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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 :** MINUTES AND RESOLUTION PASSED DURING THE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
QUARTER CY 2023 PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT  
BOARD MEETING OF MT. CALAVITE WILDLIFE  
SANCTUARY (MCWS), OCCIDENTAL MINDORO HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 8, 2023 [P-2023-123774]

Respectfully submitted are the affirmed minutes of the meeting and one (1) resolution of the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) of Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary (MCWS) held on November 8, 2023.

The *regular meeting* was attended by eleven (11) out of sixteen (16) PAMB members/representative(s) through a combination of face-to-face and virtual set-up held at Mindoreños Hotel and Restaurant, Brgy. Payompon, Mamburao, Occidental Mindoro. The representative of the municipal mayor of Paluan, Sangguniang Bayan (SB) member Elorde A. Marasigan, presided the meeting.

Below are the main agenda discussed and actions taken including one (1) resolution approved:

Agenda	Highlights and/or Actions Taken
1. Presentation of Cave Assessment Report of Kuweba ni Gudo	Resolution No. 2023-04: <i>Kapasiyahang Naghahayag ng Pagtanggap sa Klasipikasyon Blg. II ng Kuweba ni Gudo Ayon sa Ginawang Pagsusuri ng "Cave Assessment Team ng DENR-CENRO Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro"</i> was <b>approved</b> .
2. Presentation of proposed construction of Rice Processing System (warehouse) of LGU Paluan within Protected Area (within a titled property)	The decision of the PAMB was put on hold pending submission and presentation of complete documentary requirements by the proponent.  The PASu was reminded to ensure that complete supporting documents are attached in the decision of the PAMB in the form of a Resolution. Relevant documents include copy of land title and zone map of MCWS reflecting the location of the proposed project.

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3. Presentation of second semester Biodiversity Monitoring System (BMS) report	The presence of priority species has declined compared to the monitoring of same season (wet season) in 2022. Data gathering conducted through field diary, transect walk, and photo documentation in this season are affected by the weather condition (i.e., frequent rain, high humidity) of the study sites.
4. Presentation of monitoring report on the established 2-ha Permanent Biodiversity Monitoring Area (PBMA)	<p>The PBMA of MCWS can be considered as a secondary tropical evergreen forest. The flora recorded in the PBMA has declined from 9,404 trees in 2019 to 8,596 trees recorded in 2023. The decline is due to the six (6) typhoons that hit the province in 2019 to 2021, which was confirmed with the presence of many fallen trees within the PBMA.</p> <p>Results of soil sampling shows that the soil of the PBMA is moderately acidic.</p>
5. Presentation of result of investigation on the constructed and ongoing construction of infrastructures within the alleged property of Mr. Abelardo Pangilinan	The decision of the PAMB was put on hold pending submission of complete investigation report by the investigation team. The lacking documents in the report of the Regional Office - Enforcement Division include the response of the Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) regarding the applicability or presence of Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) on the constructed infrastructures. However, it was already clarified that a violation of Section 20 of RA 7586, as amended by RA 11038, or the non-securing of PAMB Clearance was already committed.
6. Presentation of the proposed MCWS PAMO building	The design of the building was presented to the PAMB. The design is compliant to the prescriptions under DAO 2009-09 and the official facade of DENR buildings. The construction will be proposed in the 2025 appropriation of the PAMO.
7. Presentation of accomplishments of the PAMO	<p>As of the meeting, all activities of the PAMO were completed except for the capacity building of PAMO staff which was scheduled on November 20-24, 2023.</p> <p>As of this writing, all activities of the PAMO for CY 2023 have already been completed.</p>

For information and record.

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