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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR-Region IV-B (MIMAROPA)
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FROM : The Director
In concurrent capacity as Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning
and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : SUBMISSION OF GIOB CAVE AND SADUG CAVE
PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION PLANS

DATE : MAY 05 2020

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Memoranda submitting the protection and conservation plans of Giob Cave and Sadug Cave in Ilin Island, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro.

The following are our comments and recommendations:

1. General Comments

- a. As Class I^c caves, activities permitted for Giob and Sadug Caves are limited to mapping, photography, educational and scientific purposes in accordance to Section 3 of DMC 2007-04 (Procedure in Cave Classification). We recommend omitting Executive Order No. 111 (Establishing Guidelines for Ecotourism Development in the Philippines) included in the Statement of Policies and Guidelines section and any future mentions of ecotourism in the management plan;
- b. It was noted that vandalism, excavations for treasure hunting activities, and guano collection were evident inside Giob and Sadug Caves. Both were also once utilized as a tourist destination. Relative to this, we recommend immediate closure of the caves and installation of a no-entry sign to avoid their further inappropriate use;
- c. Enter a tripartite agreement with the landowner and the concerned local government unit for the co-management of said caves and their resources with reference to PAWB Technical Bulletin 2013-05 (DENR-LGU-Landowner Memorandum of Agreement Template);



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- d. For all planned construction activities and installation of signage at the site, adopt the guidelines provided in DAO 2009-09 (Standard Design and Specification of Signs, Buildings, Facilities, and other Infrastructure that may be Installed and/or Constructed within Protected Areas); and
- e. Include monitoring and evaluation activities in the action plans of said caves. These shall include the progress of the plan's implementation and the assessment of the management effectiveness, among others.

2. Giob Cave

- a. Please note that the Task Force Ansiray, which would be responsible for the preservation of the ecology and natural resources including caves in the area, shall be deputized by DENR. For guidelines on deputation, refer to DAO 2008-02 (Revised Guidelines on the Deputation of Environment and Natural Resources Officers); and
- b. Ensure that members of the said task force are capacitated with learnings and skills relative to the provisions of RA 9072 or Cave Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (DAO 2003-29) and other relevant trainings as necessary.

3. Sadug Cave

On item b (Cave Hazards and Threats), the presence of *silos* or makeshift traps for capturing swiftlets was documented in different stations. The removal of these traps is necessary since such activities are not allowed in Class I caves.

For consideration.


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