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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
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THRU : The OIC, Assistant Regional Director for Technical Services

FROM : The Provincial Environment and
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SUBJECT : **REPORT ON ATTENDANCE TO THE STAKEHOLDERS' ENGAGEMENT FOCUS GROUP DISCUSSION (FGD)/HIGH CONSERVATION VALUES ASSESSMENT (HCVA) EXIT CONFERENCE**

Forwarded is the memorandum dated June 1, 2023 from CENRO Brooke's Point along with the Report on attendance to the Stakeholders' Engagement Focus Group Discussion (FGD)/High Conservation Values Assessment (HCVA) Exit Conference for Mt. Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL).


The said activity was facilitated by the USAID SIBOL Project, which was conducted on May 11-12, 2023 at Costa Resort Palawan, Puerto Princesa City.

During the activity, the initial result of the aerial ground trothing, ecological assessment and study of land use of with MMPL was presented.

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FROM : The Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer

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Forwarded herewith is a copy of the aforementioned report dated May 15, 2023 of Forester III/Deputy CENRO/Chief, Monitoring and Enforcement Section Joselito A. Eyala and Forest Ranger Christopher Buenafe regarding the above-cited Stakeholders' Engagement Focus Group Discussion (FGD)/ High Conservation Values Assessment (HCVA) Exit Conference held on May 11-12, 2023 in Costa Resort Palawan, Puerto Princesa City.

The subject activity is in relation to the Sibol HCV assessments being conducted in Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape (MMPL) which aims to identify high conservation values existing in MMPL as well as their locations and extent which will provide the basis for identifying recommendations to strengthen management planning efforts.

Relative thereto, the Exit Conference/Stakeholders' Engagement FGD was facilitated by the USAID Sibol Project Team to present the initial results of the aerial ground truthing, ecological assessment and study of land use within MMPL, conduct validation of results with selected representatives and stakeholders of MMPL and discuss recommendations for next steps. Accordingly, the salient points of discussion includes the presentation of High Conservation Value (HCV) Framework (Sukat ng Kalikasan) or Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Framework for the Philippines based on six (6) proposed categories. In addition, during the FGD, identification and ranking of drivers of land use change in the municipality of Brooke's Point and Sofronio Española was conducted. Likewise, the possible actions/recommendations to address the identified drivers of land use change were discussed.

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REPORT ON ATTENDANCE TO A MEETING

Title of the Meeting / Event: Exit Conference of Stakeholder's Engagement Focus Group Discussion (FGD)
Date and Venue : May 11-12, 2023; Costa Resort Palawan, Puerto Princesa City
Organizer/Lead Office : United States Agency for International Development (USAID)- Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans and Landscape (SIBOL) Project

Representatives (*delegates who attended the meeting from MIMAROPA Region*) N/A

Attended by MMPL PAMB Members and/or their representatives

- a) Office of the PASu of MMPL
- b) MENRO Sofronio Española, Rizal
- c) PCSDS
- d) CENRO Brooke's Point
- e) CENRO Quezon
- f) BLGUs (Barangays Captain and IP Representatives)
- g) Academe (Western Philippines University-WPU)
- h) SIBOL Staff

OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING/ EXIT CONFERENCE :

To discuss the following agenda:

1. Presentation of the initial results of the areal ground truthing, ecological assessment, and study of land use of MMPL;
2. Validation of results with selected representatives and stakeholders of MMPL: and
3. Recommendation for next steps.

SALIENT POINTS OF DISCUSSION:

1. Presentation of High Conservation Value (HCV) Framework (Sukat ng Kalikasan) or Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) Framework for the Philippines based on six (6) proposed categories, to wit:
 - a. 1. Sukat 1: Uri ng Hayop at Halaman;
Ecological Assessment of Flora and Fauna species within MMPL.
Assemblage of endemic, threatened and rare species that are important of the global regional or national level.

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- b. Sukat 2: Ekosistema;
Gather secondary land cover maps, land classification based on IPCC guidelines.
Areas consisting of Natural landscape level and seascape level ecosystem and ecosystem mosaics that can support viable natural papulation.
 - c. Sukat 3: Ekosistemang nanganganib;
Aerial Ground Truthing of Ecosystems in MMPL, determine reference point validation and preparation of flight plan.
Areas containing rare or anthropogenically, threatened ecosystems or habitat.
 - d. Sukat 4: Serbisyong Nagpapanatili ng Buhay;
 - e. Sukat 5: Serbisyong Pangkabuhayan; and
 - f. Sukat 6: Serbisyong Pangkalikasan.
2. During the FGD, the group identified and ranked the drivers of land use change in the Municipality of Bataraza and Sofronio Española, Palawan, as follows:
- a. Shifting Agriculture (kaingin/ Slush and burn farming);
 - b. Fuelwood collection and charcoal making;
 - c. Timber Poaching;
 - d. Hunting;
 - e. Collection of Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs); and
 - f. Landslide.
3. The possible action/ recommendation to address drivers of land use change are as follows:
- a. Introduce new farming methods;
 - b. Livelihood or other sources of income and provision of financial support;
 - c. Conduct IEC/CEPA;
 - d. Intensify enforcement in the area of MMPL and penalize the violator (filling of the case);
 - e. Coordination with other LGU/BLGU and other law enforcement agencies;
 - f. Create a tree park/ communal forest in every barangays in support of the program of Enhance National Greening Program (ENGP);
 - g. The identified areas should be continuously monitored/patrolled through LAWIN Patrol; and
 - h. Conduct regular training and seminars for all concerned stakeholders of MMPL to ensure the preparedness of Law Enforcement agencies in case of emergency scenarios.

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4. Other Matters

- DENR, LGU, PAMB and Academe insight during discussion
- a. Clarifications re: MPSA issued to Mining Company overlap to the MMPL Area
 - Prof. Lita Sopsop of WPU mentioned that there is still an issued MPSA in the MMPL Area. This can endanger the protected area, especially the flora, and fauna found in MMPL. Moreover, she questioned the SIBOL project on their method and baseline in conducting this study. According to her, all barangay should become their respondents and not only two barangays per municipality. She suggested to see her research with Dr. Fernando of UPLB to serve as reference.
- b. According to SIBOL researcher, there is no identified MPSA overlap in Bataraza and Sopronio Española except in Brookes Point where it is not included in their study. The Conservation International (CI) conducted same study as SIBOL and they conducting it in Brooke's Point.
- c. Atty. Ryan Pacabis of Rizal, Palawan verbalized his appreciation in this kind of project for the possibility of opening up ecotourism areas.
- d. Forester Alexander Mancio, representative of PENRO said that the "hunting" in the summary of driver land use should not be in number 4 as well as the "landslide". Hunting has no direct effect on the nature compared to landslide where there will be changes in forest cover when it happens.
- e. CENRO Renato Gonzaga of Quezon Palawan also recognized the importance of this study. He thanked the people behind in this SIBOL project for their efforts. He hoped that the PASu Office will be given a copy of their study for future reference.
- f. A representative of SIBOL said that this project had experienced many challenges like using the drone and other equipment. They have to set camera trap on low elevation because of weather conditions. They were not able to capture more photos.

COMMITMENT/S OF MIMAROPA REGION: N/A

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