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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Legal Affairs Service
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Climate Change Service

The Bureau Directors
Land Management Bureau
Forest Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau

The Regional Executive Director
Region IV-A

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

DATE : 02 March 2023

In reference to the electronic mail received by our office on 02 March 2023 from the Committee on Sustainable Development Goals of the House of Representatives inviting the Department to a meeting on **March 21, 2023, at 9:30 AM at the De Venecia Hall, Ground Floor, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives, Quezon City**, to deliberate on **HR No. 516** entitled "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASUNGI GEORESERVE PROJECT FOR BEING AWARDED THE "INSPIRE AWARD" IN THE 2022 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACTION AWARDS". introduced by Reps. Christopher "Toff" V.P. De Venecia, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D., Juan Carlos "Arjo" C. Atayde, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Angelica Natasha Co, Mark O. Go, Angelo Marcos Barba, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Christian Tell A. Yap & Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco.

In this regard, we would like to **request additional comments/recommendations on the above-mentioned House Resolution**. Kindly submit it **on or before March 7, 2023, at 5 PM** via email at denrlllo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.



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Attached herewith are the invitation letter, agenda, and a copy of the Resolution for your reference.

ROMIROSE B. PADIN

Cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

19th Congress

CTSS-I, Committee Affairs Department, 3rd Floor, Ramon V. Mitra Building,
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March 2, 2023

HON. MARIA ANTONIA YULO LOYZAGA

Secretary
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
DENR Bldg. Visayas Avenue, Diliman,
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Dear **Secretary Loyzaga**:

The Committee on Sustainable Development Goals will conduct a meeting on **March 21, 2023, 9:30 AM at the De Venecia Hall, Ground Floor, South Wing Annex, House of Representatives, Quezon City**, to deliberate on HR No. 516, entitled "A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASUNGI GEORESERVE PROJECT FOR BEING AWARDED THE "INSPIRE AWARD" IN THE 2022 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACTION AWARDS" by Reps. Christopher "Toff" V.P. De Venecia, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D., Juan Carlos "Arjo" C. Atayde, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Angelica Natasha Co, Mark O. Go, Angelo Marcos Barba, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Christian Tell A. Yap and Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco.

In this regard, we are respectfully inviting you or your authorized representative/s to personally attend our meeting as resource person/s for the said bill. We would also like to follow up on our request for a position paper on the said bill on a letter dated January 28, 2023.

In view of the implementation of the Online Visitors Pass Registration System of the House of Representatives, we are requesting the resource persons and guests who will physically attend the meeting to fill out the Visitors Pass Form on or before **March 13, 2023 (Monday)**. The visitor profiles shall be used by our Visitor Manager for the issuance of Visitor Pass Scan Code. The names of the resource persons/attendees will also be submitted to the Office of the Secretary General for the approval of free antigen testing located in the North Wing, South Wing and South Wing Annex Lobbies prior to their entry to the meeting room. Registered guests will receive their respective scan codes sent through their email which will serve as their Visitor's Pass on the day of visit. Finally, guests who shall personally attend the meeting may either (1) present a negative antigen test result taken within the last 24 hours by a DOH-accredited laboratory using an FDA-certified antigen testing kits; (2) bring their own FDA-certified antigen test kit or purchase antigen test kits at the lobbies and have the antigen test facilitated by our antigen test team on duty, or (3) avail of the on-site free antigen test.

For queries, confirmation of attendance, and other concerns, kindly contact the Committee Secretariat through email at committee.sdg@house.gov.ph or through Cellphone/Viber at 09178494321 (Celica Balingit). Attached are the Agenda, HR No. 516 and the Visitors Pass Form Link.

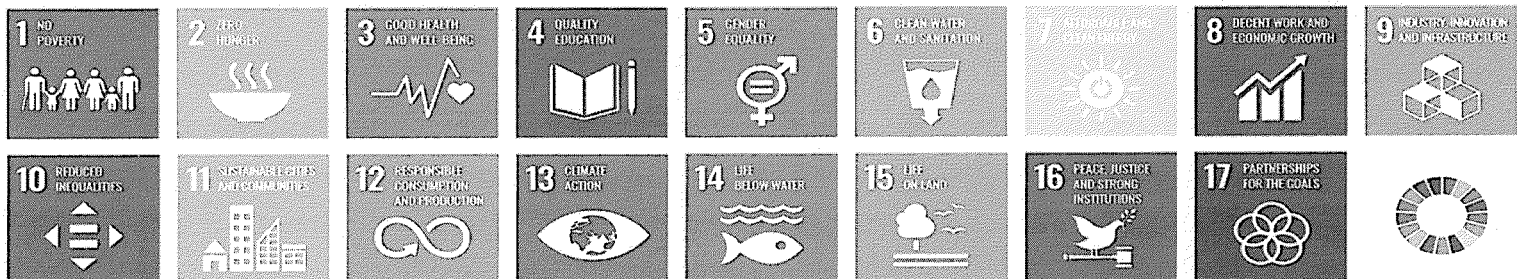
Thank you and we look forward to your participation in the meeting.

Very truly yours,

By authority of the Honorable Chairperson Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva:



MA. CHERRYL L. POSADAS
Committee Secretary





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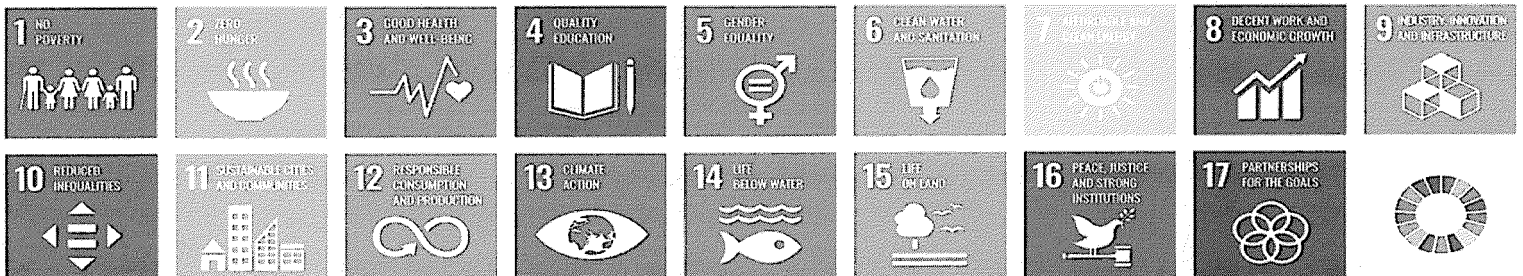
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AGENDA

March 21, 2023, Tuesday, 9:30 AM
De Venecia Hall, South Wing Annex
House of Representatives

- I. CALL TO ORDER/ APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
- II. OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON
HON. EDUARDO "BRO. EDDIE" C. VILLANUEVA
Party List – CIBAC
- III. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF MEMBERS, RESOURCE PERSONS, AND GUESTS
- IV. INITIAL DELIBERATION OF THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:
 - a. HR 516, entitled "A Resolution expressing congratulations to the Masungi Georeserve Project for being awarded the 'Inspire Award' in the 2022 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Action awards" introduced by Representatives Christopher "Toff" V.P. De Venecia, Jefferson F. Khonghun, Rufus B. Rodriguez, Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Maria Vannessa C. Aumentado, Jose Francisco "Kiko" B. Benitez, Ph.D., Juan Carlos "Arjo" C. Atayde, Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Angelica Natasha Co, Mark O. Go, Angelo Marcos Barba, Kristine Singson-Meehan, Christian Tell A. Yap, Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco;
 - b. HB No. 4092, entitled "An Act mandating the Secretary of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to appear annually before Congress to report on the status of how the Philippines fare in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)" introduced by Rep. Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva; and
 - c. HB No. 5092, entitled "An Act creating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Council of the Philippines, defining its powers and functions, and appropriating funds therefor" introduced by Rep. Eduardo "Bro. Eddie" C. Villanueva.
- V. OTHER MATTERS
- VI. ADJOURNMENT



Republic of the Philippines
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Quezon City, Metro Manila

Nineteenth Congress
First Regular Session

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 516



Introduced By Hon. Christopher “Toff” V.P. De Venecia, Hon. Jefferson F. Khonghun, Hon. Rufus B. Rodriguez, Hon. Edward Vera Perez Maceda, Hon. Anna Victoria Veloso-Tuazon, Hon. Linabelle Ruth R. Villarica, Hon. Maria Vanessa C. Aumentado, Hon. Jose Francisco “Kiko” B. Benitez, Ph.D., Hon. Juan Carlos “Arjo” C. Atayde, Hon. Rachel Marguerite B. Del Mar, Hon. Angelica Natasha Co, Hon. Mark O. Go, Hon. Angelo Marcos Barba, Hon. Kristine Singson-Meehan, Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap, Hon. Lord Allan Jay Q. Velasco

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MASUNGI GEORESERVE PROJECT FOR BEING AWARDED THE “INSPIRE AWARD” IN THE 2022 UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS ACTION AWARDS

WHEREAS, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals Action Awards is an annual signature campaign identifying and celebrating changemakers across the world, rethinking ways to drive progress towards the 2030 SGD Agenda;

WHEREAS, The Masungi Georeserve Project was awarded with the Inspire Award in the 2022 UN SDG Action Awards held on September 27, 2022 in Bonn, Germany, besting over 3,000 entries worldwide;

WHEREAS, the Inspire award recognizes initiatives that harness the power of creativity and/or innovation to inspire a shift in behaviour for the SDGs. These include initiatives and inspirational campaigns that flip the script and demonstrate impact on shifting individual behavior and/or public policies;

WHEREAS, The Masungi Georeserve Project was lauded for their creativity in transforming watersheds to fight deforestation through geotourism, and for their participation in national legislative inquiries, and through direct lobbying;

WHEREAS, they were also cited for the creativity of their successful storytelling, and expressed deep admiration for the courage and engagement of these activists, rangers and passionate environmental defenders.

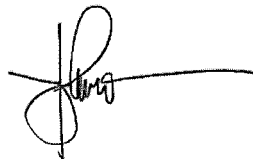
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives congratulates and commends The Masungi Georeserve Project for winning the Inspire Award at the 2022 UN Sustainable Development Goals Action Awards, and for inspiring generations of changemakers to promote sustainability through creativity;

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be given to The Masungi Georeserve Project, and another copy be prepared for submission to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for proper archiving.

Adopted,



**HON. CHRISTOPHER "TOFF" V.P.
DE VENECIA**



HON. JEFFERSON F. KHONGHUN



HON. RUFUS B. RODRIGUEZ



HON. EDWARD VERA PEREZ MACEDA



**HON. ANNA VICTORIA VELOSO-
TUAZON**



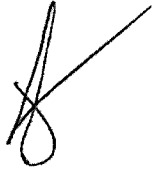
HON. LINABELLE RUTH R. VILLARICA



**HON. MARIA VANESSA C.
AUMENTADO**



**HON. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B.
BENITEZ, PH.D.**



HON. JUAN CARLOS "ARJO" C.
ATAYDE



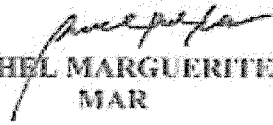
HON. ANGELICA NATASHA CO



HON. ANGELO MARCOS BARBA



HON. CHRISTIAN TELL A. YAP



HON. RACHEL MARGUERITE B. DEL
MAR



HON. MARK O. GO



HON. KRISTINE SINGSON-MEEHAN



HON. LORD ALLAN JAY Q. VELASCO