

April 14, 2023

Lormelyn E. Claudio, CESO IV
Regional Director
DENR-MIMAROPA Region
L&S Building, Roxas Blvd. Metro Manila



Dear Director Claudio,

A conservation day to you!

The Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. is an organization registered to the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Philippines on March 19, 2008. MBCFI is an accredited organization with the Philippine Council for NGO Certification, Department of Environment and Natural Resources in 2020, Department of Science and Technology, Association of Foundations, Provincial Governments of Oriental and Occidental Mindoro, Calapan City, and an acknowledged partner of the Department of Education and the National Council for Indigenous Peoples. We are also one of the six (6) NGOs in the Philippines to become a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Our organization continues to promote greater awareness and concern for Mindoro's environment through improved information campaigns, capacity building, empowering communities and enjoining them in the formulation and implementation of responsive policies for effective resource management and conservation.

MBCFI envisions a sustained conservation of Mindoro's natural resources for future generations. The organization's mission is to lead scientific research and catalyze collaborative and participative conservation efforts in key biodiversity areas of Mindoro resulting in empowered Mindoreños through increased awareness and care.

We are submitting this **letter of intent for the renewal of our accreditation** by your good office. Please see attached copy of our 2022 accreditation with reference number MIMAROPA-2022-001.

Herewith are the following for your file and reference:

1. 2022 Certificate of Accreditation from the DENR MIMAROPA
2. Philippine Council for NGO Certification for 2022-2027
3. DOST Accreditation for 2023-2026
4. Association of Foundations as Regular Member from 2020
5. Accreditation from the Provincial Government of Oriental Mindoro from 2022-2025
6. Accreditation from the Provincial Government of Occidental Mindoro from 2022-2025
7. Accreditation from Calapan City from 2022-2025
8. 2022 Chairman's Report
9. Published MBCFI Technical Reports which can be downloaded from our website (www.mbcfi.org.ph)
 - a. Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Program Thrusts

- b. Spatial Analysis of Biophysical and Socio-Economic Variables in Support of Decision-making on Conservation and Development Issues: A Case Study of Mindoro Island, Philippines
- c. Rapid Site Assessment – Apo Reef Natural Park
- d. Ecotourism Management Plan 2015-2020 - Apo Reef Natural Park
- e. Mt. Halcon Conservation and Management Plan – 2012-2022
- f. Island-wide Survey of Fauna and Flora
- g. Conservation Needs Assessment – Physical
- h. Resource and Socio-Economic Assessment - Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary
- i. Site Assessment and Profile Updating – Naujan Lake National Park
- j. Mindoro Treasures-Environmental Sourcebook
- k. Treasured Island Coffee-table book

We are looking forward to your favorable approval of our request and your usual support in conservation.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully yours,



GRACE C. DIAMANTE
Executive Director



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
MIMAROPA REGION

Awards this
CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

to

MINDORO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION INC. (MBCFI)

according to the provisions of DENR Administrative Order No. 52, series of 1992.

By this accreditation, this Office included MBCFI in the official list of potential NGOs that may participate in any of its existing project/programs, subject to the specific requirements of the applied particular project/program.

This accreditation is effective from **April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023**, after which MBCFI shall apply for a renewal.

*Given this **February 24, 2022**, at L&S Building, 1515 Roxas Boulevard, Ermita, Manila, Philippines*

Recommended by:

MANUEL T. ESCASURA, MNSA, CESE
Regional NGO Desk Officer

Approved By:

LORMELYN E. CLAUDIO, CESO IV
OIC, Regional Executive Director



The Philippine Council for NGO Certification

awards this

CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

to

Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc.

a non-stock, non-profit organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, for having met the criteria for accreditation for non-stock, non-profit corporations in accordance with the provisions of Revenue Regulations No. 13-98 dated December 8, 1998, and having passed the impartial scrutiny and verification of satisfactory compliance with the PCNC standards of NGO good governance, transparency and accountability.

This accreditation is valid for five (5) years, from December 7, 2022 through December 6, 2027.

Given at the City of Manila, Philippines, this 7th day of December 2022.


FELIX A. TONOG
Executive Director


MARIO A. DERIQUITO
Chairperson



CERTIFICATE NO: 20221207123
NGO ID.: 1236





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Rev. 5/04-05-2022

Republic of the Philippines

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the

**MINDORO BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

a body corporate, organized and operating under and by virtue of the laws of the Philippines, is determined by this Office to have been organized for scientific advancement and that the said **Foundation** and its funds are dedicated to scientific pursuits within the meaning of Section 24 of Republic Act No. 2067, as amended by Republic Act No. 3589.

This certification shall be effective for a period of three (3) years starting February 16, 2023 subject to the conditions of *DOST Administrative Order No. 015, Series of 2021* and the interim arrangements between the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), as may be applicable, unless sooner revoked for violations of any of the provisions thereof.

Issued this 16th day of February 2023 at Bicutan, Taguig City.


CERTIFIED TRUE COPY


JHOVEN G. LITANA

RECORDS OFFICER

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Date: 20 Feb 2023


RENATO U. SOLIDUM, JR.

Secretary

Department of Science and Technology
Science and Technology Foundation
Unit (STFU)



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DOST Certification No. 23-FR-04

Paid under Official Receipt No.:

Date:



28 February 2020

MS. APOLONIA MARIE GRACE C. DIAMANTE

Executive Director

Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc.

Dear **Ms. Diamante**,

Congratulations!

The Board of Trustees of the Association of Foundations has approved the application for membership of your organization as a **REGULAR MEMBER**. The Board is convinced that Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. is a reliable foundation, and we are proud to have you as one of our members.

As a new AF Member, we wish to inform you as well that the following are requirements to remain in the AF roster:

1. Submission of Annual Report / Accomplishment Report
2. Submission of Audited Financial Statements marked "Received" by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
3. Submission of General Information Sheet (GIS) marked "Received" by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)
4. Attendance in the Annual General Assembly
5. Payment of the Annual Membership Dues

Your assessed annual dues for the year 2020 is Eight Thousand Pesos (PhP8,000.00). Please see attached Statement of Account.

Also attached is a copy of the Oath of Membership which you have to sign and return to us as soon as possible. The ceremonial oath taking will be held during the next General Assembly.

Thank you very much and welcome to AF!

Sincerely,

NORMAN JIAO
Executive Director



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO
City of Calapan

SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN
CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

This is to certify that

Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Incorporated

Brgy. Camilmil, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro

an organization duly registered/certified with the Securities and Exchange Commission and Bureau of Internal Revenue and established in accordance with law, has been accredited by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Oriental Mindoro, by virtue of **SP Resolution No. 5905-2022**, after having been satisfactorily met all the requirements for accreditation as provided for under Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Memorandum Circular No. 2022-083 dated June 15, 2022, effective September 6, 2022 to June 30, 2025, subject to compliance on the conditions stipulated under aforesaid SP Resolution.

Issued this 27th day of September, 2022 at the Batasang Panlalawigan (Benigno S. Aquino Legislative Building), Gov. Ignacio St., Brgy. Camilmil, Calapan City, Oriental Mindoro.

EJAY L. FALCON

Vice Governor/Presiding Officer

O.R. No.: _____

Issued on: _____

(Not valid without Official Receipt Number)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT, having satisfactorily complied with all the requirements and criteria for accreditation, pursuant to the Local Government Code and as promulgated in DILG Memorandum Circular No. 2022-083 dated June 15, 2022, the

**MINDORO BIODIVERSITY
CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, INC.**

an organization duly registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and established in accordance with law is hereby awarded this

**CERTIFICATE
OF ACCREDITATION**

SPACCRE 2022-2025-09-25

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Province of Occidental Mindoro to be affixed herein this 6th day of September 2022, at SP Session Hall, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro.


HON. ANECITA DIANA A. TAYAG
Vice-Governor

Under SP Reso#229, S2022
Valid until June 30, 2025





Republic of the Philippines
Province of Oriental Mindoro
CITY OF CALAPAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 10TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 9TH SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD OF THE CITY OF CALAPAN HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF **SEPTEMBER 2022** AT THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD SESSION HALL.

PRESENT:

Hon. Rommel A. Ignacio	Presiding Officer / City Vice Mayor
Hon. Charles O. Pansoy	Member
Hon. Rius Anthony C. Agua	Member
Hon. Marian Teresa G. Tagupa	Member
Hon. Rafael Jr. E. Panaligan	Member
Hon. Genie R. Fortu	Member
Hon. Ronalee E. Leachon	Member
Hon. Federico A. Cabailo, Jr.	Member
Hon. Roberto L. Concepcion	Member
Hon. Dennis A. Rojas	President
Hon. Noel C. Cirujano	Liga ng mga Barangay President SK Federation

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Ricka Marie P. Goco	Member
Hon. Jelina Maree D. Magsuci	Member

RESOLUTION NO. 54

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND GRANTING THE ACCREDITATION OF MINDORO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION FOUNDATION, INC. IN THE CITY OF CALAPAN, PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO

WHEREAS, Section 34 of the Local Government Code of 1991 (Book 1, Chapter 4) states that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy;

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2022, the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) issued Memorandum Circular No. 2022-083, on the Guidelines on the Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations and Selection of Representatives to the Local Special Bodies;

WHEREAS, the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. through its Executive Director, Apolonia Marie Grace C. Diamante, has signified its intention to be an accredited CSO in the City of Calapan, Province of Oriental Mindoro to pursue an active partnership with the City Government of Calapan in the pursuit of local autonomy and nation building; and

WHEREAS, the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. has satisfactorily complied with the requirements and criteria for accreditation as a civil society organization in accordance with the procedures and guidelines set forth in DILG MC 2022-083.

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Rius Anthony C. Agua duly seconded by all members present.



Republic of the Philippines
Province of Oriental Mindoro
CITY OF CALAPAN

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

RESOLVED, as it is HEREBY RESOLVED, to approve and grant as it hereby approves and grants the accreditation of Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. in the City of Calapan, Province of Oriental Mindoro.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this accreditation is effective only until June 30, 2025, subject to revocation, based on the grounds stated in Section 4.9.1 of the above-mentioned Memorandum Circular, to wit:

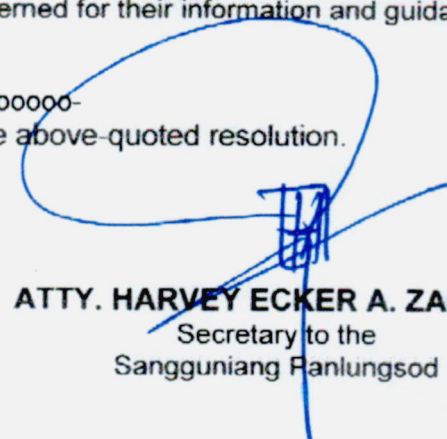
- violation by the CSO, during the validity period of the Certificate of Accreditation, of any existing accounting and auditing laws, rules and regulations;
- conduct of activities without adherence to local laws, including compliance with the minimum public health standards in the locality;
- unauthorized use of the name and/or logo of the City Government of Calapan or any National Government Agency (NGA) and other unscrupulous activities; and
- engaging primarily in, or using the organization primarily for, partisan political activities.

RESOLVED FURTHERMORE, to furnish copy of this Resolution City Mayor, Hon. Marilou F. Morillo; Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Foundation, Inc. Executive Director, Apolonia Marie Grace C. Diamante and all concerned for their information and guidance.

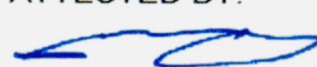
THIS RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED.


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I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the above-quoted resolution.


ATTY. HARVEY ECKER A. ZAMORA
Secretary to the
Sangguniang Panlungsod

ATTESTED BY:


ROMMEL A. IGNACIO
Presiding Officer/City Vice Mayor

APPROVED:

MARILOU F. MORILLO
City Mayor

In my last year's report as Chairman of the board, I stated that we were looking forward to a good journey in 2022 to build on the hard work performed in the previous year. Little did I know that mother nature had other things in mind that would keep our Executive Director, Grace Diamante and our staff continually finding ways to meet the challenges head-on! Staff shortages stretched our already thin workforce to the limit, but it amazes me that we achieved a project delivery burnt rate of 95.78% and a budget burnt rate of 96.82% for the year. Then our accreditation from the Philippine Council for NGO Certification took us some time to renew due to several delays in the pre-requisites. For the same reason, the implementation of our programs and construction of Phase 1.1 of the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center (MBCC) has been affected. Then a change in the management of our core funder from Shell Philippines Exploration B.V. to Prime Energy led the Executive Committee and the Executive Director to prepare a transition plan for (a) a steady-state condition for the year 2023 and beyond, (b) set goals of the organization, and (c) A well-defined membership structure and the Board has newly reconstituted with new members. We have started discussions with Prime Energy on how to synergise going forward. We shall give feedback to all of MBCFI -Staff and Trustees as more information on how the new owners would like to progress on CSR.

Early in the year and the last quarter of 2022, the RESEARCH program conducted the annual waterbird count in partnership with the DENR in Apo Reef Natural Park and Naujan Lake National Park, recording a total of 109 bird species. The Spotted Pigeon is a new species recorded in Apo Reef. It has been confirmed that ARNP hosts the breeding and nesting areas for Black-naped (*Sterna sumatrana*) and Bridled Terns (*Onychoprion anaethetus*). These are notable information used for application to Ramsar Convention.

The purposive search for the Ilin Cloudrunner in mainland Mindoro was also conducted in partnership with ReWild; unfortunately, there have been no observations of such species until now. As to the Biodiversity Corridor Project, our team participated and presented in some workshops, trainings, and dialogues throughout the year.

Memorandum of Agreements with UP Diliman and with two Mangyan tribes from Mt. Gimparay and MIBNP for the conduct of the Tamaraw Habitat Analysis have been signed. This study is funded jointly by the Malampaya Project, Forest Foundation Philippines, and Chester Zoo, and it is aimed to increase the knowledge on identifying suitable and prospective habitats for Tamaraw and a better understanding of the population dynamics of the Tamaraw in relation to the availability of food within the habitat. It took us more than two years to secure Free, Prior Informed Consent due to the pandemic, but we were able to conduct the Socio-economic Cultural & Conditions Survey in Mt. Gimparay.

In the same year, we established and trained a network of species-focused Citizen Scientists and Mindoro Wildlife Watch. They validated the flying fox species and roosting sites in Puerto Galera (Giant Golden-Crowned flying fox (*Acerodon jubatus* & *Pteropus hypomelanus*). An assessment and tagging of Philippine Teak Trees (790 trees) have been completed. CEPA Strategies Plan and collaterals against wildlife trafficking produced.

MBCFI paved the way as a learning hub for several OJTs from the University of the Philippines Los Baños and Mindoro State University.

The RESEARCH team participated in the Annual Tamaraw Count, Flying Fox, and Seabirds Forum and poster presentation to the BCSP Symposium.

The MISSION program has introduced a food resiliency project by establishing food sheds in Mt. Halcon and Puerto Galera, which gave the I.P. communities additional income.

Under the renewed conservation agreements between MBCFI and Peoples Organization in Baco (KAWARAS and SARIG) and Puerto Galera (MaSIPag, MaHaLKITa), we were able to maintain at least 40 hectares of woodlot areas, three nursery sites, and four vermibeds. Armed with a refresher course on Wildlife Enforcement, foot patrolling was conducted every quarter, and biodiversity monitoring reports were collected and analyzed. At the MBCC site, edible landscaping and beekeeping have been established, and fruit-bearing trees were planted in partnership with local stakeholders. Nurseries, composting areas, restoration, and woodlots have been maintained.

The the CARE program, MBCFI's active presence based on profile visits on the social media has connected us to the world. A venue to share our expertise, educate others and build relationships over time. In 2022, we had a higher audience reach in Instagram (146.6%), almost 11% increase in the number of FB Page likes, and 144.4% increase in Instagram followers compared to the previous year.

Four (4) quarterly e-newsletters and one annual report have been released via Akubo. We were able to release 12 podcast episodes in 2022.

We were given numerous opportunities to share our activities and promote our advocacies through radio guesting and live streaming the entire year.

For us to work efficiently and ensure that all information is managed properly, our google workspace have been updated.

Our new website has been launched to give MBCFI a higher profile and prominence, highlighting the great work over the years. The technology on CRM and e-commerce has been upgraded, with new features and a fresh new look with contents revamped

which will bring relevance to diverse audiences and opportunities to support the foundation's conservation efforts.

We participated in and even led some of the environmental events in 2022 (i.e. World Wetlands Day, Wildlife Day, SHGBEE for IBD, Biodiversity Day, International Coastal Cleanup, 1st International Day for Biosphere Reserve, and Tamaraw Month).

We remain true to our advocacy for sustaining Mindoro's natural treasures by drafting and presenting our position papers on Victoria-Sabluyan Interprovincial Road and Naujan Lake National Park Proposed Boundary Change. The draft Ilin and Ambulong Islands Critical Habitat Management Plan was resubmitted for adoption by the Municipality of San Jose, Occidental Mindoro. We actively participated in the quarterly board meeting of four protected areas in Mindoro and other policy-making bodies, where five ordinances and 28 board resolutions have been passed.

Our contributions in the past were highly regarded and have earned several awards from the DOST in Search for the Most Outstanding S&T Foundation/Science for the People; from DepEd as one the Most Outstanding Partners in MIMAROPA and MBCFI's Corporate Social Responsibility Campaign won in the 2022 Women Leading Change Awards-Asia Pacific.

MBCFI has been reaccredited by different government agencies and non-government institutions locally and internationally.

Our financial performance for 2022 ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities. However, our cash flow was challenged in the last month of the year, awaiting the release of our PCNC reaccreditation. Nonetheless, the delivery of our targets versus our expenditures were appropriately and reasonably used.

MBCFI January to December 31, 2022, Unaudited Actual Expenditures

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	ADJUSTED BUDGET	ACTUALS (Unadjusted and unaudited)	BURNT RATE
RESEARCH	3,188,561.20	3,188,561.20	1,913,699.57^	60.02%
CARE	1,722,863.52	1,722,863.52	1,728,551.05	100.33%
MISSION	2,295,921.20	2,295,921.20	1,682,607.40	73.29%
ADMIN	1,350,390.33	1,350,390.33	1,696,894.07	125.66%
MBCC	3,442,263.75	3,442,263.75	7,065,760.81*	205.26%
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The support of the Malampaya Project and the Department of Energy has been a cornerstone in the completion of Phase 1 of the Mindoro Biodiversity Conservation Center, and I'd like to thank them for their ongoing and unwavering support. Thank you DOST-MIMAROPA for providing the 29-kw capacity of solar panel system. We all look forward to many more years of collaboration with them.

As in previous years, the Board of Trustees never hesitated in making difficult but strategic decisions to ensure the longevity of this foundation. I owe them my sincere gratitude.

Performance delivered in 2022 does not happen by chance but rather through the talent, dedication, and tireless efforts of staff who keep delivering quality results, building on the foundations of those who went before us.

And so, a small part of 2023 has already passed with few difficulties at hand, but we are now in a more stable situation, allowing us to expand and improve. Thanks to all MBCFI staff for keeping the ship afloat over the past few months. I'm confident that the staff, members and trustees will take everything in their stride in 2023 to manage the challenges and opportunities in the remaining nine months and help our communities, stakeholders and partners navigate a successful path forward. We will make our 15th year more meaningful.