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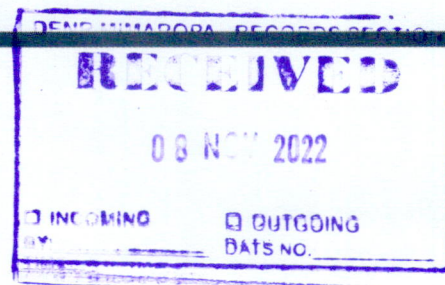
## MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director  
DENR - MIMAROPA

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : **TRAVEL REPORT ON THE MONITORING AND  
VALIDATION OF REGIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON  
DENR PRIORITY PROGRAMS UNDER THE  
BIODIVERSITY SECTOR IN MIMAROPA REGION**

DATE : NOV 02 2022



Respectfully submitted is the Travel Report on the field validation and monitoring of the accomplishments and progress of implementation of the Biodiversity Sector's priority programs and projects for the First Semester of CY 2022 per BMB Special Order No. 2022-133). Said activity was conducted by the undersigned technical staff on **12-17 September 2022** in the provinces of **Occidental and Oriental Mindoro**.

The activity employed document review of the work plan and other pertinent reports, key informant interviews, and site validation. The equipment funded under IPAG-SAGF in 2020, other procured equipment, and ecotourism facilities were also inspected. The protected areas and offices visited are as follows:

1. Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary (MCWS) and its PAMO in Paluan, Occidental Mindoro;
2. CENRO-Sabluyan in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro;
3. Apo Reef Natural Park (ARNP) in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro;
4. Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park (MIBNP) in Calintaan, Occidental Mindoro;
5. Mindoro Biodiversity Rescue and Conservation Center (MBRCC) in Rizal, Occidental Mindoro;
6. MIBNP-PAMO and CENRO-San Jose, in San Jose, Occidental Mindoro;
7. Wildlife Rescue Center in Roxas, Oriental Mindoro;
8. Naujan Lake National Park (NLNP) in Oriental Mindoro; and
9. Samahan ng Bakawan ng Brgy. Maidlang, a Biodiversity Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) project site.

Technical assistance was also provided in the preparation and updating of the Ramsar Information Sheet for ARNP and NLNP, respectively. The Ramsar Site



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Information Service, an online information tool for wetlands of international importance, was also introduced to the focal of the said sites.

Constraints in activity execution, project implementation, and site management encountered by the Field Offices at the ground level were also noted. These include but are not limited to the following:

1. Lack of equipment/gears in the visited rescue centers to properly restrain and/or handle turned over, donated, or confiscated wildlife;
2. Lack of technical equipment in conducting waterbird census and monitoring of priority threatened species (e.g., spotting scope, binoculars, camera, among others);
3. Lack of technical skills on species identification and caving;
4. Lack of standard protocols and guidelines in assessing damage on coastal and marine habitats and corresponding compensation; and
5. Lack of resource valuation policy for coastal and marine ecosystems.

### **Recommendations**

Foregoing considered, the Team recommends the following:

1. The Bureau to continue providing necessary technical assistance to the field offices particularly through the conduct of training relevant to species identification, wildlife handling, and caving, among others;
2. Provide necessary guidance on the application of ARNP as Ramsar Site ;
3. Review the existing policies/ tools such as the Biodiversity Monitoring System (BMS) to include directions on the re-identification/establishment of new BMS sites particularly for marine and coastal biodiversity monitoring; and .
4. Lastly, BMB to facilitate the drafting of the guidelines on the valuation of coastal and marine habitats for the guidance of our field offices should there be incidences of damages to coastal and marine resources.

Attached as Annexes I, II, and III are the detailed travel report, copy of the approved Work and Financial Plan of MIMAROPA, and photo-documentation, respectively.

  
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# **ANNEX I. TRAVEL REPORT ON THE CONDUCT OF MONITORING AND VALIDATION OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE BIODIVERSITY SECTOR PRIORITY PROGRAMS FOR CY 2022**

*Region 4B - MIMAROPA | 12-17 September 2022*

## **I. INTRODUCTION**

The field validation and monitoring of the accomplishments and progress of implementation of the Biodiversity Sector's priority programs and projects for the First Semester of CY 2022 was conducted on 12-17 September 2022 in MIMAROPA Region. Among the programs and projects monitored includes ecotourism development, protected area management and development, and caves, wetlands and coastal and marine resources management. The travel also included site visits to select protected areas such as Mts. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary (MCWS), Apo Reef Natural Park (ARNP), Naujan Lake National Park (NLNP), and Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park (MIBNP) in the provinces of Occidental and Oriental Mindoro.

The monitoring activity is vital in improving the implementation of the programs of the Bureau, as well as, providing recommendations necessary in the decision making process in terms of crafting new policies and/or amending existing policies and formulation of new programs/projects.

## **II. OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the validation and monitoring are as follows:

1. To validate and assess the accomplishments of the Biodiversity Sector's priority programs and projects as well as implementation of NIPAS in the Region as contained in the Work and Financial Plans (WFP);
2. To interview DENR Regional Office (RO) officials and staff as well as concerned PENRO/CENRO personnel pertaining to their targets vis-à-vis accomplishments; and
3. To monitor/visit sites/protected areas relative to the ecotourism development/activities implemented in the area.

## **III. METHODOLOGY**

The Monitoring Team conducted the following activities to validate the accomplishments of the field offices and examine the issues and concerns on the monitored sites:

1. Documents review – includes review of the work plan, accomplishment reports, statistical reports, inspection and monitoring reports and other pertinent documents.



2. Field/Site Inspection include the following sites:
  - a. Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary in Paluan, Occidental Mindoro;
  - b. Apo Reef Natural Park in Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro;
  - c. Mts. Iglit-Baco Natural Park in Occidental Mindoro;
  - d. Wildlife Center in Tamaraw Gene Pool Farm in Brgy. Manoot, Riza, Occidental Mindoro;
  - e. Wildlife Rescue Center in San Mariano, Roxas; and
  - f. Naujan Lake National Park.
3. Interviews – RO/PENRO/CENRO staff and field implementers were interviewed to raise questions for further clarification and consultation.

#### **IV. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE VALIDATION AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES**

1. A courtesy meeting was conducted on 9 September 2022 via zoom with DENR MIMAROPA Regional and Field Office staff to present the rationale, objectives, scope, itinerary for site visit, and the validation and monitoring process. The first day (12 September 2022) of the validation period started with a courtesy call at PENRO Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. Further, the objectives of the monitoring and validation were also presented during the courtesy call.
2. The BMB validation and monitoring team conducted the documents' review which include work plans vis-à-vis accomplishments for CY 2022.
3. Site visit to selected protected areas in the Provinces of Occidental and Oriental Mindoro. The site validation and monitoring were conducted from 12-16 September 2022. Mt. Calavite WS, Apo Reef NP, Naujan Lake NP, and Mts. Iglit-Baco NP were the identified sites for validation and monitoring. Aside from the said protected areas, wildlife rescue centers in Manoot, Rizal Occidental Mindoro and in San Roque, Bulalacao, Oriental Mindoro were also visited/monitored. In addition, a biodiversity-friendly enterprise (BDFE) project site in Brgy. Maidlang, Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, was also visited and monitored.
4. The status of the implementation of priority programs particularly on Protected Area Development and Management and Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program, was briefly discussed with the concerned Protected Area Superintendent. A copy of the matrix on the specific issues/concerns relative to the implementation of priority programs in MIMAROPA Region in particular, protected areas in the Provinces of Occidental and Oriental Mindoro is attached.
5. In addition to the monitoring and validation activities, technical assistance was also provided to the Apo Reef NP and Naujan Lake NP on the preparation and updating of the Ramsar Information Sheet, being the former as a proposed Ramsar Site and the latter an established one. In particular, a brief orientation on the requirements for the process of the Ramsar Site designation was provided to the concerned staff of the aforementioned sites. The staff were also walked through



the Ramsar Site Information Service - an online information tool for wetlands recognized internationally for their importance.

6. Furthermore, as an offshoot of the National Training for Wetland Managers in the Philippines that was led by CAWED in July this year, the Ramsar Site Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (R-METT) was pilot tested during the monitoring activities in Naujan Lake NP. However, in the interest of time, the form was not used in its entirety but only served as a guide during the interview with the Assistant Protected Area Superintendent of the said Ramsar Site.
7. The Team presented the results of the monitoring and validation to the concerned DENR PENROs and the Regional Office during the Exit Conference on 19 September 2022.

## V. ISSUES, CONCERNS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Provided below as **Table 1** are the observed issues and concerns by the validation team with corresponding recommendations and agreements with the concerned field office.

Summary of issues and concerns during the monitoring and validation conducted by the BMB team on priority programs of the DENR under the Biodiversity sector.

| PROTECTED AREA/<br>PROGRAM                                 | COMMENTS/<br>OBSERVATIONS  | RECOMMENDATIONS/<br>AGREEMENTS  |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary, Occidental Mindoro</b> |  |   |
| <b>Protected Area Development and Management</b>           |  |   |
| Maintenance of<br>Monuments and Signage                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The target on the maintenance of monuments has been accomplished but the report on the completion of boundary demarcation for MCWS has not yet been submitted to BMB</li> <li>• According to PASu, the report on the result of boundary demarcation was already reported and submitted to RO but the map has to be completed</li> <li>• The accomplishment reports on the boundary</li> </ul> | Per commitment by CENRO Santos, the reports will be submitted to BMB through the RO by the end of September |



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|  | demarcation with final map and the maintenance of monuments and signages should be submitted to BMB  |   |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Damaged installed signage</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For PAMO to include in their proposal the replacement of the damaged signage and to further check other installed signage</li> </ul>   |
| Procurement of Equipment                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 Smartphones with GPS and 10 handheld radio are still at the BAC</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast track the procurement process since it was under Q2 target</li> </ul>   |
| Biodiversity Monitoring System (BMS)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMS Report for 1st Sem (Q1) already received by BMB on 13 August 2022</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMB will review the reports and provide feedback, as may be necessary</li> </ul>   |
| Communication and Education and Public Awareness (CEPA)    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted CEPA materials such as booklet, billboards and brochures are still for vetting/review by the PAMB according to the PASU</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast track the procurement process and other requirements since these were targeted under Q2 and Q3</li> <li>PAMO through RO submit accomplishment reports by end of Q3</li> </ul>                       |
| PAMO Operationalization                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring of PAMO staff was all accomplished</li> <li>Limited manpower</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMB requested the Office of the Secretary the re-endorsement of the proposal on the creation of various plantilla positions for PA Mgt. Offices for the Legislated Protected Areas to the DBM</li> </ul> |
| Ecotourism Program (Maintenance of facilities and signage) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ranger Station and signage were maintained</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO to submit the accomplishment report on maintenance of facilities and signage based on target</li> <li>Additional informative</li> </ul>   |



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|   |  | and directional signage may be proposed for CY 2023 for funding  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Absence of DENR name in the SWISS facility</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For PAMO to reflect the name of the DENR in the said facility</li> </ul>  |
| Integrated Protected Area Fund (IPAF)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non submission of Physical Accomplishments and Utilization Reports for the P2M Special Budget Request, released in CY 2020 per SARO-BMB-E20-0020161 dated 24 November 2020</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO through channel submit the accomplishment report on the physical and financial/ utilization of the released Php 2M fund charged against the IPAF -SAGF</li> </ul>  |
| Inventory of A&D lands, Property, and Private Rights        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted table review and map generated and accomplished 50 lots</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO through PENRO and RO to submit statistical reports and maps of the inventoried A&amp;D lands, property and private rights. The "lots" indicator may be used instead of "corners". The 2023 UWM already corrected using "lots" as indicator instead of "corners"</li> </ul> |
| <b>CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro</b>                   |  |  |
| <b>Coastal and Marine and Ecosystems Management Program</b> |  |  |
| Technical Assistance on ICM                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orientation on ICM mainstreaming with the LGU Sablayan has been conducted</li> <li>LGU Sablayan to provide feedback accepting the proposal to be the host LGU for this initiative and available data for the ENR profile</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Region to allocate budget for this target in CY 2023 to ensure continuity of the activities conducted this year under the Inception Phase</li> </ul>  |



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|                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Request for additional three (3) river system</li> </ul>   |   |
| MPAN                       | <p>Sablayan-Calintaan MPAN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some activities under the establishment threshold (i.e., connectivity study) not yet conducted despite the said MPAN has been enrolled under strengthening phase</li> <li>FMA concern within established MPANs outside NIPAS MPAs</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Region through CENRO Sablayan, to still conduct activities under the establishment phase simultaneously with the target activities under the strengthening threshold.</li> <li>Align and reflect the necessary provisions of the FMA plan in the drafting of the MPAN plan. Harvest control rules and measures should be embedded in the MPAN strategic plan.</li> <li>Recommendation to write a letter informing the FMA board on the existing MPAN within Sablayan and Calintaan and lobby with them the need to complement initiatives of the two management bodies.</li> </ul> |
|                            | <p>Verde Island Passage (Occidental and Oriental Mindoro)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Localization of the VIP Plan to the master plan of the LGUs</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Include the on-going initiative to legislate VIP as part of the NIPAS framework in the localization of the VIP plan to the master plan of the LGUs</li> <li>Align the targets on VIP in CY 2023 under the CMEMP on the current effort and proposal to legislate the VIP as protected areas under the NIPAS</li> </ul>  |



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| <b>Wildlife Conservation and Protection</b>  |   |  |
| Asian Waterbird Census<br>(also CENRO San Jose,<br>CENRO Soccoro, and<br>CENRO Roxas)              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited funds on the conduct of AWC</li> <li>• Lack of equipment to be used during AWC (e.g., binoculars, spotting scope, clicker, camera)</li> <li>• Lack of technical expertise on waterbird identification</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BMB to propose the adjustment on the unit cost for this activity under the UWM of CY 2024 to cater the number of proposed AWC sites of the RO/FO</li> <li>• Field Offices with extra funds to facilitate the procurement of equipment (e.g. DSLR camera, binoculars, spotting scope) as advised by the DENR RO during the exit conference</li> <li>• Region to request BMB on the conduct of training on waterbird identification for field offices' personnel for CY 2023</li> </ul> |
| Monitoring of Priority Threatened Species<br>(also CENRO San Jose, CENRO Soccoro, and CENRO Roxas) | Lack of equipment to use during marine turtle tagging (tag applicator and metal tag)  | Region to request for tag applicator and metal tags to BMB this year   |
| <b>Caves and Cave Resources Management</b>   |   |  |
|  | Management of caves outside PAs and within a private land   | Enter into an agreement with the LGU and/or private land claimant for co-management of caves; templates available: PAWB TB 2013-06<br>PAWB TB 2013-05  |
| <b>Others</b>  | Requested AVPs of other protected areas   |  |
| <b>Apo Reef Natural Park, Occidental Mindoro</b>   |   |  |



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| <b>Protected Area Development and Management</b>           |   |   |
| Procurement of Equipment                                   | The equipment were already delivered by the supplier but were returned due to non-compliance of the specification on some items according to PASu   | PENRO to check the quotation as to the compliance on the specification  |
| BMS  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMS Report for 1st Sem (Q1) already received by BMB on 2 June 2022; with 2nd Sem report for submission to Regional Office (RO)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMB will review the reports and provide feedback as may be necessary</li> </ul>  |
| CEPA   | On-going layout of booklet and biodiversity magazine per information of the PASu  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO through RO submit accomplishment reports by end of Q3</li> </ul>  |
| MEA  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of METT Report targeted in Q3</li> <li>Report to be submitted in Q4 since the conduct of METT will be undertaken in the last week of September according to the PASU</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO through Regional Office to submit the report on the results of the METT</li> </ul>  |
| PAMO Operationalization                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring of PAMO staff was all accomplished</li> <li>Limited manpower</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BMB already requested the Office of the Secretary the re-endorsement of the proposal on the creation of various plantilla positions for PA Mgt. Offices for the Legislated Protected Areas to the DBM</li> </ul> |
| Ecotourism Program (Maintenance of facilities and signage) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some portions of the Ranger Station and signages are already damaged</li> <li>Boardwalk located in northern part of the PA is dilapidated, not</li> </ul>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-construction of ranger station may be proposed under IPAF-RIA</li> <li>Concerned official of the PENRO should address/comply and answer the issued AOM</li> </ul>   |



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|   | <p>maintained, and not passable. Rehabilitation of the said boardwalk could not be funded due to the issued Audit Observation Memorandum (AOM) due to alleged overpricing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that MENRO of Sablayan has a plan to provide assistance for the rehabilitation of the boardwalk using bamboo materials only</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meantime the AOM has not been addressed, PASU may continue to coordinate with the MENRO of Sablayan to pursue the plan for rehabilitation of the damaged boardwalk</li> </ul>                        |
| <b>Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program</b> |  |   |
| Boundary Demarcation of PAs                             | Ongoing request to NAMRIA re: digital demarcation by including ARNP in the navigational charts of NAMRIA   | BMB through the CMD, to facilitate the request for the inclusion of all NIPAS MPAs in the navigational charts of NAMRIA, in addition to the Notice to Mariners (NOTAM) issued by PCG  |
| Procurement of Tools and Equipment                      | Procurement of WQ tools is already posted  | Fast track the procurement process and provide updates on the succeeding CMEMP Regional quarter reports <i>(to include also updates on TRNP)</i>  |
| PAMO Operationalization (Maintenance and Repair)        | Repair of two (2) speed boats, hence, PAMO operations/ law enforcement are hampered  | <p>Fast track necessary required activities for the immediate repair of said speed boats</p> <p>PAMO may propose or request funds under CMEMP for the purchase of new motor banca/speed boat, if Capital Outlay (CO) permits in CY 2024</p> |
| <b>Mt. Iglit-Baco Natural Park, Occidental Mindoro</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Protected Area Development and Management</b>        |  |   |



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| Protected Area Boundary<br>Demarcation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of accomplishment/ final report on the result of the boundary demarcation activities to BMB</li> <li>Actual ground demarcation was completed in 2021 through a Contractor. However, according to PASU, the contractor had not yet complied with the submission of the final report and map</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO to submit the Completed Staff Work (CSW) to PENRO regarding the issue of non submission of final report by the contractor for guidance/advice</li> </ul> |
| Procurement of<br>Equipment            | Smartphone with GPS, Garmin, handheld radio and Radio Base already procured and issued to PAMO staff  |  |
| BMS                                    | BMS Report for 1st Sem (Q1) already received by BMB on 13 August 2022   | BMB will review the reports and provide feedback, as may be necessary  |
| CEPA                                   | Booklet and catalogue of species layout being reviewed by RO according to the PAMO staff  | PAMO through RO submit accomplishment reports by end of Q3   |
| PAMO<br>Operationalization             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hiring of PAMO staff was all accomplished</li> <li>Limited manpower</li> </ul>   | BMB requested the Office of the Secretary the re-endorsement of the proposal on the creation of various plantilla positions for PA Mgt. Offices for the Legislated Protected Areas to the DBM        |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compliance to the DBM letter dated 31 March 2022 re submission of additional necessary documents necessary for the approval of realignment for the construction of PAMO building (phase 2)</li> </ul>  | PAMO through channel to fast track the submission of required documents in compliance to the letter of the DBM necessary for the release of funds  |



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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Use of personal vehicle by the PASu in PAMO operationalization</li> <li>● It may be recalled that in 2016, there were two (2) units of motor vehicle procured under MIBNP Ecotourism Fund purposely for its operation. However, neither of the 2 vehicles were not being utilized by the MIBNP-PAMO</li> <li>● In 2018, during the BMB monitoring and validation, similar issue was raised</li> </ul> | One of the said vehicles should be assigned to MIBNP PAMO for its operation  |
| Ecotourism Program<br>(Maintenance of facilities and signage) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● For the 3 bunkhouses in MIBNP, it was noted that materials for minor repairs are already posted for bidding. Also signage in Station 1 in Magtangcob are already damaged and need replacement</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Additional informative and directional signage may be proposed for CY 2023 for funding</li> </ul>   |
| Inventory of A&D lands, Property, and Private Rights          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conducted table review based on the map generated there are 45 lots</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PAMO through PENRO and RO to submit statistical reports and maps of the inventoried A&amp;D lands, property and private rights. The “lots” indicator may be used instead of “corners”. The 2023 UWM already corrected using “lots” as indicator instead of “corners”</li> </ul> |
| <b>CENRO San Jose, Oriental Mindoro</b>                       |  |  |
| <b>Wildlife Conservation and Protection</b>                   |  |  |
| Critical Habitat Establishment                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Islands of Ilin and Ambulong for</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Include the brief historical background</li> </ul>  |



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|                            | <p>Philippine Teak and Cloud Rat were established as a CH through the initiative of LGU in 2012 without completing the documentary requirements and process stipulated in DMC 2007-02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map projection to be used in the mylar map of the proposed CH (PRS 92 or WGS 84)</li> </ul> | <p>of the proposed CH in the CSW to give context on the attached and signed LGU endorsement in 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To facilitate the submission of the documentary requirements for CH establishment to BMB through the Regional Office, including the LGU endorsement signed by the new set of elected leaders in 2022</li> <li>As prescribed in the BMB TB 2018-04, use PRS 92 for the map of the proposed CH.</li> </ul> |

#### Caves and Cave Resources Management

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|  | Discrepancy noted between the targets reflected in the signed WFP and in the copy of the FO:                         |   |
|  | Signed WFP targets:  | Actual targets of FO:                                       |
|  | 2 MOA/partnership instruments (Q3)<br>2 implementation/ progress report (Q3)<br>1 assessment (Q3)<br>2 Cave MPs (Q4) | 2 adoption (Q2)<br>1 assessment (Q3)<br>2 MPs (Q4)          |
| Cave Assessment and Classification             | Cansubong Cave AR for signature of CENRO   | Geographic coordinates recommended to be in decimal degrees |
| Cave Management Plans reviewed and endorsed to | Giob & Sadug Cave MPs for review of CENRO  |   |



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| BMB  |  |  |
| Cave Management Plans Adopted                      | Virginia & Catburan Caves MP adoption through SB resolution rescheduled to Q4  | Identify portions of the Virginia & Catburan Caves to be closed for ecotourism purposes (preferably a zoning plan)   |
| Others   | Management of caves outside PAs and within a private land  | Enter into an agreement with the LGU and/or private land claimant for co-management of caves; templates available: PAWB TB 2013-06<br>PAWB TB 2013-05  |
| <b>Naujan Lake National Park, Oriental Mindoro</b> |  |  |
| <b>Protected Area Development and Management</b>   |  |  |
| Protected Establishment Area                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Compliance on the comments/ instructions/ requests of the NNRC-TWG during the October 2021 meeting</li> <li>● According to the Asst. PASu they are still locating the cadastral map of Naujan to be used as reference in the validation of A&amp;Ds within NLNP</li> <li>● Public Consultations targeted in Q2 &amp; Q3 but no report yet submitted to BMB</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PAMO through channel provide updates and submit the necessary required documents based on the NNRC-TWG comments and recommendations during the meeting held on 20 October 2021 and per BMB Memorandum dated 3 January 2022</li> </ul> |
| BMS  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BMS Report for 1st Sem (Q1) already received by BMB on 9 June 2022</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● BMB to review the reports and provide feedback as may be necessary</li> </ul>   |
| Management Effectiveness Assessment (MEA)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Submission of METT Report targeted in Q3</li> <li>● METT conducted on 30 August 2022 according to the Asst. PASu, report on</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PAMO through Regional Office to submit the report on the results of the METT</li> </ul>   |



| PROTECTED AREA/<br>PROGRAM                                    | COMMENTS/<br>OBSERVATIONS  | RECOMMENDATIONS/<br>AGREEMENTS  |
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|   | METT is still being prepared   |   |
| Ecotourism Program<br>(Maintenance of facilities and signage) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ramsar marker and near signage of NLNP has minor damage. Some letters of the markers were already removed</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PAMO may propose for the maintenance and repair of the existing Ramsar marker</li> </ul>   |
| Other Ecotourism-related Activities                           | No issued tenurial instrument (SAPA) on the existing bicycle lane and floating restaurant  | PAMO and PAMB to further discuss the issue of non tenurial instrument on the existing facilities  |
| <b>Inland Wetlands Conservation</b>                           |  |   |
| Management constraints  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack in staff (park rangers), equipment, and training needs</li> <li>Presence of illegal fishing</li> <li>Weak legal basis of the park</li> <li>Increase in protected area occupants</li> <li>Land conversions in the lake's vicinity (lake was reported to have degraded)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Involvement of the local community in patrolling the area (given that necessary capacity building is provided; hiring of Forest Protection Officers (2) 2021 target)</li> <li>Clarify the legal basis of DAR and other agencies in their issuance of title to lots</li> <li>Map the titled and occupied lots</li> <li>Continuous conduct of community awareness activities</li> <li>Development of guidelines to address noted issues on land conversions is slated for the next PAMB meeting</li> </ul> |
| Other notes   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Banbanin Peatlands and Pungaw Hostpring noted</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended for assessment (BMB TB 2018-06) and integration in the PAMP (PAMP recommended for periodic review and updating as necessary)</li> </ul>  |



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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bgy. Montelago collects entrance fees for Pungaw Hotspring; funds go directly to BLGU (the BLGU has already proposed to the PAMB the development of the area for ecotourism)</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fees being collected should accrue to the IPAF of NLNP since the area is within NLNP. PAMB and PAMO to discuss the issue. PAMB may set a mechanism for fund sharing.</li> </ul>          |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisher folk representatives from the four municipalities surrounding the Naujan Lake may attend the PAMB meeting but not as board members until they have designated a 'president' for each municipality</li> <li>Economic contribution of the lake has been more recognized during the pandemic tho it has also put pressure in the lake; illegal fishing has become more rampant</li> </ul> |   |
| <b>Ramsar Site Management</b>                               |  |   |
| Updating of Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS)                  | RIS targeted in Q4   | Continuous provision of necessary technical assistance  |
| <b>PENRO-Oriental Mindoro</b>                               |  |   |
| <b>Coastal and Marine and Ecosystems Management Program</b> |  |   |
| Hiring of CMEMP Extension Officers                          | Hiring of CEO not included in the NEP for CY 2023  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Region to include the hiring of CEO for PENRO Oriental in the WFP for FY 2023 given that Bureaus are no longer allowed to download funds to ROs/FOs following the approval of</li> </ul> |

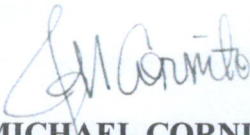


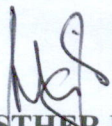
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|   |   | DAO 2022-14<br><br>• To ensure continuity of activities and support to 2023 targets on Greenfins implementation (Puerto Galera), PASA of VIP, and technical assistance to LGUs. |
| <b>Samahan sa Bakawanan ng Barangay Maidlang</b>      |   |   |
| <b>Biodiversity Friendly Enterprise</b>               | Implementation of BDFE Project has been completed   |   |
|   | Some members are not aware about the organization   | Conduct members' orientation  |
|   | No existing sharing scheme  | Come up with organizational sharing scheme  |
|   | Selling of crab as source of income of individual members   | Product diversification:<br>a. Bottled crab meat (shredded, with various flavors)<br>b. Crab chips (with various flavors)<br>c. Crab balls, etc                                 |
|   | Damaged boardwalk due to Typhoon Odette   | For repair of boardwalk   |
| <b>RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON FOUR (4) BDFE PILLARS</b> |   |   |
| <b>Ecological Integrity</b>                           | - Maintain engagement of PO members on conservation and protection activities (e.g., clean ups, tree planting, etc.)  |   |
| <b>Economic viability</b>                             | - Technical assistance on product development and marketing<br>- Promotion of tourism circuit by LGU<br>- Social Media Platform<br>- Partnership with local assistance providers (DTI, DOST, DA-BFAR)<br>- Business Plan Preparation/Updating |   |



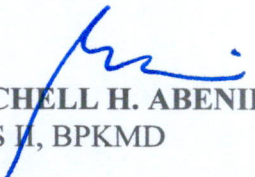
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| <b>Equity</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure that equal opportunities for women's participation in PO activities are available</li> <li>- Social preparation activities</li> <li>- Ensure that benefit-sharing scheme is implemented</li> </ul> |                                |
| <b>Legality</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- POs to ensure that taxes be paid on/or before the due date to avoid penalties</li> <li>- Ensure that registration/permits are renewed on time</li> </ul>  |                                |

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## ANNEX III. PHOTO DOCUMENTATION

### I. Courtesy Meetings



Courtesy meeting with the DENR Regional and Field Offices of MIMAROPA conducted online via Zoom on 19 September 2022.



On-site courtesy calls with the DENR Region 4B Field Offices.



## II. Field/Site Inspection



Facilities (maintained Ranger Station/PAMO, Monument(s), and Signage) in MCWS



Building/Facilities and Signage in ARNP needing regular maintenance



Boardwalks in ARNP need maintenance and rehabilitation





Monuments and signage installed in MIBNP

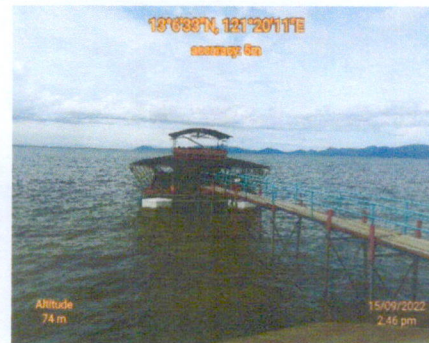


Facilities and signage in MIBNP for maintenance

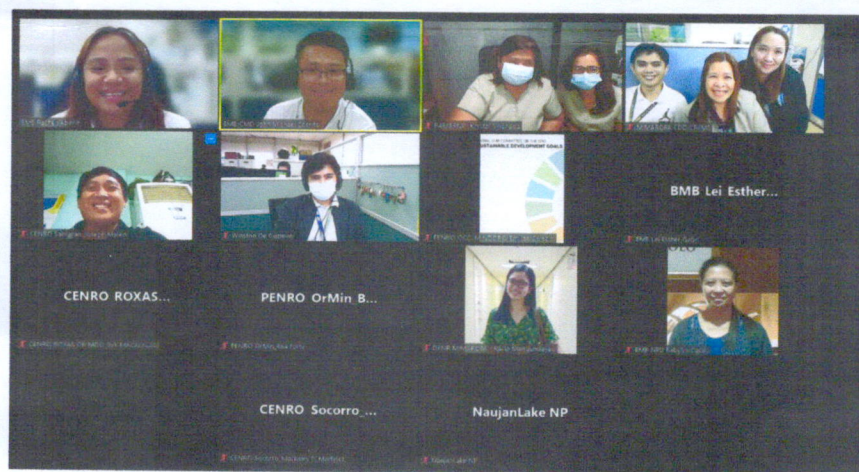


Signage and Ramsar Marker of NLNP





Bicycle Lane and Floating Restaurant



Exit Conference with Regional Office and Field Offices