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## MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : **The Administrator**  
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority

**The Directors**  
Legal Affairs Service  
Land Management Bureau  
Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau  
Forest Management Bureau

FROM : **The Assistant Secretary**  
Policy, Planning, and Foreign Assisted and Special Projects

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS TO PROPOSED  
ABANDONED, UNDERDEVELOPED AND UNDERUTILIZED  
FISHPONDS (AUUF) 101 TRAINING AND ACTION PLANNING  
WORKSHOP ON 17 TO 21 OCTOBER 2022 IN ILOILO AND VIA  
ZOOM**

DATE : **10 OCT 2022**

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This pertains to the proposed AUUF 101 Training and Action Planning Workshop to be held tentatively on 17-21 October 2022 in Iloilo and via Zoom.

Pursuant to National Convergence Initiative on Sustainable Rural Development (NCI SRD) Resolution No. 2020-06 or the Creation of the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group under Section 14 of Joint DA-DENR-DILG AO No. 2008-01 to Address Policy Issues on the Abandoned, Undeveloped, and Underutilized (AUU) Fishponds, the DENR Technical Working Group for the Reversion of Abandoned, Undeveloped and Underutilized Fishponds and Other Related Mangrove Conservation and Rehabilitation Policies was created under Special Order No. 2021-274 (Annex A).

In order to commence activities of the said technical working group and prepare the DENR's position regarding AUUF, the AUUF 101 Training and Action Planning Workshop is proposed to be held in **Iloilo** from **17-21 October 2022**. This activity is being held in partnership with the Sustainable Interventions for Biodiversity, Oceans, and Landscape (SIBOL) Project.

The objective of the workshop is to do a levelling off in AUUFs in the DENR in terms of past and existing initiatives, existing geographical data and status, as well as future actions needed. Moreover, a draft Guidelines on AUUF Reversion will also be presented for inputs and comments. The workshop will also feature field visits to Leganes and Dumangas in order

to see the real-life examples of AUUFs. Attached is the draft Schedule of Activities for your perusal. (Annex B)

As members of the DENR AUUF National Technical Working Group and/or Secretariat we would like to invite you to send one (1) representative and to provide their name, office, position/designation, email and cellphone number.

For your information and appropriate action, please.



MARCIAL C. AMARO, JR., *CESO II*



MAY 25 2021

**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2021- 274

**SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE DENR TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE REVERSION OF THE ABANDONED, UNDEVELOPED AND UNDERUTILIZED (AUU) FISHPONDS AND OTHER RELATED MANGROVE CONSERVATION AND REHABILITATION POLICIES**

In the interest of the service and in support to the NCI-SRD Joint Resolution No. 06 Series of 2020, also known as the Creation of the Inter-Agency Technical Working Group (TWG) under Section 14 of the Joint DA-DENR-DILG Administrative Order (JAO) No. 01., Series of 2008 to address policy issues on the Abandoned, Undeveloped and Underutilized (AUU) Fishponds in relation to Fishpond Lease Agreement (FLA), the DENR National and Regional TWG, is hereby created to consist of the following:

**A. National TWG**

**CHAIR :** The Assistant Secretary  
Policy, Planning and Foreign- Assisted Projects

**ALTERNATE:** The Director  
Policy and Planning Service

**MEMBERS :**  
Deputy Administrator, National Mapping and Resource Information Authority  
The Director, Legal Affairs Service  
The Director, Forest Management Bureau  
The Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau  
The Director, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau  
  
The Director, Land Management Bureau  
Representative, Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Environment

**B. Regional TWG**

**CHAIR :** The Regional Executive Director

**ALTERNATE:** The Assistant Regional Director, Technical Services

**MEMBERS :**  
Division Chief, Conservation and Development Division  
Division Chief, Survey and Mapping Division  
Division Chief, License, Patents and Deeds Division  
The PENR Officer  
The CENR Officer

### **C. National Secretariat**

- CHAIR** : Chief, Policy Studies Division  
Policy and Planning Service, DENR
- MEMBERS** : Division Chief, Forest Resource Conservation Division  
Forest Management Bureau
- Division Chief, Coastal and Marine Division  
Biodiversity Management Bureau
- Division Chief, Coastal Zone and Freshwater  
Ecosystems Research Division  
Ecosystems Research and Development Division
- Chief  
Physiography and Coastal Resource Division  
National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
- Division Chief, Land Management Division  
Land Management Bureau

### **Roles and Responsibilities of the National TWG:**

1. Prepare and consolidate DENR's position with regards to AUU fishponds based on existing policies;
2. Consolidate maps from old Land Classification Office and NAMRIA pertaining to forestlands turned over to DA-BFAR for purposes of fishpond development/Fishpond Lease Agreements (FLA);
3. Consolidate list of AUU FLAs for five (5) years from date of approval of the lease of contract from DA-BFAR officially turned over to DENR;
4. Create a common GIS database to serve as repository of all information pertaining to AUU and other mangrove areas, and upload the same in the DENR Geo-Portal for ease of access;
5. Provide guidance to the Regions in the validation/verification of cancelled AUU FLAs and other areas turned-over to BFAR for such purposes;
6. Intensify coordination efforts between DA-BFAR and DENR on fishponds with FLAs and NGP areas;
7. Prepare the action plan for the reversion process and the resolution of issues/concerns; and
8. Recommend appropriate policies.

### **Roles and responsibilities of the Regional TWG:**

1. Provide existing data holdings of the DENR Region on AUU to the GIS database created by the National TWG;
2. Conduct validation/verification of cancelled and abandoned areas covered by FLAs based on guidance of the NTWG;
3. Recommend priority AUU areas for reversion to forestland;
4. Intensify coordination efforts between BFAR Regional and Provincial Fisheries Offices and DENR Regional and Field Offices on fishponds with FLAs and NGP areas; and
5. Perform other functions as may be required.

**Roles and responsibilities of the National Secretariat:**

1. Coordinate meetings, prepare correspondences and keep record of minutes of meetings and reports on the work of the TWG;
2. Perform secretariat functions during the TWG meetings;
3. Assist in the coordination with and between the IATWG and other partners for the timely accomplishment of the TWG targets;
4. Monitor the progress and accomplishments of the TWG as well as the implementation of the activities as agreed during the IATWG meetings;
5. Assist in the inclusion of the target activities and corresponding financial requirements to the Work and Financial Plan of the Department; and
6. Perform other functions as may be assigned by the TWG Chairperson and/or higher authorities.

Both the national and regional TWG may invite representative/s from the academe and/or Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) during consultation meetings and validation activities. The same shall also represent DENR in the IATWG created under NCI-SRD Resolution No. 06 Series of 2020.

All expenses to be incurred in line with the implementation of this Order shall be charged against each respective office, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**ATTY. ERNESTO D. ADOBO, JR. CESO I**  
Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human  
Resources, and Legislative Affairs





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**AUUF 101 TRAINING AND WORKSHOP**

Iloilo City, October 17-21, 2022

**SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES**

Date/Time	Activity	Topic	Person In-Charge
<b>October 17, 2022 (Day 1)</b>			
0800-1200	Arrival, registration and billeting		SIBOL, NTWG Secretariat
1200-1300	Lunch/Rest		
1300-1315	Preliminaries		Facilitator
1315-1330	Welcome Remarks		PPFAP
1330-1430	The Perspectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Rationale and Training/ Workshop Overview</li> <li>● Background (NCI Convergence, Consultations)</li> <li>● DENR's Initiatives on AUUF Reversion (which led to the creation of the TWG)</li> </ul>	PSD as Chair
1430-130	<b>Lecture 1</b>	<b>Brackishwater Fishponds Aquaculture System, FLA and other tenurial instruments</b>  <b>What is an AUUF</b>	Tentative RP: *Ms. Mary Anne Gonzales of BFAR, or any representatives from BFAR
1530-1540	Health Break		
15400-1630	<b>Continuation</b>	<b>Brackishwater Fishponds Aquaculture System, FLA and other tenurial instruments</b>  <b>What is an AUUF</b>	Tentative RP: *Ms. Mary Anne gonzales of BFAR, or any representatives from BFAR
1630 - 1645	Q & A		
1645-1700	Orientation	Briefing on Field Visit to Leganes and Dumangas: - Departure, Health safety	NTWG Secretariat



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Van assignment</li> <li>- Food arrangement</li> <li>- Assignment: Insights</li> </ul>	
1700-1830	Announcements/Break		
1830-1930	Welcome Dinner	Fellowship time	NTWG Secretariat
<b>October 18, 2022 (Day 2)</b>			
0700-0730	Breakfast		
0730-0800	Travel to Leganes	Group 1	
0800-1000	Orientation and Ocular Visit to Leganes Integrated Katunggan Ecopark	<b>From Vanishing to Flourishing:</b> The Pioneering Case of Leganes AUUF Reversion to a Mangrove Ecopark	Vicente P. Jaen II Mayor, Leganes <b>Wilson Batislaon</b> MENRO, Leganes
1000-1045	Travel to Dumangas	<i>Drop by Ermita Pagatpat plantation</i>	
1045-1200	Dialogue with MLGU; ocular visit to AUUFs	<b>A Vision: Transforming AUUF to Community- managed mangrove conservation</b>	Braeden John Q. Biron Mayor, Dumangas <b>Ronaldo B. Golez</b> Vice Mayor <b>Ms. Flosel</b> <b>Almirante</b> MENRO, Dumangas
1200-1300	Lunch		
1300-1330	Travel back to Iloilo		
1330-1430	<b>Processing</b>	<b>Learnings and Insights</b>	<b>Facilitator</b>
1430-1600	<b>Lecture 3</b>	<b>Philippine Mangroves: From Maynilad Plantations to Abandoned Pond Reversion Process, Guidelines</b>	<b>Dr. Jurgenne Primavera</b> , Chief Mangrove Scientific Adviser, ZSL
1600-1630	Open Forum		Resource Speaker
1630-1800	<b>Lecture 4</b>	<b>Mapping and Validation of AUUs and Probable Intrusions into Coastal Greenbelt</b>	<b>FMB and Wilfredo Yap</b> , Fishpond Consultant, ZSL
1800-1830	Open Forum		Resource Speaker
1830-1845		Reminders and announcements	
1845-1945	Dinner		
<b>October 19, 2022 (Day 3)</b>			





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0800-0830	Recap of Days 1 & 2	Learning and insights	Facilitator
0830-1030	Lecture 5	Laws and Policies Governing Abandoned, Underutilized and Unproductive Fishponds (AUUF)	Atty. Cheryl Rose Librero, DENR Legal Counsel
1030-1100	Open Forum		Resource Speaker
1100-1200	Presentation	Summary presentation of Status of AUUFs per Region	DENR Region Representative
1200-1300	Lunch		
1300-1400	Feedbacking	Summary Matrix of the Regional Presentations	NTWG Secretariat
	Presentation	Presentation of the Draft DAO on AUU Reversion -for group's comments and recommendations	SIBOL
1845-1945	Dinner		
<b>October 20, 2022 (Day 4)</b>			
0800-0830	Recap of Day 3	Learning and insights	Facilitator
0830-1200	Continuation	Presentation of the Draft DAO on AUU Reversion -for group's comments and recommendations	SIBOL and NTWG
1200-1300	Lunch		
1400-1700	Workshop	Action Planning	SIBOL and NTWG
<b>October 21, 2022 (Day 5)</b>			
0800-0830	Recap of Day 4	Learning and insights	Facilitator
0830-1000	Guidance	Ways forward	Facilitator
1000-1100	Closing	Closing program: Inspirational message  Responses  Photo-ops	NTWG Secretariat Ernie Guiang COP, SIBOL NTWG Chair RTWG Chair SIBOL
1100-1200	Check-out		
1200-1300	Lunch		
1300-1700	Travel back to base		

