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MEMORANDUM

FOR/TO : The Regional Executive Directors
Regions IX, X, XI, XII and XIII

The Directors
Forest Management Bureau
Biodiversity Management Bureau
Land Management Bureau
Environmental Management Bureau
Legal Affairs Service

FROM : The Undersecretary
Field Operations – Mindanao

SUBJECT : CONSOLIDATED UPDATES ON THE INSTRUCTIONS AND
AGREEMENTS DURING THE 2ND MINDANAO MANAGEMENT
CONFERENCE

DATE : 11 APR 2023

This is to furnish your respective offices a copy of the consolidated updates on the instructions and agreements made during the 2nd Mindanao Management Conference held in Butuan City. These updates are based on your respective offices' submissions in compliance to the undersigned's Memorandum dated 29 November 2022.

Anent the above, you are requested to inform the undersigned of further updates on the topics concerning your respective offices. Furthermore, the undersigned recommends the Bureau Directors and the LAS Director to include said updates in the presentation and discussion during the 1st Field Operations Management Conference.

For information, reference and appropriate action.

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CONSOLIDATION OF UPDATES ON INSTRUCTIONS AND AGREEMENTS DURING THE BUTUAN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

(Based on the submissions of Bureaus & Mindanao Regions)

Status Reference:

Progressive – Updates on current actions taken have been provided by concerned offices and further actions/developments are still expected. Regular updates on the concern are recommended.

Resolved/Progressive – Updates were provided and/or action has been taken in compliance to instruction given and seemingly no further actions are required. However, there may be further developments/inquiries in the future.

Unresolved – No updates and/or actions taken by concerned offices.

Instructions & Agreements	Status (Unresolved or Resolved/ Progressive)	Current Status Updates from the Bureau	Summary of Concerns/Updates from the Regions
FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU			
FMB to provide clarifications for the following concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the proponents still pay for their SLUP upon its transition to GSUP • Does the DENR issue GSUPs for Military Camps i.e. in Mt. Apo (100 hectares)? 	Resolved/ Progressive	Before the GSUP is processed, SLUP Holders should have cleared their obligations including the payment of rentals during the duration of their permit. Hence, the SLUP Holder shall still pay for their SLUP prior to its application or transition to GSUP.	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
FMB to coordinate with BMB on the case of the Military/PNP at Mt. Apo because the area is classified under National Parks and not as Timberland.	Resolved/ Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Per information from the FMB, the proponent shall apply for Presidential Proclamation for the special use of the area being applied for. • Per information from the BMB: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SAPA, not GSUP and SLUP should be issued for the proposed military camp within Mount Apo Natural Park since the area is a legislated protected area under NIPAS. ○ As an update, the AFP has already applied for SAPA and is under process. AFP requested for clarification on the 	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.

		<p>basis for the computation of development fee for which a memo was sent to the Office of USEC for Field Operations - Luzon, Visayas and Environment providing clarification on the computation of SAPA Fee.</p>	
<p>FMB to look into the issue of settlement/housing. There might be LGUs that will inquire if there are timberlands that may be utilized to house their constituents, in other cases, resettlement due to destruction caused by tropical storms/typhoons/ calamities.</p>	<p>Resolved/ Progressive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD No. 705, as amended, provides that unlawful occupation or destruction of forestlands without authority under a license agreement, lease, license or permit is punishable by law, and that the President of the Philippines may establish reservations within forestlands for any purpose through a Presidential Proclamation. • Further, Malacañang Memorandum Circular (M.C.) 175, S. 2008, entitled "Prescribing Guidelines, Procedures and Timeframes in the Conduct of Evaluation, Complete Staff Work CSW) and Approval of Proposed Proclamations for Housing Purposes" specified in Section 5.1.2 Land Status Verification that timberland and protected area are not suitable for proclamation. Hence, considering that the subject area is within timberland/forestland, the said area is not suitable for proclamation for settlement/housing purposes. 	<p>No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.</p>

<p>FMB to look into the issue of DENR-XII on the delineation of watershed/s involving BARMM</p>	<p>Resolved/ Progressive</p>	<p>Please be informed that during the Capacity Building and Strengthening of ENR Management in BARMM held last Nov. 27 to Dec. 01, 2022, the Bureau presented the delineated watershed boundaries involving BARMM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FMB has already forwarded the data to DENR-XII particularly on the boundaries of the ridge-to-reef delineated watersheds, including those watersheds in BARMM • For the target on priority critical watershed involving BARMM, i.e. the Mindanao-Simuay River Watershed, the DENR XII together with the concerned CENRO coordinated with BARMM MENRE and entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the preparation of the Watershed Characterization cum Vulnerability Assessment Report.
<p>Updates on FMB proposal to conduct of the high- level policy meeting on forestry-related matters on CY 2023.</p>	<p>Unresolved</p>	<p>No further updates provided by FMB.</p>	<p>No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.</p>
<p>Mancono Proposal – The Mancono proposal shall be submitted to USEC Fragada and ASEC Tawantawan before the end of November 2022.</p>	<p>Progressive</p>	<p>Awaiting updates from FMB.</p>	<p>Per memorandum dated 08 November 2022, with the subject re: the proposal to recover sunken and naturally-damaged/felled mancono logs/lumbers for livelihood projects (furniture, novelty, and souvenir items) of three (3) CBFMA holders in the Municipalities of Lianga and San Agustin in the Province of Surigao del Sur, was submitted directly to the FMB and was received on 16 December 2022 per LBC Tracking No. 149696228518. The same memorandum was also submitted to USEC for Field Ops - Mindanao.</p>

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU			
BMB reported that administrative adjudication guidelines are targeted to be approved for 2023. Updates on the said guidelines is being requested.	Progressive	Formulation of the guideline is already underway as one of the deliverables under the SIBOL Project	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
To fast-track the approval of SAPAs through policy development on the issuance of Provisional SAPA.	Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft guideline was already deliberated at the PTWG level. It was remanded back to BMB for further consultation as required under the recently issued Enhanced DENR Policy Development System (DAO 2021-15) The draft guideline on provisional SAPA, including the revised SAPA guidelines, is currently on consultation stage. Workshop has been completed for the Luzon cluster whereas two more rounds will be conducted for the Visayas and Mindanao cluster this first quarter of 2023. 	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
BMB to review documents re: SAPA Applications which were submitted by DENR-XI last June 2022 relative to the subject matter.	Progressive / Resolved	Documents already reviewed. One SAPA Application has been approved while others were returned to the Region-XI for further compliance	The submitted SAPA of Region 11 for Cuambog Industrial Development Corporation in Mabini Protected Landscape and Seascape in the province of Davao de Oro has already been approved last January 06, 2023 under MPLS SAPA No. 2022-01
BMB to collaborate with FMB on the policy development with regards to harvesting and utilization of Agarwood.	Progressive	The draft policy is currently being revised based on the comments of the DENR PTWG.	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
BMB to collaborate with FMB & Legal Affairs Service in harmonizing the necessary implementation/enforcement of laws based on PD 705 and RA 1103 8 with regards to the	Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As far as policy is concerned, the cutting of trees in protected areas is governed by the NIPAS Act and its IRR, the Wildlife Act and the revised manual of approval on technical matters. 	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.

cutting of trees/threatened species within Protected Areas.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting of trees is prohibited in protected areas with the exception of culling of exotic species and when such are done in accordance with the duly recognized practices of the IPs/ICCs for subsistence purposes (Sec. 20, par. c, RA 11038). Further exemptions include scientific research (Sec. 20, par. b, RA 11038), when the wildlife is afflicted with an incurable communicable disease, and when it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being (Sec. 27, RA 9147). 	
ECOSYSTEMS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUREAU			
ERDB to draft/develop and IRR re Adoption of the Field Manual for Tree. The Field Offices shall be furnished a copy of the draft IRR from the ERDB, for their review.	Progressive	Adoption of the field Manual for Tree Seed Collection was made thru the issuance of DENR DAO 2021-21 signed in May 2021. The Manual, which was attached to the said DAO, will serve as a guide to concerned users.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 10 reports that they did not receive any IRR on Tree Seed Collection to date. • Region 11 received the draft IRR for the Adoption of the Field Manual for the Tree Seed Collection from the ERDB thru email last December 21, 2022 requesting comments/ recommendation. The region has concurred with the draft IRR with no additional comments and recommended the document will be finalized and printed.
ERDB to collect the issues/problems encountered by the Regions in implementing the Carbon Sequestration Assessment.	Progressive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On December 01-02, 2022 at Bayview Park Hotel Manila, ERDB conducted Year end Assessment of the roll-out of ERDB Technical Bulletin 2021-01 on Whole Ecosystem Carbon Stock and Sequestration to the Regional offices (CAR,1,2, CALABARZON, 7, 9, 10, 11, PENROs Camarines Norte, Catanduanes and Antique). 	Regions 9 and 10 reported that personnel from their office have attended conduct of Year-end Assessment on the implementation of the whole Ecosystem Carbon Stock and Sequestration Assessment provided in the Technical Bulletin No. 2021-01 on December 1-3, 2022 called by ERDB.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The activity was conducted to convene regional representatives who were capacitated assessment by the respective regions. Trained personnel from the DENR regional and field offices presented their progress reports based on the three main points of the technical bulletin which were on a) planning for field data collection, b) field data collection protocols, and laboratory works & analysis. Issues and concerns were also discussed to determine implementation gaps and possible strategies • Several issues and concerns were raised on the implementation of carbon stock assessment and discussed how these will be addressed or raised to concerned DENR offices. 	
<p>ERDB to coordinate with MGB and BMB on the conduct of the Coastal Vulnerability Assessment and looking into natural barriers, respectively. It was also recommended to develop guidelines on Coastal Vulnerability.</p>	<p>Progressive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coastal Hazards Vulnerability Assessment Guidelines Workshop was hosted by ERDB at Crimson Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa City on August 17-19, 2022. • The main objective of the workshop was to develop guidelines for the conduct of coastal hazards vulnerability assessment. Specifically, the workshop aimed to review efforts on coastal vulnerability assessment based on the pertinent policies and assessment used by DENR bureaus; to identify commonalities and differences of existing DENR coastal hazards assessment projects (Objectives, Methods, Data Requirements, Outputs, Timeline, and VA 	

		<p>targets) and to rationalize and harmonize the roles, objectives and expected deliverables.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The workshop was participated by experts and personnel from the MGB, FMB, BMB, CCS, PPS of DENR Central Office, RBCO, and LMB. • The participants identified 4 major activities for the succeeding efforts on the harmonization of coastal vulnerability assessments in DENR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review of the applicability of existing habitat VA tools ○ Identification of applicable habitat VA tools for BMB and ERDB (focusing on natural buffers) ○ Prioritization of Targets ○ Updating of the Climate Change Road Map 2022-2030 	
<p>ERDB to clarify the timing and scheme of Mycorrhiza delivery/distribution in concerned regions.</p>	<p>Progressive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2013, ERDB has been distributing mycorrhiza (Hi-Q VAM1) during the first quarter of each year prior to planting season. The agreement was to deliver the mycorrhiza to Regional Offices, expenses of which are being shouldered by ERDB and the Regional Offices to distribute to concerned PENROs/CENROs. • However, some changes were made and direct delivery are made to PENROs and CENROs starting 2021 during the fourth quarter for utilization of mycorrhiza in the following year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Region 9 received the mycorrhiza on 14 December 2022 per Memorandum dated 26 October 2022 from the ERDB Director • Region 10 received Memorandum from ERDB Director dated October 26, 2022 on the availability of Mycorrhizal inoculants and scheduled distribution on the 4th Quarter of CY 2022 intended for CY 2023 seedlings for new plantation and for replanting activities. Said memorandum was referred to all PENROs per Memorandum dated December 12, 2022. • ERDB delivered a total of 287 sacks of Hi-Q VAM 1 Mycorrhiza for Region XI

			<p>last October 12, 2022 which was subsequently distributed to all Provincial Offices in preparation to the FY 2023 ENGP Plantation Establishment which will commence on the 2nd Quarter of the same year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mycorrhiza have been delivered to the field offices of DENR-XII by ERDB. It is suggested that the delivery must be done prior to the seedling production.
LAND MANAGEMENT BUREAU			
<p>FMB, BMB, LMB, MGB, and LAS to sit and discuss the simplification of requirements and processes in the issuance of FPIC and Certification Precondition</p>	<p>Progressive</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The DENR-NCIP Subgroup on FPIC, Tenure Instruments and other DENR Permits, and Enforcement conducted an initial discussion last Oct. 12, 2022 to delineate the scope and coverage of the guidelines to be developed. • Through an FMB Memorandum dated Nov. 02, 2022 signed by the Subgroup Chairperson, all DENR Staff Bureaus and Regional Offices were instructed to submit information being monitored/processed/supervised which affects/involves the IPs/ICCs in any way in their respective Offices. Information submitted shall be used as input to the next discussion to be scheduled by the Subgroup Chairperson. 	<p>No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.</p>

MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU			
Adopting the innovation by Online Processing of Applications/ Requests for Area Status and Clearance by MGB-XII	Progressive	Already coordinated with MGB XII and reminded them of the recommendation that their Online Processing of Applications should be presented during the Management Conference for the Mining Sector/Bureau for possible adoption by other regions	MGB-XII presentation is ready.
MGB to revisit the approving authority on the issuance and renewals of Exploration Permits (EPs)	Resolved/ Progressive	Per recommendation, MGB to revisit the approving authority on the issuance and renewals of Exploration Permits (EPs)	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
MGB to sit down with EMB on small-scale mining concerns - establish a one-stop shop if possible.	Unresolved	No updates from MGB Central Office.	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
MGB to review ECC for Small-scale Mining and consider one ECC for entire Minahang Bayan and not per Small Scale Contracts	Unresolved	No updates from MGB Central Office.	No submitted concerns/updates from the regions.
Region XI instructed to monitor compliance of mining companies regarding replanting requirements	Resolved	Direct instruction to the Region, thus no updates from MGB Central Office.	The Field Offices together with the MGB-XI closely monitored the compliances of the mining companies relative to their replanting activities. As of December 2022, a total of 152,677 number of seedlings were planted by all Mining Companies operating in the Region
Region XIII instructed to monitor compliance of mining companies regarding replanting requirements	Resolved/ Progressive		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mining company's MFP Areas in CARAGA Region were provided and supported with geospatial data (geotagged photos and shapefiles) for off-site and on-site monitoring through geographical tracking, table monitoring and reforestation geospatial database. • The submission of the mining company geospatial data are incorporated into the submission of the semestral MFP and this includes all replanting activities.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The actual monitoring and evaluation activities of these MFP Geospatial data are through quarterly Multi-partite Monitoring Team (MMT). The Office already trained and capacitated the embedded personnel from CENROs and PENROs to perform the task. • The approximate MFP Area in CARAGA Region with supported geospatial data is 5,264.99 hectares with approximately 13,162,475 surviving trees.
MGB-XIII to submit a full CSW to ASECFOEM relative to Claver Mining Development Corporation (CMDC)	Progressive	Direct instruction to the Region, thus no updates from MGB Central Office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memo dated 25 January 2023 which was emailed on 26 January 2023 to ASEC for Field Ops - Eastern Mindanao, furnishing the two (2) fact sheets generally for the MPSA and the memo for the Request of CMDC for the issuance of Ore Transport Permit and Mineral Ore Export Permit dated 15 November 2022. • These fact sheets cover information on the status and the chronological important events of the CMDC under MPSA.
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT BUREAU			
Regional Offices to adopt the efforts of EMB-X in integrating the Geospatial Information System data in their EMB Region Website	Progressive	Direct instructions to the Regions, thus no updates from EMB Central Office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Geospatial Environmental Quality Data incorporated in the EMB-XI Website. This include data of firms issued with permits, airshed monitoring stations, water quality monitoring stations, MRFs and disposal facilities • EMB-XII in the process of cleaning the Universe of clearances and permits

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMB-XIII has a separate repository database for geospatial system in which the GIS is integrated. These data include the ECC, permit to operate, Material Recovery Facility (MRF) EMB-funded, Taguibo Water Quality Management Area (WQMA), Airshed, and Adopt an Estero Program
EMB-XIII to prepare a report on contamination of waterbodies & rivers with cyanide and mercury which was caused by mining.	Resolved/ Progressive	Direct instructions to the Region, thus no updates from EMB Central Office.	There are no reported/identified cyanide and mercury-contaminated sites within the CARAGA Region.
EMB-XIII to prepare a report on the coliform-level of Siargao	Resolved/ Progressive	Direct instructions to the Region, thus no updates from EMB Central Office.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMB-XIII sent a memorandum through email to ASECFOEM on 09 January 2023. • Among all stations, only stations 1, 2, and 7 located in Dapa recreational waters exceeded the Water Quality Guidelines (WQG) given in DAO 2021-19 for Class SB. Overall, Siargao Island still has a good water quality index.