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**ADVISORY ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS UNDER
THE NATIONAL INTEGRATED PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM**

Greetings to ALL BMB PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS!


The Biodiversity Management Bureau recognizes the commitment and competence of our partner organizations in the implementation of various biodiversity conservation projects especially in our protected areas. Hence, we always ensure that we accord the necessary support the best way we could. However, it has come to our attention and we are deeply concerned that in certain instances the appropriate institutional arrangement in the implementation of biodiversity conservation programs and projects is sometimes overlooked.

We thus take the liberty to gently remind you as our valued partner organizations on the accountability of the DENR attached to these protected area programs and projects pursuant to the mandate under Section 10 of the NIPAS Act, as amended by the Expanded NIPAS Act which is stated as follows:

“The National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) is hereby placed under the control and administration of the DENR through the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB). (a)”.

As such, the DENR thru this Bureau is primarily accountable for any plans, projects and programs being implemented in protected areas in the country. We therefore advise our partners to properly consult and coordinate with the Bureau at the outset of project development for proper institutional arrangement. In this manner, we will be able also to promote ownership by our stakeholders and gain the support of both the local and national executing agencies. It will likewise minimize the risks and challenges that frequently beset most of these programs and projects, thus, also facilitate project implementation.

We will highly appreciate as always your usual cooperation on this matter and look forward to a more productive partnership with you in future undertakings.


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