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**DENR MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
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**SUBJECT : ADDITIONAL LIST OF CLASSIFIED CAVES FOR 2021**

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 DENR Administrative Order No. 2003-29, and in accordance with Section 4 of DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04 "Procedure in Cave Classification", the list of classified caves for CY 2021 is hereby established for the information and guidance of all concerned. The classified caves listed herein are automatically included to the list of classified caves enumerated/ provided for under DENR Memorandum Circular Nos. 2021-05, 2020-08, 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. Inclusion on the National List of Classified Caves also ensures that recommended measures for the protection and conservation of these caves are in line with their classification.

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

**Class I.** Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations, threatened species, archaeological 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 I<sup>A</sup> Caves with delicate and fragile geological formations/archaeological values/paleontological values;
- Class I<sup>B</sup> Caves with threatened species;
- Class I<sup>C</sup> Caves with extremely hazardous conditions (e.g. bad air, unstable ceiling, presence of rock fall/breakdown... etc);
- Class I<sup>D</sup> Caves with A, B, and C;
- Class I<sup>E</sup> Caves with A and B;
- Class I<sup>F</sup> Caves with A and C; and
- Class I<sup>G</sup> Caves with B and C

**Class II.** Caves with areas or portions which have hazardous conditions and contain sensitive geological, archaeological, cultural, historical and biological values or high quality ecosystems. 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 archaeological, 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. Additional List of Classified Caves.** Based on the results of assessments as provided under DMC 2007-04, the following 95 caves constitute the additional list of classified caves:

REGION/ PROVINCE	NAME OF CAVE	LOCATION	CLASSIFICATION
<b>CAR (6)</b>			
Abra	Banat Cave 1	Brgy. Bacooc, Lagangilang	Class III
	Banat Cave 2	Brgy. Bacooc, Lagangilang	Class II
	Guano Cave	Brgy. Abualan, San Juan	Class II
	Quiling Cave	Brgy. Libtec, Dolores	Class III
	Mamonot Cave	Brgy. Laguiben, Lagangilang	Class II
	Rizalista Cave	Brgy. Laguiben, Lagangilang	Class II
<b>Region 1 (6)</b>			
Ilocos Norte	Sidaga Cave II	Brgy. Tanap, Burgos	Class I <sup>C</sup>
	Bakwit Cave (Tanap Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgy. Agaga, Burgos	Class II
	Basang Cave (Metropolitan Ilocos Norte Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgy. Sapat, Pasuquin	Class I <sup>G</sup>
	Susuduen Cave (Metropolitan Ilocos Norte Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgy. Salpad, Pasuquin	Class II
	Mausok a Bato Cave (Metropolitan Ilocos Norte Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgy. Salpad, Pasuquin	Class I <sup>G</sup>
	Gidigid Cave (Metropolitan Ilocos Norte Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgy. Salpad, Pasuquin	Class II
<b>Region 3 (7)</b>			
Bulacan	Bahay Paniki Cave (Biak-na-Bato National Park)	Brgy. Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel	Class II
	Maningning Cave (Biak-na-Bato National Park)	Brgy. Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel	Class II
	Tanggapan Cave (Biak-na- Bato National Park)	Brgy. Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel	Class II
	Yungib I/ Ambush Cave (Biak-na-Bato National Park)	Brgy. Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel	Class II

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	Tanawan Cave(Biak-na-Bato National Park)	Brgy. Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel	Class III
	Lagusan Cave (Biak-na-Bato National Park)	Brgy. Biak-na-Bato, San Miguel	Class III
Nueva Ecija	Minalungao Cave VI (Minalungao National Park)	Brgy. Pias, General Tinio	Class I <sup>c</sup>
<b>Region 4A (5)</b>			
Laguna	Simbahang Bato Cave	Brgy. San Buenaventura, Luisiana	Class II
Quezon	Badoy Cave	Brgy. Ponon, Atimonan	Class II
	Pinagbanderahan Cave (Quezon Protected Landscape)	Brgy. Malinao Ilaya, Atimonan	Class II
	Cueva Santa (Quezon Protected Landscape)	Brgy. Malinao Ilaya, Atimonan	Class II
Rizal	Calinawan Cave	Sitio Rawang, Brgy. Tandang Kutyo, Tanay	Class II
<b>Region 5 (18)</b>			
Catanduanes	Kasili Cave	Brgy. Rizal, San Andres	Class II
Albay	Panubigon Cave	Brgy. Cabrarán Pequeño, Camalig	Class II
	Cabrarán Pequeño Cave	Brgy. Cabrarán Pequeño, Camalig	Class II
Camarines Sur	Nagsusom Cave	Brgy. Cayogcog, Balatan	Class II
	Bitog Cave	Brgy. Bagong Sirang, Sipocot	Class II
Sorsogon	Gumang Buwaya Cave	Brgy. Ginablan, Pilar	Class II
	Malasarte Cave	Brgy. Ginablan, Pilar	Class II
	Pababa Cave	Brgy. Bagacay, Gubat	Class II
	Oruk Cave	Brgy. Macabari, Barcelona	Class II
	Beto Cave	Brgy. San Rafael, Sta. Magdalena	Class I <sup>c</sup>
	Banase Cave	Brgy. San Ramon, Prieto Diaz	Class II
Masbate	Bat-ongan Cave	Brgy. Bat-Ongan, Mandaon	Class II
	Ednagen Cave (Matang Tubig Watershed Forest Reserve)	Brgy. Cantoma, Monreal	Class II



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	Panursogon Cave (Matang Tubig Watershed Forest Reserve)	Sitio Panursogon, Brgy. Poblacion, Monreal	Class II
	Minalayo Cave	Brgy. Gublarta, Batuan	Class II
	Diwata Cave	Brgy. Buenas Suerte, San Fernando	Class I <sup>c</sup>
	Guinhadap Cave	Sitio Pagwaran Brgy. Guinhadap, Monreal	Class II
	Paambacan Cave	Brgy. Calanay, Aroroy	Class II
<b>Region 6 (4)</b>			
Iloilo	Waling-waling Cave	Brgy. Gabi, South Gigantes, Carles	Class I <sup>D</sup>
	Antonia Cave	Brgy. Gabi, South Gigantes, Carles	Class II
Negros Occidental	Lapuz Cave	Brgy. Palampas, San Carlos City	Class II
	Bigking Cave	Brgy. Palampas, San Carlos City	Class I <sup>G</sup>
<b>Region 7 (6)</b>			
Bohol	Buho Cave	Brgy. San Vicente, Dagohoy	Class II
	Tilo Cave	Brgy. Taytay, Duero	Class I <sup>c</sup>
	Caenero Cave	Brgy. Canabong, Anda	Class II
	Justin Cave	Brgy. Libaong, Panglao	Class III
	Jason Cave	Brgy. Libaong, Panglao	Class III
Cebu	Hingitaon Cave	Brgy. Mangaco, Ginatilan	Class II
<b>Region 8 (3)</b>			
Samar	Caanibongan Cave	Brgy. Lawaan 1, Paranas	Class II
	Sulpan Maleho Cave	Brgy. Barruz, Mataguinao	Class III
Leyte	Cabyawan Cave	Brgy. Liberty, Palompon	Class II
<b>Region 9 (22)</b>			
Zamboanga del Sur	Palacio Cave	Brgy. Victoria, Zamboanga City	Class II
	Adela Cave	Brgy. Katipunan, Guipos	Class II
	Bottle Cave	Brgy. Cacao, Zamboanga City	Class II
	Bamboo Cave	Brgy. Cacao, Zamboanga City	Class II
	Tarantula Cave	Brgy. Guisao, Zamboanga City	Class I <sup>c</sup>

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	San Benito Cave	Brgy. Cacao, Zamboanga City	Class III
	Malambuaya Cave	Brgy. Victoria, Zamboanga City	Class III
	Guipos Cave Duplex	Brgy. Katipunan, Guipos	Class II
	El Dorado Cave	Brgy. Kaangayan, Mahayag	Class II
	Adventist Cave	Brgy. Kaangayan, Mahayag	Class II
Zamboanga del Norte	Jauculan Cave	Brgy. New Dapitan Tampilisan	Class II
	Armalite Cave	Brgy. Lipay, Jose Dalman	Class II
	Kape Cave	Brgy. Panabang, Liloy	Class I <sup>C</sup>
	Hugno Cave	Brgy. Situbo, Tampilisan	Class I <sup>F</sup>
	Edzel Cave	Brgy. Banbanan, Dapitan City	Class I <sup>C</sup>
Zamboanga Sibugay	Kila Cave	Brgy. New Canaan, Titay	Class I <sup>C</sup>
	Tating Cave	Brgy. Longilog, Titay	Class I <sup>F</sup>
	Dao Cave	Brgy. Tipan, Naga	Class II
	Antipolo Cave	Brgy. Tipan, Naga	Class I <sup>F</sup>
	Muyo Cave III	Brgy. Muyo, Buug	Class III
	Quibra Cave	Brgy. Guitom, Buug	Class I <sup>C</sup>
	Timalang Cave I	Brgy. Timalang, Ipil	Class II
<b>Region 10 (9)</b>			
Bukidnon	Kisolop Cave	Brgy. New Kidapawan, Kibawe	Class II
Lanao del Norte	Bungi Cave	Brgy. Binuni Bacolod	Class II
	Sinamba Cave	Brgy. Rogongon, Iligan City	Class II
	Vito Cave	Brgy. Rogongon, Iligan City	Class II
Misamis Oriental	Swiftlet Cave (Initao- Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape)	Brgy. Tubigan, Initao	Class II
	Open Cave (Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape)	Brgy. Tubigan, Initao	Class II
	Bat Cave (Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape)	Brgy. Tubigan, Initao	Class II
	Marcel Cave (Initao- Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape)	Brgy. Tubigan, Initao	Class II

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	Liza Cave (Initao-Libertad Protected Landscape and Seascape)	Brgy. Tubigan, Initao	Class II
<b>Region 11 (2)</b>			
<b>Davao Occidental</b>	Lampagang Cave/ Fagang Sol	Brgy. Little Baguio, Malita	Class I <sup>c</sup>
<b>Davao Oriental</b>	Mabaho Cave	Brgy. Central, Manay	Class II
<b>Region 12 (2)</b>			
<b>Sarangani</b>	Sumbang Point Sea Caves	Brgy. Taluya, Glan	Class II
<b>Cotabato</b>	Liliongan Cave	Brgy. Liliongan, Carmen	Class II
<b>Region 13 (5)</b>			
<b>Dinagat Islands</b>	Lobo Cave 1	Brgy. San Juan, Loreto	Class I <sup>c</sup>
<b>Agusan del Norte</b>	Tagkiling Cave 5 (Pinagbung-ol Cave)	Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City	Class I <sup>c</sup>
	Tagkiling Cave 6 (Pinagbiklan Cave)	Brgy. Anticala, Butuan City	Class I <sup>c</sup>
<b>Agusan del Sur</b>	Latay Cave	Brgy. Marfil, Rosario	Class II
	Balete Cave	Brgy. Sisimon, Veruela	Class II

**SECTION 4. Separability Clause.** If any provision of this Circular shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

**SECTION 5. Repealing Clause.** All Circulars and other similar issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 6. Effectivity Clause.** This Circular shall take effect immediately.

  
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