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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The DENR Regional Executive Directors
All Regions except CAR and NCR

FROM : The OIC Director

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR INVENTORY OF DIVE SHOPS/CENTERS
OPERATING WITHIN NIPAS MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

DATE : JAN 23 2023



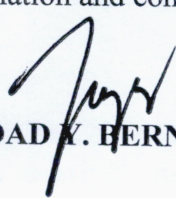
This pertains to the implementation of the Green Fins initiative under the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP).

Currently, the Coastal and Marine Division of this Bureau has drafted an Administrative Order (DAO) on the implementation of Environmentally-Friendly Diving and Snorkeling (EDS) practices in all National Integrated Protected Areas System - Marine Protected Areas (NIPAS-MPAs) and other conservation areas. The implementation of EDS practices through the DAO shall serve as an initial leap to fully institutionalize the Green Fins across the country. Awareness raising among stakeholders primarily the diving and snorkeling operators, souvenir shop owners, and tourists is one of the key steps in addressing threats to coastal and marine ecosystems. These guidelines shall also heighten participation of communities within and around protected areas and conservation areas on the sustainable use of biodiversity, and become effective partners in their protection and conservation.

In line with this, may we respectfully request you to submit an inventory of all dive shops/centers whose operations and activities utilize resources within NIPAS-MPAs. Kindly input "N/A" in the matrix if the request does not apply to your respective MPAs.

Kindly submit the accomplished inventory **on or before 24 February 2023**. Attached is a sample inventory for your reference and link of google sheet file for your convenience: <https://tinyurl.com/GFDiveShops>.

For information and consideration.


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No	Region	Name of MPA utilized	Name of Dive Shop	Services Offered	Contact person / details	Location	Coordinates	No. of staff		Remarks
								M	F	
1.	5	Ticao Burias Pass Protected Seascape	Bicol Dive Shop	SCUBA Diving, Snorkeling	Mr. Juan dela Cruz bicoldive@gmail.com 0999 999 9999	Dancalan, Donsol, sorsogon	11.1999° N, 123.7406° E	8	10	SAMPLE ONLY
2.	7	Tañon Strait Protected Seascape	Evolution Dive Shop	Snorkeling, Free Diving	Ms. Juana dela Cruz edive@yahoo.com 0999 999 9999	Daanbantayan, Bantayan Island, Cebu	11.1999° N, 123.7406° E	10	15	SAMPLE ONLY
3.	10	Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape	El Salvador Dive Shop	Free Diving	Mx. Juanita dela Cruz esds@dive.org 0999 999 9999	Molugan, El Salvador City, Misamis Oriental	11.1999° N, 123.7406° E	6	8	SAMPLE ONLY