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Thru: ATTY. RONNAN CHRISTIAN M. REPOSAR
1st District Board Member

Dear Atty. Reposar,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits.

On behalf of the Visayas State University-Alangalang (VSU-A), I am writing to respectfully request a formal certification from your honorable office. Specifically, we would like to request a certification that the research titled "Avifauna composition and communities in Leyte Sab-a Basin Peatland and its vicinity in Northeastern Leyte, Philippines" and "Biodiversity Resources of the Leyte Sab-a Basin Peatland" (authored by Heremerose E. Matutes and Libertine Agatha F. Densing) contributed directly to the formulation of the PROVINCIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2024-13, also known as "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF THE LEYTE SAB-A BASIN PEATLAND and ALL OTHER PEATLAND RESOURCES WITHIN THE PROVINCE OF LEYTE, DEFINING ITS SCOPE and COVERAGE and FOR OTHER PURPOSES." Furthermore, we would appreciate it if the certification could formally acknowledge our involvement in the drafting process of the ordinance.

In addition, may we request a copy of the approved ordinance, minutes of meetings, official issuances or board resolutions, and documentation of dissemination or enforcement of the ordinance.

These publications were a major output of the Biodiversity Assessment in the Leyte Sab-a Basin Peatland, a research endeavor conducted by VSU-A as part of the Leyte Sab-a Peatland Forest Restoration Initiative. The project was successfully implemented in collaboration with the International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR), Women's Enablers Advocate and Volunteers for Empowering and Responsive Solutions (WEAVERS), Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc. (ELAC), and the Forest Foundation Philippines (FFP).

The requested certification will be utilized to support the application for Faculty Reclassification under the Enhanced Implementing Guidelines of DBM-CHED Joint Circular No. 3, series of 2022.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and continued support of academic and environmental initiatives in the region. We look forward to your favorable response.



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Respectfully yours,

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