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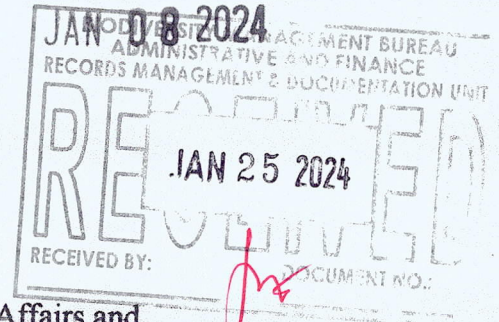
**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR :** The Undersecretary for Field Operations  
Luzon, Visayas and Environment

**ATTENTION:** The Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and  
Concurrent OIC Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB)

**FROM :** The OIC, Regional Executive Director

**SUBJECT :** **SANGGUNANG BAYAN OF TAYTAY, PALAWAN RESOLUTION  
NO. 043-2023 "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE LAKE  
MANGUAO MUNICIPAL CONSERVATION AREA AND  
ECOTOURISM ZONE GENERAL MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR  
2023-2028 [P-2023-120336]**



Respectfully submitted is the Memorandum dated September 22, 2023 of PENRO Palawan regarding the abovementioned subject.

Lake Manguao also known as Lake Danao is the only freshwater lake in mainland northern Palawan. The lake has one permanent inflow at the north western corner and numerous temporary inflows. The lake is home to three lake endemic freshwater fishes and also harbors an additional four fish species that are endemic to northern Palawan and its satellite island. The associated habitat within Lake Manguao is also an important stronghold for seven species of globally threatened birds. As such, it was identified as one of the Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) for its global significance on biodiversity conservation.

In order to effectively manage the biological resources of the lake, the Municipal Government of Taytay, in partnership with the DENR, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD), and several Non-Government Organizations including Zoological Society of London, Community Centered Conservation-Philippines (C3), and USAID Safewater Project, created a technical working group (TWG) tasked to formulate the General Management Plan of Lake Manguao. The TWG developed the Lake Manguao Municipal Conservation Area and Ecotourism Zone (LMMCAEZ) Management Plan, which outlines strategies for the sustainable management and development of the lake by identifying key issues and challenges facing the area.

Relative to this, the LGU of Taytay adopted Sangguniang Bayan Resolution No. 043-2023 entitled "*A Resolution Adopting the Lake Manguao Municipal Conservation Area and Ecotourism Zone General Management Plan*". Through this resolution, it is envisioned that the management of the natural resources of Lake Manguao will be strengthened and its tourism development will be regulated effectively.

Attached is a copy of SB Resolution No. 043-2023 and Lake Manguao Municipal Conservation Area and Ecotourism Zone General Management Plan for ready reference.

  
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