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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
DENR Regions V, VI, VII, VIII and MIMAROPA

FROM : The Director
In concurrent capacity as Asst. Secretary for Policy, Planning and
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND CLUSTER OF THE CONSULTATION
WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFT REVISED GUIDELINES ON SPECIAL
USE AGREEMENT IN PROTECTED AREAS AND UPDATING OF THE
NATIONAL ECOTOURISM STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (NESAP)
BACK TO BACK WITH THE VALIDATION OF THE MANAGEMENT
EFFECTIVENESS TRACKING TOOL (METT) SCORES OF SELECTED
PROTECTED AREAS**

We are pleased to provide you copy of the proceedings of the Second Cluster Consultation Workshop on the draft revised guidelines on Special Use Agreements in Protected Areas (SAPA) and updating of the National Ecotourism Strategy and Action Plan (NESAP) back to back with the validation of Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) scores held on 6-11 February 2023 in Cebu City, with annexes provided through: <https://bit.ly/2ndConsultVisayas>.

The Second Cluster covered Regions V, VI, VII, VIII and MIMAROPA and was participated in by the Chiefs of Conservation and Development Division (CDD) and their representatives, PA Superintendents, Assistant Protected Area Superintendents including representatives from the DOT, FMB, technical Divisions of the BMB, EMB and BMB-Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects such as the SIBOL and BD Corridor Projects.

The Workshop served as a venue to:

1. Solicit inputs, comments and recommendations on the following draft policies:
 - a. Guidelines amending the rules and regulations on SAPA;
 - b. Guidelines on the issuance of Provisional Agreement for Special Uses in Protected Areas;
 - c. Guidelines on the execution of the MOA for co-management, development, resource use, research and other activities in protected areas; and
 - d. Updating of the NESAP
2. Identify issues, gaps and concerns from the implementation of the existing policies relative to SAPA and NESAP and address those in the updating and revision of said policies; and
3. Gather innovative strategies and approaches that may be applicable to special uses in PAs and ecotourism.

The 3rd Cluster Consultation will be held this March 2023. Inputs and recommendations from the consultation workshop will be processed by the Bureau before endorsing to the DENR-Policy Technical Working Group. Hence, should you have further

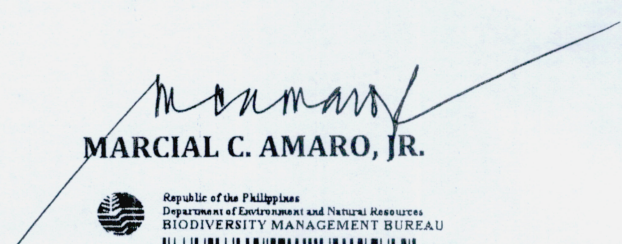
comments and inputs, please feel free to access our working files through the above-mentioned link and submit them to the npd@bmb.gov.ph.

Further, the activity also served as a venue to validate the METT scores/ratings of the following protected areas:

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| 1. Mts, Iglit-Baco Natural Park | 7. Balinsasayao Twin Lakes Natural Park |
| 2. Central Cebu Protected Landscape | 8. Cuatro Islas Protected Landscape and Seascape |
| 3. Camotes Island Protected Landscape and Seascape | 9. Guiuan Marine Resource Protected Landscape and Seascape |
| 4. Olango Island Wildlife Sanctuary | 10. Samar Island Natural Park |
| 5. Panglao Island Protected Seascape | 11. Biri Larosa Protected Landscape and Seascape |
| 6. Rajah Sikatuna Protected Landscape | |

The discussions and agreements during the METT validation are also included in the attached proceedings.

For information and appropriate action.


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