the protected area.

Also discussed during the travel is the possible re-establishment of old MMPL signages and addition of new ones at selected site near the boundary like Sitio Ogis, Barangay Ransang, Rizal Palawan which is the jump off to MMPL peak.

The team had lunch at Bataraza, Palawan and conferred with LGU Administrative Officer Mr. Valentino Palasigue re: management strategies and initiatives of LGU Bataraza for MMPL.

The tour ended at around 4:00 PM.

#### **MMPL Endowment Advisory Committee Meeting:**

On May 25-26, 2022 the Meeting of the advisory committee for MMPL endowment fund was held at Hue Hotel, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan whereas the 2<sup>nd</sup> project proposal of MMPL PAMB was evaluated by the MMPL endowment advisory Committee.

PASu Renato S. Gonzaga presented and delivered the discussion regarding brief details of the project such as the duration, estimated cost, objectives, expected results and financial management. He also explained the response of the PAMO in the recent comments of Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP) which is as follow:

<b>Comments from Forest Foundation Philippines</b>	<b>Response/Action taken by MMPL PAMO</b>
Revisit narrative as some ERs (1.5, 3.1. and 3.2) in Section 5 are not discussed in other parts of the proposal (Strategies and Table 4. Monitoring and Evaluation framework), including budget.	<p><b>Strategies:</b> Added column “1.5 At least 30% of illegal activities were apprehended and/or prosecuted administratively and/or criminally” in item 6.</p> <p>Strategies to Achieve Results, Sub-item 6a Methods/General plan of action with 2 pre-identified strategies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inventory/data banking of pertinent documents concerning apprehensions and prosecutions and</li> <li>2. Use of results from enforcement workshops and other law enforcement records as reference to rate percentage of apprehensions and prosecution.</li> </ol>
Revisit narrative as some ERs (1.5, 3.1. and 3.2) in Section 5 are not discussed in other parts of the proposal (Strategies and Table 4. Monitoring and Evaluation framework), including budget.	<p><b>Table 4:</b> Added column “1.5 At least 30% of illegal activities were apprehended and/or prosecuted administratively and/or criminally” in table 4, Objective.</p> <p><b>Indicator:</b> Computed/rated level of apprehended and prosecuted illegal activities 2 weeks after the end of the project.</p> <p><b>Means of verification:</b></p>

	<p>Table/Matrix/Records/Data banking of illegal activities with progressive description.</p> <p>3.1 refer to ER Objective 3: At least 50% of PAMB members act or report illegal activities occurring in MMPL (To add discussion on narrative)</p> <p>3.2 refer to ER Objective 3: Each member of the PAMB initiates/implements activities at least once/year consistent with MMPL management plan (To add discussion on narrative)</p>
<p>Include in the narrative the arrangement between MMPL PAMB/PAMO, PENRO, and IDEAS with regards to hiring and management of personnel and reason why the agreement is between PENRO and IDEAS only.</p>	<p>Added "Initiate Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between DENR-PENRO and IDEAS regarding hiring of environmental enforcers to bring clarity on the managerial roles and service provision of involve agencies/offices" as strategy in "6a. Methods/general plan of action" , Project Objective 1, Expected Result 1.1</p>
<p><b>Objective 1:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide justification on the number of forest rangers and community volunteers to be hired considering the total area of the landscape and management capacity of the PAMO.</li> <li>• Consider including identification and mapping of HCVAs, aside from hotspot areas.</li> <li>• Consider adding budget for yearly revisiting/updating of patrolling plan based on the results of 1.3.</li> </ul>	<p>1:500 is the ideal ratio of rangers over area patrolled, however, PAMO preferred to start small to see required adjustments and strategies in preparation for implementing the ideal ratio in the future.</p> <p>HCVA has not started yet hence, the use of LAWIN and SEAMS data</p> <p>The PAMO will consider updating the patrolling plan based on 1.3</p>
<p><b>Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revisit the budget to address discrepancies with budget breakdown vs. details/description and double costing (e.g., travel expenses).</li> <li>• Complete budget breakdown for the other line items to justify proposed costs.</li> <li>• Clarify the Php5k worth of MMPL personnel uniform (5 sets) aside from the 3 long sleeves and 2 polos for each staff of PAMO.</li> </ul>	<p>Will Adjust budget in Annex A.</p> <p>Will add description in Remarks of Annex A at each program</p> <p>Customized Uniform set (pant and shirt) is worth 1k for MMPL personnel and it was made 5 sets for everyday use. 1k x 5 sets = 5k</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider including quick dry field shirts/long sleeves for the community volunteers as well. Ensure the logos of Forest Foundation, CI-Philippines, and IDEAS are included in the design.</li> </ul>	These are already included in the budget (see remarks at Annex A, item 1.1.2) (Exclude Logo of CI, IDEAS, FFP) (Consider design from other countries like Brazil)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only 1 laptop was provided in the previous project. Clarify if PAMO will provide another laptop for the other staff to be hired as counterpart.</li> </ul>	Yes! If possible since there will be 2 technical staff to be hired and considering further that the first procured laptop is no longer serviceable.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarify the difference of proposed budget for field gears and GPS with the fund that will come from CI on enforcement gear and gadgets amounting to Php 4M.</li> </ul>	Provision of GPS and other field gears were mentioned by CI, however, considering that the project will start soon, we have to train field personnel before exposure to actual field operations and the commitment of CI might come late.

The presentation of the PASu was followed by comments, suggestions and commitments from the MMPL endowment Advisory Committee members.

Subject	Discussions
Memorandum of Agreement between DENR PENRO and IDEAS.	<p>MMPL has no trust fund yet thus in order for the project to materialized on the ground, IDEAS volunteered to be a fund conduit while MMPL-PAMB thru the PAMO is still processing its requirements for the opening of IPAF account. IDEAS as a fund conduit will serve as channel of wages for hired law enforcers/personnel of the project and maintain and manage the fund of the project, however, the executive director of IDEAS raised a concern pertaining to who will oversee the implementation of the project such as hiring, monitoring and documentation. Therefore, prior to Executive Order No. 192, Series of 1987 mandating DENR to serve as the primary government agency responsible for the sustainable management and development of the country's natural resources, MMPL initiated the creation of a Memorandum of Agreement between DENR PENRO and IDEAS whereas DENR PENRO thru the PAMO shall Serve as the hiring agency that will implement the project covering three (3) years in line with the specific objectives; managed the implementation of the project; Monitor and document the day to day activities of the of the hired personnel and their accomplishment; Monitor the status of the implementation and submit annual report to the DENR and PAMB and Exercise as primary oversight functions over the execution of this Agreement to oversee and monitor the efficient and effective implementation thereof.</p> <p>Mr. Jobert John Bandol of BMB informed that according to existing rules and regulations, MOA between IDEAS and DENR should be sign by the Regional Executive Director, hence, the board suggested that the PAMO verify the legality and certain provisions of the MOA and the authority of the PENR Officer to sign contracts of forest rangers with DENR Legal.</p>
Commitment of PCSD to support by	Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta, Executive Director of Palawan Council for Sustainable Development has committed to provide additional 3-5 enforcement

assigning 3-5 PCSDS enforcement personnel at MMPL.	personnel from PCSD once the project started and will look into the possibility of providing drone coming from the Provincial Government.
Provision of gadgets, gears and equipment by Conservation International (CI)	Conservation International has committed to provide gadgets, gears and equipment for enforcers as stated by Atty. Edward Lorenzo.
Qualification for hiring of MMPL enforcers	Criteria for recruiting ranger/volunteers will be developed by the PAMO. Indigenous peoples will be prioritized in the hiring process. Sustainability of engaging rangers/volunteers will also be ensured by prioritizing IPs and other local community members because they have a direct stake in the protection of MMPL.
Convergence of concern agencies	A coordination (enforcement) planning between agencies (Forest Foundation, IDEAS, PCSD, CI, LGUs) to be hosted by CI.

Additionally, here are the comments and corrections from the advisory committee regarding the created MOA between IDEAS and DENR-PENRO.

- Use Philippine Tropical Forest Conservation Foundation (PTFCF) instead of Forest Foundation Philippines.
- Roles and Responsibilities:
  - DENR through PAMO
    - Consider rephrasing no. 3 to "Supervise the day-to-day activities of the hired personnel and document their monthly accomplishments."
    - Consider rephrasing no. 4 to "Monitor the status of implementation and submit annual reports to the DENR and PAMB and regular reports to IDEAS."
    - Consider adding in the MOA the implementation of other activities as indicated in the project, not just on hiring and monitoring of personnel. (included in no. 3 as part role of the DENR thru PAMO)
    - Clarify the management of HR-related concerns (if to follow DENR policies). (Establish own guidelines with consideration to existing law)
- Roles and Responsibilities:
  - IDEAS
    - Clarify that the PAMO will submit an agreed upon set of documents as basis for the processing and release of salaries to the personnel.
    - Include submit technical and financial reports prepared and endorsed by the PAMO.
- Considering rephrasing the section on Duration and Effectivity to:

- "This Memorandum of Agreement shall take effect upon signing by both parties and shall remain in effect for the period of 3 years, *unless otherwise decided in writing by both parties.*

In the event of any issues that may be raised concerning certain provisions of this Agreement, the parties shall exert best effort to settle the same amicably. *Any revision, amendment or modification should only be upon mutual agreement and approval of both parties through a written instrument duly executed and signed by its authorized representatives.*

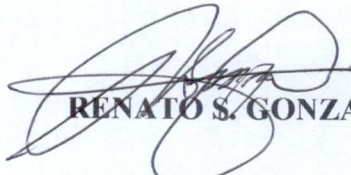
*If any provision of this MOA be declared void, illegal or unenforceable, the same may be severed without affecting the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.*

Please be informed further that the second project proposal has been approved by the MMPL Endowment Advisory Committee but is subjected to minor amendments in the discussions of the narrative and adjustments in the financial programming as per comments and suggestions from the Endowment Advisory Committee.

Moreover, the PAMO shall comply and revise the 2<sup>nd</sup> project proposal and other related documents such as the MOA between DENR PENRO and IDEAS accordingly. The latter will be submitted to Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP) and the MMPL endowment Advisory Committee for final review, approval and project commencement.

Attached herein are photo documentation during visitation and also pictures and attendance sheet during the MMPL endowment Advisory committee meeting.

For his information, reference and record.

  
RENATO S. GONZAGA *MC*

## PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

### Learning Visit of FFP at MMPL



Coordination with PASu Renato S. Gonzaga



Coordination with CENRO Leonard T. Clauya



Coordination with Mr. Valentino Palasigue



Actual visitation

### MMPL Endowment Advisory Committee Meeting



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2	Atty. Jose Andres Canivel	Forest Foundation Philippines	
3	Mr. Enrique Nunez	Conservation International	
4	Mr. Jobert John Bandal	Biodiversity Management Bureau	
5	Ms. Norlita Colili	Non-Timber Forest Products - Exchange Programme	
6	Atty. Teodoro Jose Matta	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff	
7	Engr. Madrono Cabrestante	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff	
8	Dr. Arnica Mortillero	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Staff	
9	Mr. Renato Gonzaga	MMPL PAMO	
10	Ms. Pressy Joy Cocjen	MMPL PAMO	
11	Mr. Michael John Cantuba	MMPL PAMO	
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