



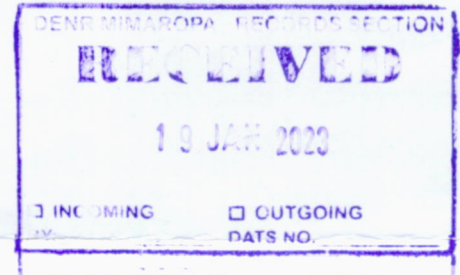
**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : All Regional Executive Directors  
All Bureau Directors

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : **RESULTS OF THE DENR BMB-UP DILIMAN PROTECT  
WEST PHILIPPINE SEA 2.0 PROJECT**

DATE : JAN 06 2023




The DENR BMB engaged the UP Diliman, through its Marine Science Institute, for the conduct of Research Expeditions to the Kalayaan Island Group and other features in Palawan and the West Philippine Sea in order to improve our knowledge of the biodiversity and habitats therein, and to serve as inputs for the development of protection and management measures and strategies. The Project titled *Predicting Responses between Ocean Transport and the Ecological Connectivity of Threatened ecosystems in the West Philippine Sea (PROTECT WPS 2.0)* has since completed two (2) Expeditions in May and October 2021, and submitted the Terminal Report in 2022.

With this, may we provide your good Offices copies of the following reports generated by the DENR BMB-UP Diliman PROTECT WPS 2.0 Project:

1. Project Terminal Report
2. Short Reports (Laymanized/Summarized reports per Project Component)
  - a. Hard Coral and Soft Corals
  - b. Fish Diversity (using environmental DNA from Sponges) and Coral Diversity
  - c. Reef Fish
  - d. Genetic Diversity and Connections between Reefs using genetic information from *Linckia laevigata*
  - e. Chemical Oceanography
  - f. Microbial Oceanography/Diversity and assembly processes governing microbial eukaryotic communities along environmental gradients
  - g. Marine Plants (Seagrasses and Seaweeds) Diversity

These are accessible through the following Google Drive Link: [bit.ly/PROTECTWPS2Reports](https://bit.ly/PROTECTWPS2Reports)

For your reference and information.

  
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