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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2022-404

SUBJECT

AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF FOUNDATIONAL UNDERWATER CAVE DIVING COURSE (BATCH 2)

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 Cave Resources Management and Protection Act (RA 9072), the conduct of the Foundational Underwater Cave Diving Course (Batch 2) on 13-18 June 2022 in Anilao, Batangas is hereby authorized. The following DENR personnel are hereby authorized to participate in the training course:

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Office/ Region

1. Ferdinand B. Magno

Region IV-B

2. Eduardo Fidel

Region VII

3. Noel Jessie Aquino

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After the completion of the training, the successful participant will serve as part of the pool of experts who will 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).

Travelling expenses, including plane fares, 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 all other expenses for the implementation of this Order, including payment for the services of consulting firm who would conduct the training, meals and accommodation during the opening and closing programs, as well as incidental costs, shall be charged against BMB funds, 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 IATF COVID-19 guidelines. Further, in case of unexpected unavailability of any of the above listed participants, the BMB may invite other qualified participant/s from DENR field offices where underwater caves are found.

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.

ATTY. ERNES D. ADOBO, JR. CESO I Undersecretary for Legal, Administration, Human Resources, Legislative Affairs

