



HON. ELPIDIO F. BARZAGA JR.
Chairperson, Committee on Natural Resources
House of Representatives
Batasan Hills, Quezon City

Dear **Hon. Barzaga**,

Isang makakalikasang pagbati!

This has reference to your invitation letter dated January 10, 2023 regarding the Committee Meeting for the deliberation of several House Bills and discussion of updates on the Manila Bay rehabilitation to be held on January 25, 2023, as well as requesting for our comments on the House Bills No. 4889 and 6373 introduced by Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn.

Relative thereto, hereunder are some of our comments on the aforementioned House Bills:

House Bill	Comments
House Bill No. 4889 by Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Technical Descriptions (TDs) of all parcels of land under House Bill No. 4889 do not conform with final Non-Conforming Blocks of Forestland Boundary Delineation (FLDB) map as of 2016.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- TDs of Parcels under House Bill No. 4889 has a tie point but missing the tie-line which represents the direction of line going to corner number one of each parcel;• Total area per parcel under House Bill No. 4889 differs from the total area per parcel of final Non-Conforming Blocks of FLDB.• It is concluded that data of parcels under House Bill No. 4889 did not originate from our Office. As such, we suggest that a Joint Team will conduct validation on the ground to determine whether the subject parcels pass the criteria for classification into Alienable and Disposable Land per existing Rules and Regulations on Land Administration and Disposition.
House Bill No. 6373 by Hon. Edward S. Hagedorn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial meetings between this Office, the DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), and Hon. Hagedorn, and recently with the Department of National Defense (DND), were held presided over by the Assistant Secretary for Internal Relations of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG). The scope and coverage of the House Bill No. 6373 were discussed.• This Office strongly supports the declaration of the Kalayaan Island Group (KIG) as a marine protected area under the National Integrated

	<p>Protected Areas System (NIPAS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Several portions of the KIG were already proposed by the DENR to be established as marine protected areas, taking into account the results of the biophysical assessments conducted during the several research expeditions by the DENR-BMB and University of the Philippines-Marine Science Institute (UP-MSI) from 2017 to 2022.
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Please find the attached position papers on the aforementioned House Bills for your consideration.

Thank you, Sir.

Very truly yours,


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