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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR Regions CALABARZON & MIMAROPA

FROM : The Assistant Director

SUBJECT : **Minutes of the Meeting of the Small Group Stakeholders Consultation Meeting for the establishment of the Verde Island Passage as a Protected Area under the NIPAS on 8 August 2022**

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This has reference to the result of the Small Group Stakeholders Consultation Meeting held on 8 August 2022 for the establishment of the Verde Island Passage as a Protected Area under the NIPAS. Included in the agenda were the presentation of the draft bill for the establishment of VIP as a Protected Area and the development of a Road Map towards the enactment of the bill. Among the agreements are as follows:

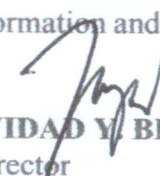
- To write a letter informing the concerned Representatives of the Congressional Districts of the provinces surrounding the VIP on the DENR-proposed establishment of the area;
- To present the initiative of establishing the Verde Island Passage (VIP) as a Protected Area under the NIPAS to the Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Group of Fisheries Management Area 12; and
- To proceed with the conduct of the Protected Area Suitability Assessment (PASA) (Key informant interviews) with support from the CSOs.

In addition, as an agreed next step may we request for assistance in coming up with a political map or acceptance of LGUs surrounding the VIP. An initial list of all the names of LGUs and corresponding local chief executives is provided in this link: <https://tinyurl.com/VIPPoliticalMap> for verification, which you may also use to consolidate the requested information.

To facilitate the provision of a Special Order for the conduct of the PASA, may we request for the names from the Regional and Field Offices who will be involved in the process. May we request for the official submission of both the matrix and names for the Special Order on or before 19 August 2022.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Alita Sangalang and Mr. Pablo G. de los Reyes, Jr. of the Coastal and Marine Division at alita.sangalang@bmb.gov.ph or you may call us at 8925-8948.

For information and consideration.


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