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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions III, MIMAROPA and XIII

ATTN : Protected Area Superintendents
Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape
Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape
Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape
Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park
Cleopatra's Needle Forest Reserve

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : INVITATION TO THE 2ND INTER-AGENCY TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (ITWG) FOR THE SUSTAINABLE INTERVENTIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY, OCEANS AND LANDSCAPES (SIBOL) PROJECT ON 13 SEPTEMBER 2022



Pursuant to DENR Special Order No. 2021-664 creating the Project Steering Committee (PSC), Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (ITWG), National Project Coordinating Unit (NPCU), and Regional Project Management Committee (RPMC) for the SIBOL Project, please be informed that the ITWG will convene for its second meeting on 13 September 2022 (Tuesday), 8:30am-2:00pm at the BMB Training Center, Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, Quezon City. The provisional agenda for the said meeting are as follows:

1. Report the progress, accomplishments, challenges, and milestones of SIBOL for FY 2022;
2. Present the proposed workplan and immediate activities of SIBOL for FY 2023; and
3. Discuss the proposed agenda for the first Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting.

As you may know, SIBOL is a five-year project being implemented by the USAID in partnership with DENR, BFAR and PCSD, along with the Research Triangle Institute (RTI) and its consortium partners namely Resources, Environment and Economics Center for Studies, Inc. (REECS), Center for Conservation Innovations Philippines, Inc. (CCIPH), Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP), and Zoological Society of London (ZSL). It aims to improve natural resources governance, sustainably manage natural resources, and reduce environmental crimes by promoting positive environmental behavior with project sites as follows: (1) Siargao Island Protected Landscape and Seascape; (2) Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape; (3) Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park ((4)



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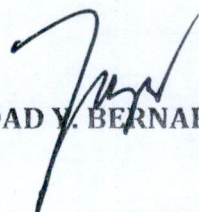
Cleopatra's Needle Critical Habitat (CNCH); and (5) Masinloc-Oyon Bay Protected Landscape and Seascape (MOBPLS).

All expenses such as food, supplies and other allowable expenses to be incurred in the conduct of this meeting shall be charged to USAID SIBOL Project. Participants shall also ensure that COVID-19 minimum health and safety protocols issued by the IATF, DOH, concerned Local Government Units, and other relevant authorities are observed.

Please be informed that members of the ITWG are the PASus of above-mentioned protected areas. Attached is a copy of the SO 2021-664, the minutes of the 1st ITWG Meeting, and the provisional program for ready reference. We would appreciate receiving confirmation of attendance **through tinyurl.com/SIBOLitwg on or before 07 September 2022.**

For further queries or clarifications, you may contact Ms. Alexa Jeanne Lasch, Policy Research and Governance Associate – USAID SIBOL Project, thru email (alasch@ph-sibol.org) or Mr. Jobert John Bandol of the Bureau's National Parks Division thru email (jobert.bandol@bmb.gov.ph).

For information and consideration.


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