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MEMORANDUM

FOR : The Regional Executive Director
DENR Region IV-B (MIMAROPA Region)

FROM : The OIC Assistant Director
In-Charge, Office of the Director

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF THE PRACTICUM ON HUMAN-CROCODILE
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT**

This refers to the implementation of BMB Technical Bulletin No. 2020-02 "*Protocol for Managing Human-Crocodile Conflict (HCC) in the Philippines*." The Protocol provides a stepwise response to HCC reports, the administrative aspects in handling and delivery of decisions, technical considerations, and criteria for assessing HCC incidents. The Protocol likewise recommends best practices in avoiding HCC and promoting crocodile-human co-existence. With the issuance of this Protocol, all the Regions where natural population of crocodiles occur were advised to create the Provincial Wildlife Quick Response Teams (PWQRTs).

In July 2020, this Office conducted training for all the members of the PWQRTs through a webinar, which aimed to develop the knowledge and skills necessary for the step-by-step process of HCC response and management. The first part of the training that was held in 2020 was designed for the technical/theoretical aspect of the HCC, which provided the scientific and legal underpinnings for crocodile conservation. The second part, the Practicum, which is equally important for capacitating the PWQRT members has to be conducted face-to-face. The practicum session requires closely supervised hands-on training, especially on crocodile survey methods, as well as handling and restraint techniques.

In this regard, the BMB, together with the members of the National Committee for Crocodile Conservation Technical Working Group (NCCC-TWG), is conducting a series of Practicum for the members of the PWQRTs nationwide. For this year, the 3rd Practicum will be conducted on August 28-30, 2024 in Region IVB (MIMAROPA Region), at a venue to be identified within Puerto Princesa, Palawan. The said activity will be attended by selected participants from Palawan. Taking into consideration that the activity requires a venue wherein crocodile facility is accessible to conduct demonstration and handling, and an area for night spotting of crocodiles, we plan to conduct the activity within the premises of the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (PWRCC).



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Relative to this, may we request the assistance of the Regional Office on the following:

1. Deliver a 10-minute Welcome Remarks (may be in-person or recorded) on August 28, 2024;
2. Identify/Select two (2) participants for each of the enumerated Offices/Agencies (list is hereto attached as Annex A) and facilitate confirmation of their attendance. Provided, that each of the identified attendee is capable and determined to be trained on crocodile handling;
3. Coordinate with PENRO Palawan to request for any available assistance that can be provided for the conduct of the training such as but not limited to arrangements within PWRCC and transportation for participants (Venue-PWRCC, PWRCC-Venue); and,
4. Request the attendance of **Mr. Salvador Guion** of CENRO Palawan to serve as a Resource Person during the lecture session and assist in the conduct of HCC Practicum. Mr. Guion will discuss and assist/facilitate the following topics and activities, to wit: 1) Assembly of Crocodile Snares, 2) Basic Crocodile Handling and Restraining Techniques, and, 3) Night Observation on crocodile tapetal reflection.

Our staff from the Wildlife Resources Division shall be closely coordinating with your Office concerning this activity and the above-mentioned requests. For inquiries or clarifications, your staff may contact Ms. Katrina Erika Manalo through telephone number (02)8925-8946 or e-mail at wrd@bmb.gov.ph.

For information and consideration.

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ANNEX A

OFFICE / AGENCY	NAME OF PARTICIPANT
CENRO Brooke's Point	1.
	2.
CENRO Taytay	3.
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CENRO Quezon	5.
	6.
LGU Balabac	7.
	8.
LGU Bataraza	9.
	10.
LGU Espanola	11.
	12.
LGU Rizal	13.
	14.
LGU Quezon	15.
	16.
Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)	17.
	18.
Philippine National Police – Maritime Group (PNP-MG)	19.
	20.
Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) Balabac Wildlife Traffic Monitoring Unit (WTMU)	21.
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Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) District Management Office (DMO) South	23.
	24.
Wilderness Search and Rescue Philippines (WISAR) Palawan	25.
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