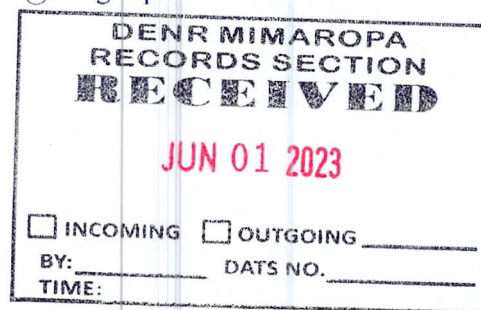




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**MEMORANDUM**

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**  
DENR Region IV-B  
Roxas Boulevard, Manila

FROM : **The OIC – Director**  
Financial and Management Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR FUNDS INTENDED FOR THE HIRING OF  
ADDITIONAL FOREST GUARDS IN OCCIDENTAL MINDORO**

DATE : 18 May 2023

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This refers to the letter of Honorable Congressman Leody “Odie” F. Tarriela, Lone District of Occidental Mindoro dated 02 September 2022 requesting funds for the hiring of Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) in the amount of **Five Million Pesos (₱5,000,000.00)**.

The additional Forest Guards will be assigned in Mt. Iglit-Baco National Park to help in the protection of the remaining population of the endangered Philippine Tamaraws against illegal poaching and to ensure the protection of the flora and fauna in Occidental Mindoro.

In view of the above, kindly submit the corresponding Work and Financial Plan (WFP) to the Policy and Planning Service (PPS), for their evaluation and recommendation.

**IMELDA R. DELA CRUZ**

Cf:

**The Undersecretary**  
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September 2, 2022

**MARIA ANTONIA "TONI" YULO-LOYZAGA**

The Secretary

Department of Environment and Natural Resources

DENR Building, Visayas Avenue, Vrasa,

Quezon City

Subject: Request for Hiring of Additional Forest Guards for Occidental Mindoro

**Dear Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga,**

Let me first express again my sincerest congratulations on your very well-deserved appointment as DENR Secretary. You may rest assured that this Representation shall provide my full and utmost support to your programs and projects for the betterment of our people.

The Province of Occidental Mindoro houses the Mt. Iglit-Baco National Park which is also the home of the last remaining population of *bubalus mindorensis* otherwise known as the Philippine Tamaraw. The population of the mammal has dwindled throughout the years because of poaching. Several measures are being undertaken by local government units (LGUs) and private sectoral groups to help increase its population.

One of the main challenges for our forest guards is the lack of sufficient funding and manpower. While they have ensured that the last remaining population is properly guarded, instances of poaching is still being reported especially during the pandemic.

To help the survival of our Philippine Tamaraw, as well as to ensure the protection of the flora and fauna of Occidental Mindoro, may I respectfully request the provision of additional funding for forest guards in Occidental Mindoro, as follows:

Request	Amount
Additional Funding for Forest Guards To protect the Last Remaining Population of the Philippine Tamaraw and Protected Forests in Occidental Mindoro	Php 5M

May we continue working hand-in-hand to ensure the protection of the flora and fauna of Occidental Mindoro.

Maraming maraming salamat po, Mr. Secretary!

Very truly yours,

**REP. LEODY "ODIE" F. TARRIELA**

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