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SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL LIST OF CLASSIFIED CAVES

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9072 otherwise known as the "National Caves and Cave Management and Protection Act", its Implementing Rules and Regulations as provided under DAO 2003-29, and in compliance with Section 4 of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04 (Procedure in Cave Classification), that DENR shall provide a list of classified caves in addition to those listed under DMC Nos. 2018-02, 2016-05, 2015-08, 2014-03 and 2012-03, this Circular is hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned:

SECTION 1. Objective. This Circular aims to provide guidance to the DENR and other concerned agencies responsible for the management of caves on the appropriate use of caves listed herein.

SECTION 2. Cave Classification. Caves are classified according to the following categories:

- Class I.** Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations, threatened species, archeological and paleontological values and extremely hazardous conditions. Allowable activities are limited to mapping, photography, educational and scientific purposes and closed for ecotourism activities.
- Class II.** Caves with areas or portions which have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological, archeological, cultural, historical and biological values or high quality ecosystem. It may be necessary to close sections of these caves seasonally or permanently. It is open to experienced cavers or guided educational tours/ visits.
- Class III.** Caves with no known threatened species and archeological, geological, natural history, cultural and historical values. It is safe to inexperienced visitors but should still be accompanied by cave guide/s. The caves may also be utilized, when appropriate, for other economic purposes such as guano extraction and edible birds nest collection.

SECTION 3. List of Additional 2018 Classified Caves. Based on the results of assessments as provided under DMC 2007-04, the following sixty two (62) caves constitute the additional list of classified caves:

REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
CAR			
Abra	Putek Cave	Brgy. Nagaparan, Danglas	Class II
	Tabong Cave	Brgy. Nagaparan, Danglas	Class II

	Baoalan Cave	Brgy. Subagan, Licuan-Baay	Class II
	Pang-Ot Cave	Brgy. Pang-Ot, Lagayan	Class III
Apayao	Ahapang Cave	Brgy. Luttuacan, Kabugao	Class II
Region 1			
Pangasinan	Balintawak Cave 1	Brgy. Balingasay, Bolinao	Class I ^C
	Balintawak Cave 2	Brgy. Balingasay, Bolinao	Class II
Region 4B			
Occidental Mindoro	Giob Cave	Brgy. Ansiray, San Jose	Class I ^C
	Sadug Cave	Brgy. Pawican, San Jose	Class I ^C
	Manturidao Cave	Brgy. Buri, Ilin Island, San Jose	Class I ^C
	Virginia Cave	Brgy. Pawican, San Jose	Class II
	Catburan Cave	Brgy. Batasan, San Jose	Class II
	Bungao Cave	Brgy. Iling Proper, San Jose	Class I ^C
	Alibog Cave and Lagoon	Brgy. Alibog, Magsaysay	Class II
	Guano Cave	Brgy. Natandol, San Jose	Class II
Region 5			
Albay	Mancao Cave	Brgy. Mancao, Rapu - Rapu	Class I ^C
	Caracaran Cave	Brgy. Caracaran, Rapu-Rapu	Class I ^C
	Pig-altaran Cave	Brgy. Caracaran, Rapu-Rapu	Class II
	Meroj Bat Cave	Brgy. Quitinday, Jovellar	Class II
Camarines Sur	Ki Langitan Cave	Brgy. Duang-Niog, Libmanan	Class I ^D
	Minsoro Cave	Brgy. Duang-Niog, Libmanan	Class I ^D

Camarines Norte	Bag-angan Cave	Brgy. Bayabas, Labo	Class II
Catanduanes	Binatlayan Cave	Brgy. Sabloyon, Caramoran	Class I ^C
	Bote Cave	Brgy. Bote, Bato	Class I ^C
	Virgin Cave	Brgy. Bote, Bato	Class I ^C
Masbate	Matang-Tubig Cave	Brgy. Real, Monreal	Class II
Region 7			
Bohol	Kangcaramel Cave	Brgy. Tanday, Baclayon	Class II
	Guwaon Cave	Brgy. Villa Aurora, Bilar	Class II
	Juan Cave	Brgy. Calayugan Norte, Loon	Class II
Region 9			
Zamboanga del Norte	Caguindangan Cave 1	Brgy. Raba, Godod	Class II
	Caguindangan Cave 2	Brgy. Raba, Godod	Class I ^A
	Cailan Cave 1	Brgy. Situbo, Tampilisan	Class II
	Cailan Cave 2	Brgy. Situbo, Tampilisan	Class I ^C
	Cailan Cave 3	Brgy. Situbo, Tampilisan	Class I ^C
	Vic-Vic's Cave	Brgy. Baylimango, Dapitan City	Class II
	Boboy's Cave	Brgy. Baylimango, Dapitan City	Class III
	Rosalito Cave	Brgy. Lipakan, Pres. Manuel A. Roxas	Class II
	Claudia Cave	Brgy. Capase, Pres. Manuel A. Roxas	Class I ^A
	Libuton Cave 4	Brgy. Libuton, Manukan	Class II
	Palanka Cave	Brgy. Disakan, Manukan	Class I ^E
Zamboanga del Sur	Balumbonan Cave	Brgy. Balumbonan, Bayog	Class II

	Cuatro-Cuatro Cave	Brgy. Cuatro-Cuatro, Dumalinao	Class II
Region 11			
Davao del Sur	Asinan Cave	Brgy. Asinan, Matanao	Class II
Region 12			
Sultan Kudarat	Panes Cave	Brgy. Lasak, Columbio	Class II
	Jury Cave	Brgy. Keytodac, Lebak	Class II
	Arisgada Cave	Brgy. Sabanal, Kalamansig	Class II
	Kalamangan Nest Cave	Brgy. Limulan, Kalamansig	Class II
Sarangani	Daling Cave	Brgy. Alkikan, Malungon	Class II
South Cotabato	Doyal Dala Cave	Brgy. San Miguel, Norala	Class III
Region 13			
Dinagat Islands	Mountain Tower Cave	Brgy. Roma, Basilisa	Class I ^C
	Efrin Cave	Brgy. Roma, Basilisa	Class III
	Marcos Cave	Brgy. Sering, Basilisa	Class III
	Songkoy Cave	Brgy. Sta. Cruz, Tubajon	Class I ^C
Surigao del Sur	Bakwitan Cave	Brgy. Tuburan, Cortes	Class II
	Tatold Cave	Brgy. San Vicente, Bislig	Class I ^C
Surigao del Norte	Payale Cave	Brgy. Sto. Rosario, Bacuag	Class II
	Tanhug Cave	Brgy. Fabio, Tagana-an	Class II
Agusan del Sur	Dinaguitan Cave	Brgy. Wasian, Rosario	Class II
	Sob-sob Cave	Brgy. San Mariano, Loreto	Class I ^E
	Panganan Cave	Brgy. Cabantao, Rosario	Class II

	Epeso Cave	Brgy. Mt. Carmel, Bayugan	Class II
	Aningaw Cave	Brgy. Bitan-agan, San Francisco	Class II

^A Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations/ archaeological values/ paleontological values

^B Caves with threatened species

^C Caves with extremely hazardous conditions (e.g., bad air, unstable ceiling, presence of rockfall/ breakdown etc.)

^D Caves with A, B, and C

^E Caves with A and C

Section 4. Repealing Clause. Any provisions of previous circular, memoranda and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby amended, superseded or repealed accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.


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