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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL LIST OF CLASSIFIED CAVES AND ERRATA ON DMC 2016-05 AND DMC 2018-02

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 accordance with Section 4 (Procedure in Cave Classification) of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04, the list of classified caves for CY 2020 is hereby established for the information and guidance of all concerned. The classified caves listed herein is automatically included to the list of classified caves enumerated/ provided for under DENR Memorandum Circular Nos. 2018-09, 2018-02, 2016-05, 2015-08, 2014-03 and 2012-03.

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 I caves are further classified into:

Class 1 A Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations/archaeological values/paleontological values;

Class 1^B Caves with threatened species;

Class 1 ^C Caves with extremely hazardous conditions (e.g. bad air, unstable ceiling, presence of rock fall/breakdown...etc);

Class 1^D Caves with A, B, and C;

Class 1 E Caves with A and B;

Class 1 F Caves with A and C; and

Class 1 G Caves with B and C

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 2020 Classified Caves. Based on the results of assessments as provided under DMC 2007-04, the following eighty six (86) caves constitute the additional list of classified caves:

REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
Region 1 (10)			
Pangasinan	Patag-Ranaw Cave	Brgy. Culang, Bolinao	Class I ^C
	Canic cave	Brgy. Eguia, Dasol	Class I ^A
	Ambon Tanacio Cave	Brgy. Eguia, Dasol	Class I ^C
	Barsak Cave	Brgy. Gayusan, Agno	Class I ^E
	Angel Cave	Brgy. Centro Toma, Bani	Class II
	Tablang Cave I	Brgy. Linmansangan, Alaminos City	Class II
	Tablang Cave II	Brgy. Linmansangan, Alaminos City	Class I ^B
	Paraiso Cave	Brgy. Linmansangan, Alaminos City	Class II
Ilocos Norte	Tadao Cave	Brgy. Tadao, Pasuquin	Class II
	Dar-darumaca Cave	Brgy. Tadao, Pasuquin	Class II
Region 2 (3)			
Isabela	Sta. Catalina Cave (Fuyot Spring National Park)	Brgy. Sta. Catalina, Ilagan	Class II
	Nagtuun Cave (Tumauini Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgry. Cumabao, Tumauini	Class II
Quirino	Carayan Jordan Cave	Brgy. Liwayway, Diffun	Class II
Region 4B (4)			
Palawan	Wonderground Paradise Cave	Brgy. Tagabinet, Puerto Princesa City	Class II

REGION/			
PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATIO
	Daylight Hole Cave	Brgy. Cabayugan, Puerto Princesa City	Class II
	Ugong Rock Cave (Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park)	Brgy. Tagabinet, Puerto Princesa City	Class III
	Aramaywan Mini- Underground River Cave	Brgy. Aramaywan, Quezon	Class II
Region 5 (32)			
Albay	Hoyop-hoyopan Cave	Brgy. Cotmon, Camalig	Class II
	Kipaniki Cave	Brgy. Mapaco, Guinobatan, Albay	Class I ^C
	Lagundi Cave	Lagundi, Batan Island, Rapu-rapu	Class I ^C
	Manilao Cave	Brgy. Binanderahan, Camalig	Class II
	Moraledo Cave	Brgy. Parian, Camalig	Class I ^C
	Pighulugan Cave II	Misibis, Bacacay	Class II
	Pototan Cave	Tinocawan, Batan Island, Rapu-rapu	Class II
	Solong Cave	Brgy. Solong, Camalig	Class II
Camarines Sur	Ili-centro Cave	Brgy. Ili-Centro, Caramoan	Class II
	San Vicente Cave	Brgy. San Vicente, Pamplona	Class II
	Bagangan Cave	Brgy. San Isidro, Lupi	Class II
	Alinsanay Cave (Libmanan Caves National Park (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
	Bahay-baboy damo Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class III
	Balinsasayaw Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II

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		Binunuan Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Dragonita Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class I ^C
		Kalangkauan Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Kalangkawan Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Kulatingan Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Lauan Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Laya Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Lubluban Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Taros-taros Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class II
		Koros-koros Cave (LCNP)	Brgy. Sigamot, Libmanan	Class I ^C
	Catanduanes	Rinintian Cave	Brgy. Sto. Niño, Virac	Class II
		Sedo Cave	Brgy. Valencia, Virac	Class II
	Masbate	Calanay-A Cave	Brgy. Mariposa, Aroroy	Class III
	Sorsogon	Dulay Cave	Baco Dist., Sorsogon City	Class I ^A
		Kastila Cave	Brgy. Abucay, Pilar	Class II
		Liyang Cave	Brgy. Paco, Gubat	Class II
		Manlabong Cave	Brgy. Manlabong, Prieto Diaz	Class I ^C
		Sadit Cave	Brgy. Manlabong, Prieto Diaz	Class II

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Region 7 (13)			
Cebu	Cueva de Gracia	Brgy. Cagcagan, Poro	Class II
	Heaven Cave	Brgy. Union, San Francisco	Class II
	Amazing Island Cave	Brgy. Consuelo San Francisco	Class II
Bohol	Cagong-cagong Cave	Brgy. Cagong-cagong, Alicia	Class II
	Chocolate Cave	Brgy. Cagong-cagong, Alicia	Class II
	Sta. Cruz/ Princess Manan-aw Cave	Brgy. Cagong-cagong, Alicia	Class II
	King Cave	Brgy. Cagong-cagong, Alicia	Class II
	Catugpa Cave	Brgy. Inaghuban, Pilar	Class II
	Lindo Cave	Brgy. Katipunan, Sagbayan	Class I ^C
	Ilaud Cave	Brgy. Ilaud, Pilar	Class II
	Pandong Cave	Brgy. Bunga, Toledo City	Class II
	Kamangon Cave	Brgy. Lamak, Pinamungajan	Class II
Siquijor	Banahaw Cave	Brgy. Tagmanocan, Lazi	Class II
Region 8 (11)			
Leyte	Himokilan Cave	Brgy. Himokilan, Hindang	Class II
	Higante Cave	Brgy. San Isidro, Hilongos	Class II
Southern Leyte	Anapog Cave	Brgy. Lonoy, Maasin City	Class II
Samar	Lobo Cave	Brgy. Tagbayaon, Jiabong	Class II

REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
	Hubasan Cave	Brgy. Huduroma, San Jose de Buan	Class I ^C
	Naparaan Cave	Brgy. Mallorga, Talalora	Class I ^D
Northern Samar	Canbilay Cave	Brgy. Malidong, Gamay	Class II
	Guinbinditahan Cave	Brgy. Siljagon, Mapanas	Class II
	Candominga Cave	Brgy. San Roman, Victoria	Class I ^E
	Kulalaknit Cave	Brgy. Jubasan, Mapanas	Class III
Eastern Samar	Ganap Cave	Brgy. Cagbunga, Borongan City	Class II
Region 9 (10)			
Zamboanga del Sur	Lipawan Cave	Brgy. Lipawan, Dumingag	Class III
	Gigangan Cave	Brgy. Pisompongan, Midsalip	Class III
	Subeza Cave	Brgy. Cuatro-cuatro, Dumalinao	Class II
	Liwaya Cave 1	Brgy. Cumarom, Midsalip	Class III
	Liwaya Cave II	Brgy. Cumarom, Midsalip	Class II
	Liwaya Cave III	Brgy. Cumarom, Midsalip	Class III
Zamboanga del Norte	Balbagan Cave	Brgy. Poblacion, Godod	Class II
	Canyon Cave	Brgy. Sebod, Manuel A. Roxas	Class I ^C
	Paler Cave	Brgy. Sebod, Manuel A. Roxas	Class II
Zamboanga Sibugay	Sandayong Cave 3	Brgy. Sandayong, Naga	Class I ^C
Region 12 (3)			
South Cotabato	Palanog Cave	Brgy. Ned, Lake Sebu	Class III

Demonteverde Cave	Brgy. Ned, Lake Sebu	Class II
Elvas Cave	Brgy. Ned, Lake Sebu	Class II

SECTION 4. Erratum. Section 3 of DMCs 2016-05 and 2018-02 are hereby rectified as follows:

A. DMC 2016-05. The Batarang Cave in Ilocos Norte (Region 1) shall be renamed as Batarag Cave to be consistent with the submitted cave profile and other requirements for cave classification.

REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
Region 1			
Ilocos Norte	Batarag Cave	Brgy. Sapat, Pasuquin	Class II

B. DMC 2018-02. Sayaw Cave, located at Purok Sampaguita, Brgy. Dakudao, San Isidro, shall be removed from the list as the said cave was also listed in DMC 2015-08.

SECTION 5. 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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