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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO

The Administrator

NAMRIA

The Director

Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau

The Regional Executive Director

Region III

The Undersecretary for Special Concerns and OIC-Director

Biodiversity Management Bureau

FROM

The Undersecretary

Finance, Information Systems and Climate Change

SUBJECT

UPDATES ON PROPOSED GRANDE AND CHIQUITA ISLANDS

MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (MSR) STATION

DATE

18 May 2021

This refers to our Memorandum on *Instructions on Proposed Grande and Chiquita Islands Marine Scientific Research (MSR) Station* dated 04 March 2021. In order to fully support this project, this Office reiterates the following recommendations:

- a. A DENR Team composed of NAMRIA, BMB, ERDB, Region 3, and other Offices identified, must be convened in order to produce the documents required to request for modification of DENR MOOE into Capital Outlay to support the Project from DBM.
- b. The DENR ERDB shall coordinate with the DENR Team on the design, construction, and procurement of equipment for the MSR Station. This is in consideration of their experience in establishing various Research, Development and Extension Centers, such as the most recently established Snake Island National Coastal and Marine Center for Research in Honda Bay Palawan, among their six (6) other previously established Research, Development and Extension Centers.
- c. The DENR Region 3 shall coordinate with the DENR Team and with SBMA for identifying the appropriate legal instrument to be pursued to secure the land required for the MSR and Tide Station in Grande Island.
- d. The DENR BMB and NAMRIA shall assist in developing the Project Profile, Justifications, and List of Equipment for Procurement, in coordination with the ERDB, to establish the MSR/Tide Station.

May we request your Office to submit to us updates/status on or before 01 June 2021. Please allow our staff from the Biodiversity Management Bureau to coordinate with your Office on this matter.

For your appropriate action.

ATTY. ANALIZA REBUELTA-TEH

CC: DENR Central Office - Budget Division