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MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL OFFICES
Regional Executive Directors
Bureau Regional Directors
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FROM : THE OIC ASSISTANT SECRETARY
Field Operations Luzon and Visayas

SUBJECT : HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 3rd LUZON VIRTUAL
CLUSTER MEETING CONDUCTED ON 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

DATE : **OCT 18 2022**

This is to provide you a copy of the Highlights for the 3rd Quarter Luzon Virtual conference conducted on September 30, 2022. Please take note of the presented issues and concerns and discussion on the agreements. If you have clarifications, kindly email it to asecfo-sl.dnr@yahoo.com

USec Juan Miguel Cuna

- USec Cuna mentioned about formulating a mechanism in streamlining information in loop for all the ExeComm
- As the system being formulated, a regular meeting will be called for within ExComm
- Reminded the Directors to proactively update top management with possible emerging issues that might elevate into national scale.

	UPDATES
FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU	<p>2020 Forest Cover</p> <p>7,226,394 hectares estimated forest cover of the Philippines</p> <p>30.7% = Closed Forest 65.0% = Open forest 4.3% = Mangrove Forest</p> <p>There is an increase in forest cover by around 212,000 ha</p> <p>Region 1 having the highest percentage change of 16.38% positive</p> <p>FY 2023 ENGP Activities From the 2.2 Billion fund around 60% goes to Luzon and Visayas.</p> <p>For 2023, FMB will be providing service vehicles. Total of 54 cars for Luzon and Visayas</p>

	<p>CY 2021 Illegal Logging Hotspots</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Region 2 with 6 hotspots (Penablanca, Cagayan, Baggao, Cagayan and Jones Isabela) 2. MIMAROPA with 2 hotspots (Taytay and Brooke's Point Palawan) 3. CARAGA with 10 (Esperanza, San Luis, La Paz and Loreto, Agusan del Sur; Lianga, and Lingig Surigao del Norte; Baganga Boston, Cateel, Davao Oriental and Trento, Agusan del Sur) <p>REDs will submit report to FMB ccs Office of Field Operations. Include in the report the standardization of the criteria for Neutralized Areas.</p> <p>Copy of the Presentation will be provided by the FMB.</p>
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	WAYS FORWARD
FMB	<p>Increase Forest Cover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updating of the Forest Land Boundary Delineation in identified “problematic areas/provinces • Delineation of production areas for potential investment areas • Use of technology in forest protection activities – limitation of foot patrol <p>Adopt climate risk lens in national planning and policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuing of ecosystems services (natural capital accounting) <p>Legislative Agenda</p> <p>Sustainable Forest Management Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalize the development of an effective and sustainable forest management strategy and highlights sustainability, ecological integrity and participatory development <p>Final Forest Limits Bill</p> <p>Defining the specific limits of forestlands by the conservation, protection and development of the country's forest resources.</p>

Lands Management Bureau	<p>UPDATES</p> <p>Discussion of LMB's response on issues raised during the Luzon Cluster Quarterly meeting on June 23 2022</p> <p>Copy of LMB's response will be furnished to all regions together with the highlights of the 3rd Quarter Luzon Cluster Meeting.</p>
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ISSUES/ CONCERNS	DISCUSSION/AGREEMENTS	CONCERNED OFFICE
Proliferation of illegal occupants within the coastal areas of Binmaley and Lingayen Pangasinan a. Conduct inventory of	Issuance of Notice of Violations for those operating without the necessary DENR Permits Cease and Desist Orders (CDOs) for those on-going constructions.	R1

<p>establishments/structures and delineation of the unclassified public land vis-a-vis foreshore area.</p> <p>b. Alleged squatting within the military Reservation in Barangay San Isidro Norte and Baybay Lopez Municipality of Binmaley, Pangasinan</p>		
<p>Policy direction of NGP/ENGP Implementation is not consistent. The policy issuance of Executive Order No 26 from year 2011 have some contentious provisions with Executive Order No 193 and other latest regulations</p>	<p>Enhance the guidelines through the Omnibus Code</p>	<p>R2, FMB</p>
<p>The Commission on Audit in R2 doesnt accept the conduct of cross validation for below 100 hectares NGP areas as basis for payment of retention fee</p>	<p>Issuance of specific guidelines in the payment of 10% Retention Fee both for areas below and above 100 hectares.</p>	
<p>Assessmet of expired Tenurial Instrument</p> <p>Overlapping of CSC areas with Titled property</p>	<p>Subject areas shall be assess by the Asset Management Team</p> <p>Make a formal report to check who is responsbile since we are motioning for the procedure outside the existing procedure.</p> <p>All regional offices to submit a summary for Certificate Stewardship Contract (CSC).</p> <p>Motion for reversion of titles FMB and Center for Conservation Innovations PH Inc. (CCI) regarding Mandanas Ruling to do the assessment to have a common position regarding this matter.</p>	
<p>Identification of Masantol Pampanga as the most Climate Change threatened municipality in the country</p>	<p>DENR 3 to come up with a draft action plan in coordination with concerned agencies building on initiatives under the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program and National Greening Program (NGP)</p>	<p>R3</p>

	<p>DENR 3 thru PENRO Pampanga prepared an initial draft of a localized Climate Change Action Plan for the 4th district of Pampanga which is anchored of the National Climate Change Action Plan and shall be integrated with the respective LCCAP of the province and concerned municipalities. The completion of the said Action Plan which is targeted on the 3rd Quarter of CY 2023, shall be in coordination with concerned agencies building on initiatives under the Manila Bay Rehabilitation Program and National Greening Program subject to the provision of funding</p> <p>Check with Regional Disaster Risk Management Committee for possible tie up.</p>	
Occupation within Portion of Kaliwa River Forest Reserve (KRFR)	<p>Joint operation was conducted by the DENR CALABARZON headed by RED Tamoria, bars and Tanay, PNP-MPS, 404th Mobile Company-Region Mobile Force Battalion and ELEPS from Central Office</p> <p>Continuos monitoring of the situation by PENRO Rizal and issued Show cause order to the claimant</p> <p>Continuous validation on the ground.</p>	R4A
Non Compliance of LGUs and OGAs with Environmental laws	<p>Preparation of Criminal Complaint by CENRO Coron.</p> <p>Issuance of NOV by EMB MIMAROPA</p> <p>Issuance of CDO by CENRO Coron</p> <p>Filing of Administrative Case</p> <p>Forfeiture of 22 hectares of reclaimed land by PRA</p> <p>Cancellation order re ECC by EMB MIMAROPA</p> <p>Issuance of NOV by CENRO</p>	R4B

	<p>Coron</p> <p>Let the LGU be aware of the gaps and expedite the recommendation per project</p> <p>Create assessment and call of action as provided by Law, review and validate and expedite recommendations on ground</p>	
<p>Unclear Porvision of DAO 2022-10</p> <p>Earth Balling permit for DPWH and other NGAs Project</p>	<p>Create a narative policy evaluation to be submitted to BMB</p>	R5, BMB
<p>Las Pinas Paranaque Wetland Park is a titled property under the name of Philippine Reclamation Aunthority. As such, PRA is legally obliged to protect its rights and interest over its titled property</p>	<p>Drafting of bill granting transfer of full rights over LPPWP from PRA to DENR</p> <p>Coordination with Cong Camille Villar for the sponsoring of the Bill</p>	DENR NCR, BMB
<p>Determiation of appropriate buffer zone for Las Pinas Paranaque Wetland Park</p> <p>This is important as there are proposed reclamation projects surrounding/nearby the protected area</p>	<p>Completion of determiation of appropriate buffer zone to protect LPPWP.</p> <p>Please check the status of the completion of the buffer zone and report to Field Operations Office</p>	DENR NCR, BMB
<p>Several Request from LGUs were received to fast track cave assessment classification and preparation of caves management plan For FY 2023</p>	<p>Fast track the review and classification of the remaining 52 caves submitted to BMB</p> <p>Possible allocation of funds for assessments of caves and classification of caves outside PAs for FY 2023 and providing budget for plan preparation and implementatiion with the LGUs</p>	BMB

For information and appropriate action, please.


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