MEMORANDUM

FOR   :   The Regional Executive Director
                   DENR Regions CALABARZON & MIMAROPA

FROM   :   The OIC Director

SUBJECT   :   **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF DENR PASA
                   TEAM FROM THE PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT AND
                   BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION SECTION (PAMBCS) FOR
                   THE PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF VERDE ISLAND
                   PASSAGE (VIP) UNDER THE NIPAS ACT OF 1992 AS
                   AMENDED**

DATE   :   NOV 0 7 2022

This has reference to the proposed establishment of the Verde Island Passage, as Protected under NIPAS Act of 1992 as amended by Republic Act 11038. As part of the requirements of PA establishment which is the conduct of Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA), we prepared the draft DENR Special Order for the PASA Team composed of BMB Officials and Staff, CALABARZON and MIMAROPA Staff. Presently, we are facilitating the conduct of the Protected Area Suitability Assessment that was initiated in the province of Marinduque Province as our pilot area. The PASA activity, including the orientation for local government units and other stakeholders was done last Sept September 27-30, 2022.

During said activity, a workshop was conducted to develop a roadmap for the conduct of PASA activities in other provinces surrounding VIP during the 3rd quarter of CY2022 up to 1st Quarter of CY 2023. Due to the vastness of VIP encompassing five (5) provinces, it was deemed necessary to enhance the current composition of the endorsed PASA team members.

With this, may we encourage the endorsement of additional staff from the PAMBCS as members of the PASA Team to help fast track the conduct of Key Informants Interview (KII) including the analysis and consolidation of data.

For consideration.

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