



MEMORANDUM

FOR : **The Directors**
Policy and Planning Service
Legal Affairs Service
Climate Change Service

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

The Regional Executive Directors
Regions III, IV-B and VIII

FROM : **The Director**
Legislative Liaison Office

SUBJECT : **INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM ON SENATE BILLS DECLARING PAMPANGA AS THE "CULINARY CAPITAL OF THE PHILIPPINES", AND SENATE BILLS DECLARING THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE; AN AREA ENCOMPASSING MOUNT DAMAS AND UBOD FALLS IN THE PROVINCE OF TARLAC; THE LOOC BAY OF ROMBLON; THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN FERNANDO AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAN JOSE KNOWN AS ISLA DE CARABAO AS ECOTOURISM DESTINATIONS**

DATE : 06 September 2024

In reference to the email received by our office today, the Senate Committee on Tourism, Subcommittee on Senate Bill Nos. 2297, 2790, 2435, 1854 and House Bill Nos. 5598, 8004, 6467, 10116 and 5282, joint with the Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance, is inviting the Department to the **public hearing on 10 September 2024, Tuesday, 1:00 PM at Senator Sotto Room, 2nd floor, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City**, to discuss the legislative measures on:

A. Province of Pampanga as the "Culinary Capital of the Philippines"

- **Senate Bill No. 2797 - An Act Declaring The Province Of Pampanga As The Culinary Capital Of The Philippines (Sen. Manual "Lito" Lapid)**

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- **Senate Bill No. 2790** - An Act Declaring The Province Of Pampanga As The Culinary Capital Of The Philippines (Sen. Imee R. Marcos)
- **Senate Bill No. 2806** - An Act Declaring The Province Of Pampanga As The 'Culinary Capital' Of The Philippines (Sen. Loren B. Legarda)

B. Province of Southern Leyte a Tourism Zone

- **House Bill No. 5598** - An Act Declaring the Province of Southern Leyte a Tourism Zone (Reps. Mercado, Madrona, Chatto, Angara, and Alvarez)
- **Senate Bill No. 2435** - An Act Declaring The Province of Southern Leyte, A Tourism Zone and Appropriating Funds Therefor (Sen. Christopher Lawrence T. Go)
- **Senate Bill No. 1854** - An Act Declaring the Province of Southern Leyte a Tourism Zone (Sen. Imee R. Marcos)

C. Area Encompassing Mount Damas and Ubod Falls located in Barangay Maasin, Municipality of San Clemente, Province of Tarlac, An Ecotourism Destination

- **House Bill No. 8004** - An Act Declaring The Area Encompassing Mount Damas and Ubod Falls, Located in Barangay Maasin, Municipality of San Clemente, Province of Tarlac, An Ecotourism Destination (Rep. Jaime D. Cojuanco)

D. The Looc Bay Area Located In The Municipality Of Looc, Province Of Romblon, An Ecotourism Destination

- **House Bill No. 6467** - An Act Declaring The Looc Bay Area Located In The Municipality Of Looc, Province Of Romblon, An Ecotourism Destination (Rep. Madrona and Rep. Tambunting)

E. The Municipality Of San Fernando, Province Of Romblon, A Tourism Development Area

- **House Bill No. 10116** - An Act Declaring The Municipality Of San Fernando, Province Of Romblon, A Tourism Development Area (Rep. Eleandro Jesus F. Madrona)

F. The Municipality Of San Jose, Popularly Known As Isla De Carabao, Province Of Romblon, A Tourism Destination

- **House Bill No. 5282** - An Act Declaring The Municipality Of San Jose, Popularly Known As Isla De Carabao, Province Of Romblon, A Tourism Destination (Rep. Madrona and Rep. Tambunting)

In this regard, may we respectfully request your comments/recommendations on the abovementioned agreement, as requested by the Committee. Kindly submit your comments on or **before 09 September 2024; 5:00 PM.** via email at denrlo@denr.gov.ph. Further, kindly inform us of the name/s and emails of the representative/s from your office who will participate in the meeting so we may include him/her/them as resource person/s.

Attached herewith are the **Letter-Invitation** and the copies of the **Senate and House Bills**, for your reference.


ROMIROSE B. PADIN

cc: Undersecretary for Special Concerns and Legislative Affairs



Republic of the Philippines
Senate

COMMITTEE ON TOURISM

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL NOS. 2297, 2790, 2435, 1854 AND
HOUSE BILL NOS. 5598, 8004, 6467, 10116, 5282**

Joint with the Committees on Environment, Natural Resources and Climate Change; and Finance

September 5, 2024

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Dear **SEC. YULO-LOYZAGA**:

The Senate Committee on Tourism created a Subcommittee on Senate Bill Nos. 2297, 2790, 2435, 1854 and House Bill Nos. 5598, 8004, 6467, 10116, 5282 on September 4, 2024, and has designated Senator Mark A. Villar as its Subcommittee Chair.

In this regard, the Subcommittee would like to invite you to its public hearing, to hear your comments and inputs on the following legislative measures:

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The hearing will be on **September 10, 2024, Tuesday at 1:00 pm** at the **Sen. Sotto Room, 2nd** Floor, Senate of the Philippines.

For further assistance, you may contact the undersigned Committee Secretary at Viber 09178669287 or our support staff, Mr. Japit Tijap at 09194873335, or through our email address senate.tourism@gamil.com

Once again, your presence and participation in this hearing will be greatly appreciated.

For the Subcommittee Chair:

SEN. MARK A. VILLAR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bernadine B. Mahinay', written over the printed name and title.

BERNADINE B. MAHINAY
Committee Secretary