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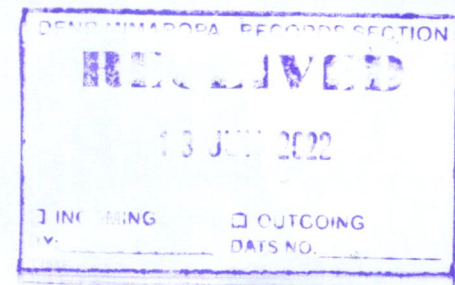
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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DENR by the Bay Bldg.
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FROM : The OIC, Director

SUBJECT : **CONSULTATION-WORKSHOP FOR THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF VERDE ISLAND PASSAGE (VIP) UNDER RA 7586 KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM (NIPAS) ACT AS AMENDED BY RA 11038 OR THE EXPANDED NIPAS (ENIPAS) ACT OF 2018**

DATE : JUN 08 2022



On April 20-22, 2022, a blended (in person and online) workshop on the proposed establishment of Verde Island Passage (VIP) under R.A. 7586 or the NIPAS Act of 1992 as amended by R.A. 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018 was conducted in NDN Hotel, Sto. Tomas, Batangas. A total of 47 (23 males and 24 females) individuals have actively participated in the workshop, wherein, 13 of the participants came from your respective field offices namely: CRFMS, PENRO Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Marinduque and Romblon, and CENRO Socorro.

The workshop aimed to level-off within the concerned DENR Offices on the significance of declaring VIP under NIPAS Act; to discuss the draft Presidential Proclamation and the proposed boundary including the portion of Quezon Province; and to develop a work program of the required activities for the legislation of VIP (e.g. PASA).

Based on the discussions during the workshop, the participating DENR Offices agreed that the major activities for the conduct of the Protected Area Suitability Assessment (e.g. on-site data collection and key informant interview for PASA Forms 1 and 2, and PASA Report Writeshop) shall commence in C.Y. 2023. Nonetheless, the following activities shall be undertaken by your concerned field offices for this year:

1. Commencement on stock taking and uploading to the google drive of studies and literatures relevant to the completion of PASA Form 1. You may access the presentations and workshop materials as well as the uploading of the studies and references through this link: <https://tinyurl.com/VIPConsultationWorkshop2022>; and

2. The Region shall identify personnel and issue a Special Order (SO) to be included for the composition of PASA Team for VIP; and
3. Explore possibility of pilot-testing the conduct of PASA in Marinduque on Q3/Q4 of 2022.

In view of the foregoing, this Office would like to recommend the commencement of the aforementioned ways forwards.

For information and consideration


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