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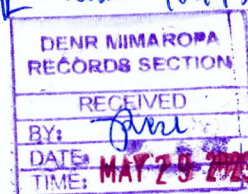
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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Directors
All Regions

FROM : The Supervising Ecosystems Management Specialist
In-Charge, Office of the Director

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS: ORIENTATION ON DAO 2021-13 OR THE GUIDELINES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNITION OF BIODIVERSITY-FRIENDLY ENTERPRISES (BDFE) FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION IN TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS AND REFRESHER COURSE ON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (BDS)**



In line with the implementation of the NIPAS Act, as amended, and as part of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP), the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) is pleased to inform you that an Orientation on DAO 2021-13 of the Guidelines for the Development and Recognition of BDFE for its implementation in terrestrial ecosystems and a refresher course on Business Development Services (BDS) will be conducted this CY 2023 with the following clusters and schedules:

Cluster	Regions	Schedule	Venue
Cluster 1	CAR, 1 to 3	June 13-17, 2023	Clark, Pampanga
Cluster 2	NCR, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, 5 to 6	July 3-7, 2023	Metro Manila
Cluster 3	7 to 13 (CARAGA)	August 7-11, 2023	

The BDFE Program intends to cover terrestrial protected areas and other conservation areas in consideration of the lessons learned from its implementation in marine PAs. As part of this effort, the Bureau conducted the first Orientation for the PAMO personnel in selected terrestrial protected areas, including representatives from CDD, through virtual platform in CY 2022. To ensure that field implementers are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the BDFE Program, it is essential to provide continuous and periodic orientation through various workshops and learning events.

The learning event will be attended by one (1) representative each from the PAMBCS and CRFMS of the Conservation and Development Division (CDD), personnel from selected PENROs, CENROs, and PAMO staff of terrestrial PAs with BDFE targets for CY 2023 as listed in the attached matrix. Please note that the list of PAs was based on the 2023 targets derived from the latest Regional Work and Financial Plan. Should there be changes in the targets, staff from CDD and PAMO may update the list.

In this regard, may we request the list of participants from your respective Regions and protected areas using the attached matrix and online link: https://bit.ly/Orientation_BDFE-BDS **on or before May 16, 2023.** Representatives from the above-mentioned Offices should preferably be BDFE facilitator/focal person. This list will serve as the basis for the DENR - Special Order and will also confirm the participants for the said Orientation. Attached is the draft activity design including the provisional program for your reference.

Should you have any questions or concerns, you may please email npd@bmb.gov.ph and cmd@bmb.gov.ph.

For information and consideration.


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ACTIVITY DESIGN

Learning Event Title	Orientation on DAO 2021-13 or the Guidelines for the Development and Recognition of Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprises (BDFE) for its Implementation in Terrestrial Ecosystems and Refresher Course on Business Development Services (BDS)			
Schedules	The activity will be conducted in three clusters with target Regions and schedules as follows:			
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	Cluster 3	7 to 13 (CARAGA)	August 7-11, 2023	
Background and Rationale	<p>Republic Act 7586 or the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (NIPAS) of 1992, as amended by Republic Act 11038 or the Expanded NIPAS Act of 2018 established the NIPAS as the system of classifying and administering all designated protected areas to maintain essential ecological processes and life-support systems, to preserve genetic diversity, to ensure sustainable use of resources found therein, and to maintain their natural conditions to the greatest extent possible. Some of the communities located within or near protected areas often rely on natural ecosystems and the associated services they provide for their livelihoods. To promote fair and equitable sharing of benefits and provide livelihood opportunities, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), has developed various guidelines on Biodiversity Friendly Enterprises (BDFEs) and has been providing technical and financial assistance to several People's Organizations in protected areas through the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (CMEMP).</p> <p>On 21 May 2021, the Guidelines for the Development and Recognition of BDFEs in Protected Areas under the NIPAS, and other Conservation Areas, Providing for Incentives and Supporting Mechanisms, was issued by virtue of DENR Administrative Order No. 2021-13. This Guideline covers Micro and Small Enterprises of People's Organizations (POs) that are dependent on ecosystem goods and services within multiple use zones and buffer zones of terrestrial and marine protected areas and designated conservation areas outside the NIPAS. The DAO also provides various tools for inventory, assessment, and monitoring of potential BDFEs including the BDFE appraisal tool which determines the level of development of the PO and its enterprise.</p>			

	<p>One of the goals of the Bureau is to expand the BDFE Program to cover terrestrial protected areas and other conservation areas in consideration of the lessons learned from its implementation in marine PAs. As part of this effort, the Bureau conducted the first Orientation for the PAMO personnel in selected terrestrial protected areas, including representatives from CDD, through virtual platform in CY 2022.</p> <p>The previous Orientation provided an overview of the key features of DAO 2021-13 and shared experiences and lessons learned from the field, specifically from the POs. To ensure that field implementers are equipped with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively implement the BDFE Program, it is essential to provide continuous and periodic orientation through various workshops and learning events. This will enable the field offices to fully understand the guidelines and implement them in a manner that aligns with the objectives of the BDFE program.</p> <p>The BDFE Program includes understanding how the Business Development Services (BDS) fit into the whole market system and the processes along the value chain that may be critical in biodiversity conservation and the management of communities and their enterprises within and adjacent to PAs and conservation areas. Therefore, BDS and enterprise development are essential components of the BDFE capacity development.</p> <p>In view of the above, the Bureau is organizing a face-to-face Orientation on DAO 2021-13 or the Guidelines for the Development and Recognition of Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprises (BDFE) for its Implementation in Terrestrial Ecosystems and Refresher Course on Business Development Services (BDS). This will help ensure that field implementers are equipped with the relevant and helpful information and knowledge to implement the BDFE program effectively, while also strengthening their understanding of the critical roles of BDS in biodiversity conservation and sustainable economic development.</p>
Objectives	<p>The objective of this learning event is to provide orientation to DENR regional and field offices as well as key personnel from the DENR central office on the salient features of the DAO 2021-13 or the Guidelines on BDFE Development and Recognition, and the Key Concepts of BDS for BDFE. Specifically, the learning event, aims to achieve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level-off and enhance the appreciation and understanding of the principles, procedures and processes involved in the development and recognition of BDFEs in NIPAS PAs and other conservation areas; 2. Understand the salient provisions of the DAO including its Annexes; 3. Increase appreciation and understanding of the implementation of BDFE as a tool for biodiversity management and conservation; and 4. Increase knowledge, appreciation and understanding of the BDS in relation to enterprise development.

Expected Output	<p>At the end of the learning session, the participants are expected to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain knowledge and understanding on the salient provisions of the DAO on BDFE and the key concepts of the BDS; 2. Understand the development and recognition of BDFEs in terrestrial areas; and 3. Able to apply relevant knowledge and information in implementing the BDFE in terrestrial ecosystems.
Participants	<p>The following are the target participants for the learning event:</p> <p>DENR - CO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One (1) representative from PPS <p>DENR-BMB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● National Parks Division (4) ● Coastal and Marine Division (4) ● Caves, Wetlands and other Ecosystems Division (4) ● Wildlife Resources Division (1 rep per cluster) ● Biodiversity Planning and Knowledge Management Division (1 per cluster) ● One (1) representative from each BMB-FASPS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ABS and SGP7 (Cluster 1) ○ BDCor and BioFin (Cluster 2) ○ ESBenePeat (Cluster 3) <p>DENR Regional and Field Offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two (2) from Conservation and Development Division of all the regional offices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PA Management, and Biodiversity Conservation Section (preferably BDFE focal/facilitator) ○ Coastal Resources and Foreshore Management Section (preferably BDFE facilitator) ● One (1) representative from the selected PENROs, CENROs, and PAMOs listed hereunder: <p>CAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PENRO Abra ○ CENRO Baguio <p>Region I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CENRO Western Pangasinan ○ CENRO La Union ○ Manleluag Spring Protected Landscape

Region II

- PENRO Cagayan
- CENRO Aparri
- Bangan Hill National Park
- Casecnan Protected Landscape
- Salinas Natural Monument

Region III

- PENRO Pampanga
- PENRO Zambales
- Amro River Protected Landscape
- Dinadiawan River Protected Landscape
- Simbahan-Talagas Protected Landscape
- Talaytay Protected Landscape
- Bataan Natural Park
- Roosevelt Protected Landscape
- Mt. Arayat Protected Landscape

CALABARZON

- PENRO Batangas
- PENRO Cavite
- PENRO Quezon

MIMAROPA

- PENRO Oriental Mindoro
- PENRO Palawan

Region V

- PENRO Camarines Norte
- PENRO Masbate
- PENRO Camarines Norte
- Buhi Wildlife Sanctuary
- Mt. Isarog Natural Park
- Lagonoy Natural Biotic Area

Region VI

- PENRO Guimaras
- CENRO Sara
- Northern Negros NP
- Sibalom Natural Park
- Northwest Panay Peninsula Natural Park
- Mount Kanlaon Natural Park
- Negros Occidental Coastal Wetlands CA

Region VII

- PENRO Cebu
- PENRO Negros Oriental
- Rajah Sikatuna Protected Landscape
- Camotes Island PLS

	<p>Region VIII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ CENRO Baybay ○ CENRO Borongan <p>Region IX</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PENRO Zamboanga del Sur ○ CENRO Zamboanga City <p>Region X</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PENRO del Sur ○ PENRO Bukidnon ○ Mt. Balatukan Range NP ○ Mt. Inayawan Range NP ○ Mimbilisan PL <p>Region XI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PENRO Davao del Sur ○ PENRO Davao del Norte <p>Region XII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PENRO Sarangani ○ CENRO Glan <p>Region XIII</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PENRO Surigao del Sur ○ PENRO Surigao del Norte
Mechanics and Strategies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Orientation on BDFE and BDS refresher course will be conducted in three (3) clusters, lasting for 3 days. It will consist of a combination of lectures, workshops, and interactive games/skits. ● Members of the BMB BDFE Core Group will serve as Resource Persons and Secretariat during the Workshop. Consultants who were previously engaged in the BDS Orientation for the Coastal and Marine personnel will also be invited as resource persons. ● The Program will be divided into two parts: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Presentation of the BDFE Guidelines or the DAO 2021-13 and its Annexes including the policy consultation on the draft guidelines for Screening of Proposals for the BDFE Financial Assistance; and 2) Presentation of BDS Modules 1 to 5. ● The first part of each cluster will include the discussion of the processes and procedures in undertaking the various assessments of existing

	<p>livelihoods and enterprises within and adjacent PAs and conservation areas; the processes involved in appraisal of enterprises, and the details of the ten (10) Annexes. Highlights of each section will be presented and elaborated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The first part also includes the presentation of the draft guidelines on the Screening of Proposals for the BDFE Financial Assistance, of at least one (1) hour to solicit comments and feedback from the participants. • While the second part will be allocated on the elaboration of the key concepts of BDS and how it is connected to BDFE and how it contributes in attaining inclusive and sustainable development. • After each presentation, 30 minutes will be allotted for an open forum to express clarifications and encourage sharing of first hand experiences on the ground and practices. • Around 30 to 35 participants are expected to join the learning event excluding the resource persons and secretariat per cluster. Over-all, around 50 to 55 attendees are expected to participate in the learning event. • An evaluation survey will be administered to all participants through Google Forms after each session.
COVID-19 measures	<p>The following Standard Health Protocol for COVID-19 pandemic should be strictly observed by the participants and the trainers, respectively:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The learning session will be a face-to-face learning session. and online. 2. Always wear a mask, and maintain physical distance; and 3. Practice proper hygiene and social etiquette.