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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 :

**SUBMISSION OF CAVE ASSESSMENT AND CLASSIFICATION
CONDUCTED BY CAVE ASSESSMENT TEAM OF DENR-CENRO
SABLAYAN FOR KUWEBA NI GUDO LOCATED WITHIN MT.
CALAVITE WILDLIFE SANCTUARY (MCWS) [P-2023-119792]**

Respectfully submitted is the Memorandum dated September 25, 2023 of the OIC, PENRO Occidental Mindoro regarding the abovementioned subject. This is part of accomplishment in compliance with OO1 – Natural Resources Conservation and Development Program, Protected Areas, Caves and Wetlands Development and Management, Sub-Program – II. Management of Caves and Cave Resources with performance indicator “No. of caves assessed with recommended classification”.

The Kuweba ni Gudo is located within Mt. Calavite Wildlife Sanctuary (MCWS). The cave has a total land area of 237.51 sq.m, a total length of 51.32 meters, mouth opening width of 7.81 meters and ceiling height of 1.55 - 5.96 meters. It can be reached by land travel from the municipal proper of Paluan to Sitio Pamutusin, Barangay Harrison, which takes around 30 minutes, followed by boat travel from Sitio Pamutusin to Sitio Pinagbayanan, which will require 3 hours of travel time. The boat will be moored on the rocky coastline of Sitio Pinagbayanan. From the shore, Kuweba ni Gudo can be accessed after 10 minutes of hiking along the trail.

Based on the result of assessment and in accordance with DMC 2007-04: “Procedure on Cave Classification”, the cave assessment team recommends that Kuweba ni Gudo be classified as Class II Cave. This cave has areas or portions that have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological values or a high-quality ecosystem. It may be opened to experienced cavers or guided educational tours or visit, but it is recommended to close portions of the cave on Stations IB-IC, IB-IBi, and IC-ED.

The MCWS-PAMB resolution endorsing the cave classification for affirmation of the undersigned will be submitted once available.

Attached are the accomplished Cave Assessment Form, Cave Maps, Data on Caves Survey and photo documentation for reference.

For and in the absence of the
Regional Executive Director:

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