



MEMORANDUM

TO : THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS
Regions 2, 4A and 7

FROM : THE UNDERSECRETARY
Field Operations Luzon, Visayas and Environment

SUBJECT : CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF THE LAWIN
IMPLEMENTATION IN SELECTED
CENROs/IMPLEMENTING PENROs

DATE : OCT 17 2022

This pertains to the Memorandum dated 14 October 2022 from FMB Director Tirso P. Parian, Jr. regarding the abovementioned subject.

As such, they are requesting for assistance and guidance from your Office in conducting the said assessment. Below are the schedules of their activities:

Date	Region
October 17-21, 2022	II
October 24-28, 2022	IV-A
November 8-11, 2022	X VII
November 21-25, 2022	XII XIII

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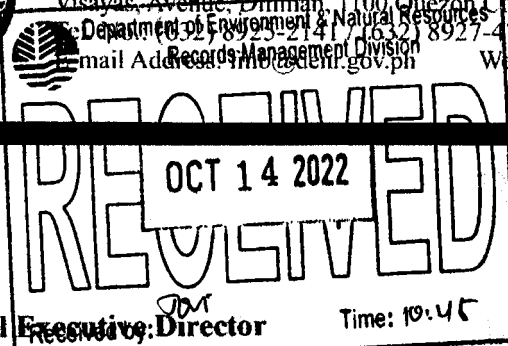

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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Regional Executive Director**
Regions II, VII, X, XII, XIII and CALABARZON

FROM : The Director

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF ASSESSMENT OF THE LAWIN IMPLEMENTATION
IN SELECTED CENROs/ IMPLEMENTING PENROs**

DATE : OCT 14 2022

This refers to the implementation of the Lawin Forest and Biodiversity Protection System pursuant to DAO 2018-21. In line with the continuous efforts to ensure effective implementation and to further improve the system, the FMB through the Lawin Unit shall conduct an on-site assessment of the implementation of the Lawin System in selected CENROs/ Implementing PENROs. The team will assess the patrol plans, actual field patrolling, and data management activities conducted by the selected CENROs/ Implementing PENROs.

In line with this, we are respectfully requesting for assistance and guidance from your office in conducting the said activity. The table below shows the schedules for the said activity:

Date	Region
October 17-21, 2022	Region II
October 24-28, 2022	CALABARZON
November 8-11, 2022	Region X Region VII
November 21-25, 2022	Region XII Region XIII

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION, PLEASE.

TIRSO P. PARIAN, JR., CESO IV

cc: Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Undersecretary for Field Operations- Luzon, Visayas and Environment
Undersecretary for Field Operations- Mindanao

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ASSESSMENT OF LAWIN IMPLEMENTATION IN SELECTED CENROs/ IMPLEMENTING PENROs

I. Introduction

Adopted as a National Strategy for Forest and Biodiversity Protection in the country, the Lawin System uses a science-based and technology-aided forest protection system to ensure transparency, accountability and efficiency in forest and biodiversity protection activities. The system is under the guidance of the DENR-Field Operations through Forest Resources Conservation Division (FRCDD) and Forest Policy, Planning and Knowledge Management Division (FPPKMD) of the Forest Management Bureau (FMB).

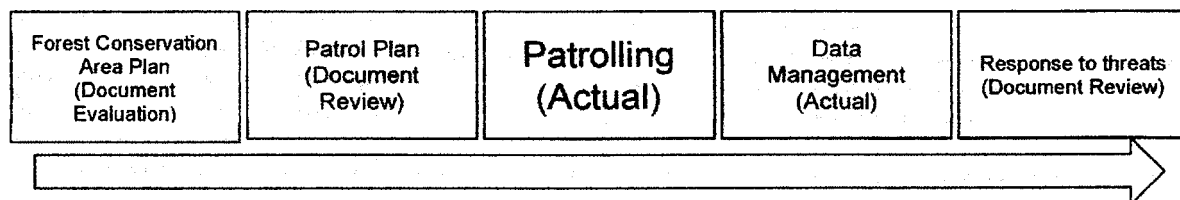
In line with the continuous efforts to ensure effective implementation and to further improve the system, the FMB Lawin Unit shall conduct an on-site assessment of Lawin activities which include data management operations, data analysis, responding to threats and patrolling activities in the selected CENROs/ Implementing PENROs.

II. Objectives

- Review and evaluate the implementation of the Lawin System at the field level;
- Identify gaps, issues, and concerns in the implementation of the Lawin System;
- Identify good practices for possible replication by other offices; and,
- Provide technical assistance to Lawin Patrollers

III. Methodology

The Forest Management Bureau through the Lawin Unit shall conduct the activity by reviewing and assessing the Forest Conservation Area plans and Patrol plans, doing actual patrolling and responding to observed threats, syncing of patrol data and recording of post-patrol responses to threats.



Review and Evaluation of Forest Conservation Area Plans and Patrol Plans

The Forest Conservation Area Plan for Lawin includes the goals, objectives and strategies/activities to be conducted by the field offices to achieve the desired forest condition. The Lawin unit shall evaluate whether these strategies are efficient and the identified goals and

objectives are quantifiable and achievable. The Lawin Unit will also determine the status of the goals and objectives identified in the FCAs.

Patrol plans are quarterly updated plans that consist of the patrolling activities (schedules, patrol routes and patrol teams) conducted by the CENRO involved. These plans serve as the initial action of the CENROs in achieving their desirable forest conditions. The Lawin unit shall review the feasibility and effectiveness of these plans including the management and deployment of patrollers (Forest Rangers and Forest Protection Officers) and submission of plans.

Actual Field Coaching and Patrolling

During the patrols, proper recording of observations shall be observed. In line with the agreements during the mid-year assessment, the Lawin Unit must observe proper recording of the forest conditions, threats and indicator species as well as evaluate actions taken with responses to observed threats.

Data Management and Response Protocol

The activity includes evaluation and monitoring of the post-patrol responses and actions taken in reference to step-by-step procedures stated in the twenty (20) diagrams of the Lawin Response Protocol. In addition, proper patrol data transmission, regular synchronization and other data management errors encountered in SMART 6.1 and CyberTracker will be assessed.

Selection of Sites

The selection of regions to be visited were based on the Lawin Dashboard and their submitted reports. The CENROs/Implementing PENROs to be validated shall be identified upon discussion and coordination with the Regional Office.

IV. Schedules

Date	Region	Member
October 17-21, 2022	Region II	Therese Danielle M. Mc Stay – Focal Richelle Joy S. Jacob
	CALABARZON	Roel C. Velina – Focal For. Jhun B. Barit
November 8-11, 2022	Region VII	Richelle Joy S. Jacob – Focal Roel C. Velina
	Region X	Therese Danielle M. Mc Stay – Focal For. Cathy A. Pauig
November 21-25, 2022	Region XII	Therese Danielle M. Mc Stay
	Region XIII	Roel C. Velina Richelle Joy S. Jacob

VI. Expected Outputs

After the conduct of the on-site validation of the observations on Lawin forest condition and monitoring of patrolling activities in selected CENROs/ Implementing PENROs, it is expected that:

- Forest Conservation Area and Patrol Plans are reviewed and evaluated.
- Practices and gaps in the implementation of Lawin at the field level are properly documented.
- Improvement of implementation of Lawin on the selected CENROs due to actual field coaching.

Noted by:


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