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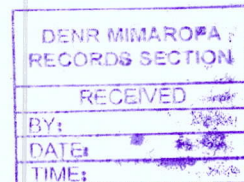
MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
All DENR Regional Offices

FROM : The Director
In concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for Policy,
Planning, and Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **CELEBRATION OF CORAL TRIANGLE DAY FOR CY 2023**

DATE : JUN 01 2023



This is to announce the celebration of Coral Triangle Day 2023. The primary objective of this celebration, as outlined in RPOA 2.0, is to cultivate awareness, foster a positive mindset, and promote behaviors that align with CTI-CFF goals. Its overarching aim is to build resilient communities within the Coral Triangle area, capable of adapting to climate change impacts, embracing environmentally friendly practices, mitigating anthropogenic threats to marine ecosystems, and recognizing the invaluable benefits derived from a sustainable ocean.

This year, Coral Triangle Day's theme is "**Oceans Need Actions**," as determined by the CTI Regional Secretariat. The theme underscores the need for concrete actions and emphasizes the urgency to move beyond plans.

This campaign will run in parallel with the implementation phase of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 until 2030, aiming to garner substantial public support for all the initiatives outlined within the plan. Public support is of utmost importance in creating the necessary enabling conditions to achieve our targets, including advocacy efforts, fieldwork endeavors, and fostering demand for sustainability in ocean commodities.

In light of these objectives, all are encouraged to align their celebrations with the aforementioned theme.

Attached is the official CT Day banner for your reference.

For your information.


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- B. One of the initial activities of the RESTORE-WPS Project is a **National Summit for the West Philippine Sea covering Regions I, II, III, IVA, through IVB**, with the main objective of developing among the participants' a consensus on the state of the environment in WPS, and a common vision and actions for the protection of the said area. More details are in the Concept Note (Reference Item I.C.).
- C. The DENR has been invited by the RESTORE WPS Project to become a Co-Convenor of the National Summit; as co-convenor, the DENR is tasked to:
1. Identify and invite participants from the DENR and its Regional and Field Offices
 2. Provide financial and logistical support for the attendance of identified DENR Participants
 3. Provide technical support for the conduct of the Activity, and other tasks as may be identified in the Program
- D. **The tentative/proposed schedule** for the National Summit in Metro Manila is either **18-21 JULY 2023 or 25-28 JULY 2023**.
- This will be finalized by the DILG and TK within May or in early June, subject to the concurrence of the Convenors and Co-convenors.
- E. The DILG and TK have initially identified DENR Participation from the Regional and Field Offices to be at the **Regional Executive Director and designated WPS focal officials/staff**.

III. Requested Action

Foregoing considered, and subject to confirmation and clearance/authorization from the Secretary, may we respectfully request for *preliminary confirmation of your, or your designated representative/s attendance* to the **National Summit for the West Philippine Sea in Metro Manila** (tentatively on July 18-21 or July 25-28, 2023); **two (2) Officials/Representatives from each Regional Office** will be accommodated. The submitted names will be included in the Draft Special Order. We would appreciate to receive a response on or before June 2, 2023.

For further queries/concerns on this matter, please feel free to contact Mr. Joaquin Silvestre of this Bureau (joaqui.silvestre@gmail.com / cmd@bmb.gov.ph).

For your information and consideration.


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