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MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Biodiversity Management Bureau
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The Regional Executive Director
Region XIII

FROM : **The OIC Director**
Policy and Planning Service

SUBJECT : **REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED SIMULAO
WATERSHED CONVERGENCE AREA BRIEFER**

DATE : **19 JUN 2023**

This refers to the email dated 26 May 2023 from the NCI-SRD Secretariat regarding the Proposed Simulao Watershed Convergence Area Briefer in Caraga.

In this regard, may we request the review and provision of inputs/comments, if any, to the attached proposed convergence area briefer. We would appreciate receiving an advance copy of your inputs/comments on or before **June 21, 2023, Wednesday** through email at psddivision@gmail.com and policy@denr.gov.ph, to facilitate immediate consolidation of DENR inputs/comments and subsequent submission to the NCI-SRD Secretariat before the deadline.

For your information and appropriate action, please.


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[Request for Review] Proposed Simulao Watershed Convergence Area Briefer in Caraga

1 message

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Dear NTWG members:

Good day!

May we request the **review and provision of inputs/comments, if any, to the attached proposed convergence area briefer**. Your inputs/comments shall be endorsed to the RCI TWG Caraga for its revision.

The National Secretariat will appreciate **receiving your inputs/comments on or before June 21, 2023, Wednesday**. If no comments will be received during the said date, the proposed convergence area will be endorsed to the Policy and Advocacy Component Working Group for the drafting of a resolution approving the proposed convergence area.

Please see the attached letter of communication and the proposed convergence area briefer.

Thank you.

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Yours Truly,

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Name of Proposed New Convergence Area:	RBT - Simulao Watershed Convergence Area Development Plan (CADP)
Location:	Province of Agusan del Sur
Municipalities Covered:	Rosario, Bunawan, and Trento
Watershed/Major River Covered:	Simulao River
Main Purpose for Selection of Convergence Area:	<p>➤ Simulao Watershed is a critical watershed of the Municipalities of Rosario, Bunawan, and Trento that supplies potable water, irrigation, and other domestic uses to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 1 barangay in Rosario namely: Bayugan III; ➤ 10 barangays in Bunawan namely: Bunawan Brook, Consuelo, Imelda, Libertad, Mambalili, Nueva Era, Poblacion, San Andres, San Marcos and San Teodoro; ➤ 16 barangays in Trento namely: Basa, Cebolin, Cuevas, Kapatungan, Langkilaan, Manat, New Visayas, Pangyan, Poblacion, Pulanglupa, Salvacion, San Ignacio, San Isidro, San Roque, Sta. Maria and Tudela. <p>➤ The upstream is located in Brgy. Sta. Maria, Trento, Agusan del Sur, the midstream and intersection of Bahayan and Simulao River situated in Brgy. Basa, Trento, Agusan del Sur and the lower stream situated in Brgy. Poblacion, Bunawan, Agusan del Sur.</p> <p>➤ The Simulao Watershed CADP preparation was made possible with the technical assistance of the MPM-RD Scholars of Caraga Region with the active support, and participation of the National/Regional Convergence Initiative by and among DA, DAR, DENR, DILG, and</p>

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	<p>concerned LGUs. The RCI-TWG in consensus chose Simulao Watershed as Convergence Area.</p> <p>➤ It is the sanctuary of diverse plant and animal species. However, the ability of the watershed to nourish its offspring is being altered by the destructive human activities such as illegal/legal logging, kaingin, unabated land conversion, and improper waste disposal and other improper agricultural practices.</p> <p>➤ Simulao Watershed CADP is consistent with the must prioritization criteria for convergence areas such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ecosystem zones: Forest ecosystem, riverine/wetland ecosystem, secondary growth forest, shrub land/agricultural ecosystem, and urban/built-up areas ecosystem. ● Key Production Areas and Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) with connectivity for increased productivity and income. <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Out of 61,097 hectares total land area, a total of 21,826 hectares are potential for agro-forestry or any agricultural production.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Combination of sites across major poverty groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rosario - 41.82% (2021) poverty incidence rate -poverty groups: farmers, rural women, and ARBs ✓ Bunawan - 30.83% (2021) poverty incidence rate -poverty groups: farmers, rural women, and ARBs
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trento - 45.58% (2021) poverty incidence rate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -poverty groups: farmers, rural women, and ARBs • LGU alliances: Simulao Watershed Management Council
Vision-Mission:	<p>Vision: A sustainable and resilient RBT Simulao Watershed of Agusan del Sur with God-Centered community, vibrant economy and good governance.</p> <p>Mission: To protect, conserve, and sustainably develop the RBT Simulao Watershed of Agusan del Sur through convergence efforts of all stakeholders.</p>
Goals:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To contribute to inclusive growth and poverty reduction in the rural areas; 2. To maintain a well-balanced ecosystem in the RBT Simulao Watershed area.
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase Production/ productivity of the forest; agriculture and fisheries sector; 2. Generate Jobs; 3. Increase access to roads; 4. Increase in forest cover; 5. Increase knowledge and skills; 6. Increase access to potable water; 7. Increase/ improve infrastructures; 8. Enhance land tenure security; 9. Undertake sustainable livelihood projects and other business enterprises; 10. Heighten awareness and practice on proper waste management.
Proposed Beneficiaries:	The proposed beneficiaries are farmers, fisher folks, ARBs, Indigenous People, rural women and youth.

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Proposed Major Interventions:	<p>DA - Farm to Market Roads, Support facilities and extension services, capability training, value adding, promotion of sustainable farming and fishing practices.</p> <p>DAR - Tenurial security (e.g. CLOA), Physical infrastructure, extension support services, capability training etc.</p> <p>DENR - Reforestation, Delineation and demarcation of watershed area, regulates mining claims/activities, enforcement of environmental laws, IEC, capability training, biodiversity assessment, biodiversity friendly-enterprise livelihood, tenurial security (e.g. CBFM, SLUP, FLA), waste and watershed management.</p> <p>DILG - Water system rehabilitation.</p> <p>Other NGAs - Alternative Livelihood (DSWD, DOLE), Small Water Impounding Project (BSWM), Irrigation (NIA), Copra buying (PCA), market matching (DTI), Conservation Bill (Congressional Office), Infrastructure projects such as roads, bridges, schools, etc. (DPWH), other agencies and institutions.</p> <p>SUCs - Partners for project implementation/member of the watershed management council</p> <p>LGUs - Reforestation, physical infra, capability training, allocation for the maintenance/counterpart of the project coming from the national government, regulatory and monitoring functions.</p> <p>People's Organizations- labor/volunteer, ARBOs</p> <p>NGOs-Community empowerment, PO Strengthening and Organizational Development Plan, Leadership Skills Training</p> <p>ASELCO - Power supply and facilities.</p> <p>Telecommunication Companies (SMART, GLOBE, DITO, PLDT etc) - Communication facilities/supplies.</p> <p>FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS: Banks, Cooperatives, NGOs, etc.</p>
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