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MEMORANDUM

TO : The Regional Executive Directors (NCR, CAR, Regions 1-13)
The Bureau Directors (FMB, LMB, BMB, ERDB)

THRU : The Assistant Secretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted
and Special Projects

FROM : The Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs

SUBJECT : **SUMMARY OF YEAR-END ASSESSMENT ISSUES AND
CONCERNS**

DATE : DEC 16 2020

This refers to the virtual Conference/Workshop on the Year-End Assessment of DENR priority programs held last 02-04 December 2020 which involved the presentation of the physical and financial accomplishments of the Regions as of October 2020, by Cluster (Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao).

Attached is a table showing the general findings as well as the issues and concerns, per priority program, including the directives issued to particular regions in each Cluster.

The Regional Offices and the Bureaus concerned are enjoined to address the said issues and concerns based on the recommendations, as shown in the tables. Also included are the mid-year issues and concerns which still need to be acted upon.

In view thereof, you are hereby requested to submit a report on the specific actions taken to the Program Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMED) thru e-mail at ppso.pmed@denr.gov.ph not later than 29 December 2020.

For compliance.


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ISSUES/CONCERNS/FINDINGS
YEAR-END ASSESSMENT, 02-04 DECEMBER 2020

ISSUES/CONCERNS/FINDINGS	RECOMMENDATIONS	RESPONSIBLE OFFICE
<i>General Findings</i>		
1. Implementation of policies in the field	Provide feedback on the implementation of policies	All Regions
2. Discrepancy in targets and accomplishments	Harmonization of data	Bureaus, Regions, PPS
3. High accomplishment, low budget utilization	Review unit cost of activities	PPS
MANILA BAY REHABILITATION		
4. Reporting on the monitoring of trash boats	Monitoring should be in terms of operationalization/functionality of the trash boats and it should be a continuous activity	Manila Bay Regions (NCR, 3, CALABARZON)
CLEAN WATER		
5. Low accomplishment on water bodies endorsed for classification	Classify all the water bodies to determine proper management strategy	All Regions
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT		
6. Non-compliance with RA 9003 re: Open and controlled dumpsites	Focus on closure, not just inspection	All Regions
ENHANCED NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM		
7. Inventory and location of planted trees	Submit report to FMB	All Regions
8. No data reported on Family approach	Focus on family approach	All Regions
9. Purpose and applicability of "Reforestation Plan" Prepared	Provide guidance through Technical Bulletin	FMB
10. Varying rates applied for the hiring of Forest Extension Officers may be auditable	There is a prescribed rate for Extension Officers. Strictly follow the salary rate.	All Regions
11. Serious disconnect among these items (SPA, Clonal Nursery and MMFN)	Sit down and discuss the issue	ERDB, FMB, All Regions
INTENSIFIED FOREST PROTECTION & ANTI-ILLEGAL LOGGING		
12. Target-setting (e.g. on the volume of apprehension of undocumented forest products)	Look into the trend of the previous years' accomplishments as basis for the target	All Regions

13. Incidence of forest disturbances	Forest Protection should have “rhyme and reason” which means that Forest Protection Plan should address forest disturbance	All Regions
14. Difficulty in the hiring of lawyer/Attorney III	Hire legal assistant and legal officer; Policy on hiring of legal officers	All Regions FMB
15. Lack of detailed information on cases filed	Report the status of cases filed in court	All Regions
IMPROVED LAND ADMINISTRATION		
16. Revenue collection on Foreshores, Patrimonial and other Government Properties	Expedite the approval of the Manual of Authority	PPS/LMB
17. Status of the land titling program wherein the survey should have been completed. This is also a concern raised by Sen. Ralph Recto	Firm up the baseline and universe for the 10-year land titling program.	LMB
ENHANCED BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION		
18. Increasing number of “plantitos” and “plantitas”	Strictly monitor the “t-plants”	All Regions
SCALING UP OF COASTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM		
19. Status of abandoned, undeveloped and underutilized (AUUs) fish ponds	Look into the abandoned fish ponds and to coordinate with BFAR to recover these areas and restore mangrove forests	All Regions
GEOHAZARDS, GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSIBLE MINING		
20. Information dissemination on geo-hazards	Make sure that all LGUs down to the barangay level are given copies of geo-hazard maps indicating the flood/landslide prone areas	All Regions
21. Consider other matters, such as quarry operations, when meeting with the Mines sector.	Monitor developments in the mining sector. Monitor also operations in quarry areas, especially after what happened in Bicol, Cagayan, and Marikina.	All Regions
MID-YEAR ASSESSMENT ISSUES AND CONCERNS		
1. Absence of clear policy on the utilization of benefits to be derived from graduated NGP sites located in untenured areas	Formulate the necessary policy	FMB
2. Possible conflict among PAMBs, WQMA Governing Boards, Councils, in the	Coordinate with BMB, EMB and FMB the drafting of policy on the harmonization	PSD

management of a certain water body	of Governing Boards and councils concerning a water body, e.g. PAMBs, WQMA GBs, RBOs, Watershed Management Councils, etc.	
3. NCIP/IP concerns hamper the implementation of DENR Programs/Activities/Projects	Facilitate the conduct of meeting with NCIP to address concerns of DENR program implementation with the agency	Office of Field Operations/PSD

FINDINGS/DIRECTIVES, PER CLUSTER
YEAR-END ASSESSMENT, 02-04 DECEMBER 2020

FINDINGS/DIRECTIVES	OFFICE RESPONSIBLE
ALL CLUSTERS	
Submit to PMED a report on actions taken regarding the issues and concerns identified during the Mid-Year Assessment in compliance to the Memo of USEC Leones	Luzon – CAR, Region 2 & MIMAROPA Visayas – Region 6 Mindanao – Regions 9, 12 & 13
LUZON CLUSTER	
Discrepancies on data reflected in the presentation vis-à-vis the report of regions to PMED as of October 2020 in all the Ten Priority Programs. Submit corrected figures to PMED covering the same period.	NCR, CAR, Regions 1-5
MANILA BAY REHABILITATION	
Low accomplishment on the number of fabricated and installed trash traps Provide report on significant accomplishments	Manila Bay Regions (NCR, 3, CALABARZON)
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	
Provide clarifications on the low budget utilization rates	NCR, Region 2, CALABARZON
SOIL CONSERVATION AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT	
On the hiring of “Information Systems Analyst” under operationalization of watershed instrumentation, follow the whole/specific title indicated in the UWM	CAR
IMPROVED LAND ADMINISTRATION	
Discuss with Region 12 and LMB the issue on the acceptance of agricultural free patent applications even beyond 31 December 2020	MIMAROPA

VISAYAS CLUSTER	
ENHANCED NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM	
Reforestation plan should be by watershed, not by province	Regions 6 & 7
GEOHAZARDS, GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSIBLE MINING	
Update and orient all LGUs on flood/landslide-prone areas	Regions 7 and 8
Monitor the progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas within the region	
FOREST PROTECTION & ANTI-ILLEGAL LOGGING	
Include target for fireline establishment to address fire disturbance	Region 8
High accomplishment on the distance patrolled. Hence, review the Regional Forest Protection Plan, especially the target on patrol route.	Regions 6, 7 and 8
ENHANCED BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	
No target on PAMB Resolutions in the presentation but there is a target indicated in the Work and Financial Plan	Region 8
MINDANAO CLUSTER	
ENHANCED NATIONAL GREENING PROGRAM	
Targeted below 1M seedlings in MMFN. Per CY 2020 Planning Guidelines, the regions should produce at least 1M seedlings per MMFN.	Regions 9 and 12
Follow-up with FMB on the commissioning of the equipment in the MMFN. It has not been used since it was installed.	Region 9
SCALING UP OF COASTAL AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM	
Clarify reported target under CMEMP baseline assessment vis-à-vis reported figures as of October	Region 9
IMPROVED LAND ADMINISTRATION	
Inconsistency of accomplishment figures with PMED (i.e., on appraisal and re-appraisal).	Region 10
“BANGON MARAWI”	
Provide justification on the low disbursement rates, i.e. disbursement versus allotment (32%) and versus obligation (52%)	Region 10
Provide status of land cases/land disputes	
ENHANCED BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION	
Rectify report under “critical habitat (CH) managed”, i.e. conduct of stakeholder consultation and to note also that it is “CH established”, per UWM.	Region 11
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	

Submit letter/proposal to PPS, endorsed by ASEC Lagunda, to access Central Office funds for the use of PENROs and CENROs to monitor the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Act	Region 12
IMPROVED LAND ADMINISTRATION	
Discuss with MIMAROPA and LMB the issue on the acceptance of agricultural free patent applications even beyond 31 December 2020	Region 12
GEOHAZARDS, GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT AND RESPONSIBLE MINING	
Provide explanation on the low disbursement rates for activities under this program	MGB Regions
Provide explanation on the low physical accomplishments but with high disbursement rates	MGB Region 13
Look into the quarry areas, especially in Agusan	Region 13