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## MEMORANDUM

**FOR :** **THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS**  
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**THE DIRECTORS**

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Forest Management Bureau  
Environmental Management Bureau  
Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Service  
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Climate Change Service

**THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

National Water Resources Board

**FROM :** **THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
River Basin Control Office

**SUBJECT :** **WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING INTEGRATION OF  
SECTORAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANNING  
PROCESSES WITH THE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT  
PLANS**

**DATE :** **NOV 18 2021**

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The Department of Environment and Natural Resources initiated the “*Ecosystem-based management and application of ecosystem values in two river basins in the Philippines*” (E2RB) Project to strengthen ecosystem services, protect biodiversity and reduce climate change and natural disaster vulnerability in two river basins through integrated management and application of ecosystem services assessment and ecosystem-based adaptation measures. The project is implemented through a technical cooperation with the Deutsch Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH with support from Germany’s Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

The E2RB Project is conducting a comprehensive policy and process review of the river basin and watershed planning and management (RBWPM) process. The policy study aims to catalyze discussions with various stakeholders to (i) harmonize sectoral plans and, (ii) rationalize the coordination roles of the different government agencies involved in river basin planning and management.

In this regard, we would like to invite you and/or your representatives to participate in the E2RB River Basin Policy Online Workshop on 7 December 2021, 09:00am – 12:00nn. The workshop will consolidate recommendations from river basin planning and management stakeholders towards developing a strategy for integrating and harmonizing the various planning processes that contribute to the formulation and implementation of river basin and watershed management plans.

To confirm your organisation's participation, kindly fill in the attached registration form and email it to [rbco@denr.gov.ph](mailto:rbco@denr.gov.ph). The meeting link will be sent to the email address/es provided.

If you have any additional questions or require further clarification, please contact DENR-RBCO at 89264706/[rbco@denr.gov.ph](mailto:rbco@denr.gov.ph) or Ms. Marion Daclan, GIZ Senior Adviser, at [marion.daclan@giz.de](mailto:marion.daclan@giz.de).

FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION, please.



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**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Ecosystem-based Adaptation in River Basin Project River Basin Policy Workshop**  
07 December 2021, 09:00-12:00

Please email the completed registration form to [marion.daclan@giz.de/rbco@denr.gov.ph](mailto:marion.daclan@giz.de/rbco@denr.gov.ph)

**MS Teams Registration**

WHY WE NEED YOUR DATA: GIZ needs your personal data below to provide verifiable evidence to our funders and other partners that we will host this event and that you will participate. We will include your data in our printed and electronic reports to them that we will send through secure channels. We will continuously keep your data in our secure server and under lock and key and will limit their use to authorized staff. We will also include your data in the project contact list. If you do not agree, we will permanently destroy your data after we have sent our reports. If you need further clarifications or have other concerns, please email [giz-philippines@giz.de](mailto:giz-philippines@giz.de).

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ACTIVITY DESIGN

Activity	Workshop on enhancing integration of sectoral and local government planning processes with the river basin management plans
AWP	Activity 1.2.3
Date(s)	7 December 2021/ 09:00 – 12:00
Rationale	<p>The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in partnership with the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH initiated the “Ecosystem-based management and application of ecosystem values in two river basins in the Philippines Project”, also known as the E2RB Project, which aims to strengthen ecosystem services, protect biodiversity and reduce vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters in river basins through integrated management and application of ValuES (ecosystem services assessment) and ecosystem-based adaptation measures (including a network of protected areas).</p> <p>A consultant was engaged to conduct a comprehensive policy and process review of the river basin and watershed planning and management (RBWPM) process with the objective of preparing a policy study to catalyze discussions with various stakeholders to (i) harmonize sectoral plans and, (ii) rationalize the coordination roles of the different government agencies involved in river basin planning and management.</p>
Specific Objectives	<p>The primary objective of the workshop is to consolidate recommendations from river basin planning and management stakeholders towards developing a strategy for integrating and harmonizing the various planning processes that contribute to the formulation and implementation of river basin and watershed management plans.</p> <p>Specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) To establish clarity on the role of the river basin control office (RBCO) based on their mandate vis-à-vis the needs of the various stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of the RBWMP</li> <li>(ii) To develop mechanisms to harmonize overlapping planning mandates of sectoral and LGU plans involving RBWMP.</li> <li>(iii) To Identify strategic interventions that can be supported by the E2RB project to enhance the RBWMP process at the local and national government levels.</li> </ul>
Specific Output/s	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Validated findings from review of literature and key informant interviews</li> <li>• Policy recommendations from river basin stakeholders</li> </ul>
Methodology	Virtual platform
Resource Persons	Ms. Victoria Antonio (consultant)
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• River Basin Control Office</li> <li>• Environmental Management Bureau</li> <li>• Biodiversity Management Bureau</li> <li>• Forest Management Bureau</li> <li>• Climate Change Service</li> <li>• National Water Resources Board</li> <li>• Policy and Planning Service</li> </ul>
National Government Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Economic Development Authority</li> <li>• Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development</li> <li>• Department of Interior and Local Government</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Commission on Indigenous Peoples</li> <li>• Department of Agriculture</li> <li>• Department of Public Works and Highway</li> <li>• Department of Transportation</li> </ul>	
Ilog-Hilabangan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DENR Region VI</li> <li>• DENR Region VII</li> <li>• Representatives from the Negros Island Ilog-Hilabangan River Basin Management Council</li> </ul>	
Tagum-Libuganon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DENR Region XI</li> <li>• DENR Region XIII</li> <li>• Representatives from Tagum-Libuganon River Basin Management Council</li> <li>• LGU of Tagum City, Davao del Norte</li> <li>• LGU of Municipality of Carmen, Davao del Norte</li> </ul>	
GIZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E2RB Project</li> <li>• Responsible Land Governance in Mindanao Project</li> <li>• ProCoast Project</li> </ul>	
River Basin Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cagayan De Oro River Basin Management Council</li> </ul>	
Division of Tasks and Partner Contributions	<p>Presentation from RBCO Memo/Special order c/o DENR for the participation of the DENR offices and other National Government Agencies, members of the RB councils</p>	
Logistical Requirements	<p>Laptops, internet connection See attached program</p>	
Estimated Cost	NA	
Remarks		
Prepared by:  Marion Daclan Senior Adviser	Endorsed by:	Approved by:  Dr. Klaus Schmitt Principal Advisor

**WORKSHOP ON ENHANCING INTEGRATION OF SECTORAL AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
PLANNING PROCESSES WITH THE RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Date: 7 December 2021  
Duration: 180 minutes  
Modality: Virtual/MS Teams

**Background**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Deutsch Gesellschaft für International Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH are implementing the “Improved Ecosystem Services and Reduced Vulnerability to Climate Change through Ecosystem-based management and Application of Ecosystem Values in Two River Basins in the Philippines” project, also known as “Ecosystem-based Adaptation in 2 river basins” or “E2RB”, which aims to strengthen ecosystem services, protect biodiversity and reduce vulnerability to climate change and natural disasters in 2 river basins through integrated management and application of ValuES (ecosystem services assessment) and ecosystem-based adaptation measures (including a network of protected areas). The project is financed by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU).

A consultant was engaged to conduct a comprehensive policy and process review of the integrated river basin and watershed planning and management (IRBWPM) process with the objective of preparing a policy study to catalyze discussions with various stakeholders to (i) harmonize sectoral plans and, (ii) rationalize the coordination roles of the different government agencies involved in river basin planning and management.

**Objectives**

The primary objective of the workshop is to consolidate recommendations from river basin planning and management stakeholders towards developing a strategy for integrating and harmonizing the various planning processes that contribute to the formulation and implementation of river basin and watershed management plans.

Specific objectives are:

- (i) Establish clarity on the role of the river basin control office (RBCO) based on their mandate vis-à-vis the needs of the various stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of the IRBWMP
- (ii) Develop mechanisms to harmonize overlapping planning mandates of sectoral and LGU plans involving IRBWMP.
- (iii) Identify strategic interventions that can be supported by the E2RB project to enhance the IRBWMP process at the local and national government levels.

**Target Participants**

Participants should include:

- Representatives from DENR Bureaus whose mandates involve activities in any of the river basins
- Representatives from the two pilot sites (LGUs, River Basin Organizations, NGO)
- Representatives from other NGAs that are involved in activities in any of the river basins

Program

TIME	ACTIVITY
10 minutes	<p>Opening Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome by E2RB Project, Principal Adviser</li> <li>• Welcome by RBCO Executive Director</li> </ul>
15 minutes	<p>Overview of the E2RB Project and Objectives of the Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• About the project and support to RBCO</li> </ul>
15 minutes	<p>Mentimeter Poll</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open-ended question:</li> <li>• Have you worked directly with RBCO in the last two years?</li> <li>• What is your understanding of the role/mandate of the River Basin Control Office?</li> <li>• What are some of the challenges faced by your institution/organization in river basin planning and management?</li> </ul>
20 minutes	<p>Presentation by RBCO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role/Mandate</li> <li>• Long-term programme for river basins</li> <li>• Activities/services to support river basin and watershed planning and management</li> </ul>
10 Minutes	Q&A
30 Minutes	<p>Initial Findings from the Policy Study (excluding recommendations)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from the interviews</li> <li>• Overlaps in the RBWM planning process (based on document review)</li> <li>• Key issues</li> </ul>
10 Minutes	Q&A
30 minutes	<p>Workshop</p> <p>Divide participants into 3 groups composed of representatives from DENR agencies, other NGAs and LGU/Municipal Council</p> <p>Each group will be given 3 guide questions. A facilitator will moderate the discussion and a rapporteur will capture the discussions. Each group will select a group member to present the findings.</p> <p>Guide questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key issues experienced by your organization encountered in harmonizing/integrating (vertical and horizontal alignment) river basin and watershed management plans? What do you see as gaps in the RBWM planning process?</li> <li>• What are your ideas for addressing these issues? Identify specific organization/s that can help address these issues.</li> <li>• What support (technical, financial, etc) can you provide to implement the river basin and watershed management plans?</li> <li>• What support do you need (technical, financial, etc.) to implement the river basin and watershed management plans?</li> </ul>
30 minutes	Presentation of workshop outputs

	Each group will be given 8 minutes to present plus 2 minutes for Q&A
10 minutes	Summary of workshop results and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moderator will summarize the key workshop outputs</li><li>• Next Steps</li><li>• Workshop evaluation</li></ul>