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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 2021 – 569

SUBJECT : AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF FOUNDATIONAL UNDERWATER CAVE DIVING COURSE

In the interest of the service, in order to strengthen capacities of DENR personnel in underwater cave assessment and monitoring, and in line with the implementation of the National Caves and Caves Resources Management and Protection Act (RA 9072), the conduct of the Foundational Underwater Cave Diving Course on **8-14 November 2021** through a series of virtual and face-to-face pool and open water session in Aquamondo, Makati City and Anilao, Batangas.

The following DENR personnel are hereby authorized to participate in the training course:

Name	Office/Region
1. Ariel V. Arizabal	CRFMS-CDD/Region 1
2. John Leo E. Holongbayan	CDD/Region 3
3. Julius C. Maceren	SIPLAS/Region 13

After completion of the training, the successful participant will serve as part of the pool of experts, who would provide technical assistance to BMB, DENR field offices and concerned cave committees in terms of capacity building, exploration and assessment of underwater caves.

Secretariat support shall be provided by the Caves, Wetlands and other Ecosystems Division (CAWED) of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB).

Travel expenses and fees related to implementation of health and safety protocols such as COVID-19 tests, to be incurred by the participants, shall be charged against their respective Offices, while other expenses for the implementation of this Order, including the cost of insurance of the aforesaid personnel during the activity, shall be charged against BMB, subject to existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The BMB Director is authorized to reschedule the sessions in case of conflict with other DENR programs and activities, unavailability of resource persons and in consideration of the IATF Covid -19 guidelines.

The BMB shall submit to the undersigned a consolidated report on the activity through the Human Resources Development Service fifteen (15) days after the completion of the event. A post-learning action plan/proposal will be also submitted by the participants (15) days after the event.

This Order shall take effect on the dates herein specified.

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