



Republic of the Philippines
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Manila

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TO : ALL JUDGES AND CLERKS OF COURT OF THE SELECTED FIRST AND SECOND LEVEL COURTS IN ISABELA, PALAWAN AND SURIGAO DEL SUR

SUBJECT : DIRECT ACCESS OF THE NGOS' PROJECT RESEARCHERS TO THE COURT RECORDS ON ENVIRONMENTAL CASES

The Tanggol Kalikasan (TK), Environmental Legal Assistance Center (ELAC), and Paglilingkod Batas Pangkapatiran Foundation (PBPF), all non-governmental organizations, are currently implementing the project entitled "Enhancing the Capability of Communities for Environmental Law Enforcement" in Luzon, Palawan, and Mindanao, respectively, funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

In connection therewith, the TK, ELAC, and PBPF have deputized their respective project researchers whose main task is to gather data regarding the number of environmental cases filed, the kinds of violations (laws violated), the parties involved, the date and place of commission of offenses, and the status of said cases.

Henceforth, all concerned trial courts (please see Annex "A") are hereby **DIRECTED** to allow the abovementioned TK, ELAC, and PBPF project researchers to have direct access to the environmental case records under their respective area of adjudicative jurisdiction.

For your guidance and strict compliance.

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ANNEX "A"

**LIST OF TRIAL COURTS
SUBJECT TO RECORDS ACCESS
BY THE TK, ELAC, AND PBPf PROJECT RESEARCHERS**

REGIONAL TRIAL COURTS (RTCs)		
JUDICIAL REGION AND SITES	CITIES/MUNICIPALITIES	COURT BRANCH
II Sierra Madre (Isabela)	Ilagan City	Branches 16-18
	Cabagan	Br. 22
IV Calamianes (Palawan)	Puerto Princesa City	Br. 52
XI Lanuza Bay (Surigao Del Sur)	Tandag	Branches 27 and 40
	Cantilan	Br. 41
MUNICIPAL TRIAL COURTS (MTCs)		
JUDICIAL REGION AND SITES	CITIES/MUNICIPALITIES	COURT BRANCH
II Sierra Madre (Isabela)	Ilagan City	
	Palanan	
IV Calamianes (Palawan)	Culion (Unorganized)	
XI Lanuza Bay (Surigao Del Sur)	Tandag	
MUNICIPAL CIRCUIT TRIAL COURTS (MCTCs)		
JUDICIAL REGION AND SITES	CITIES/MUNICIPALITIES	COURT BRANCH
II Sierra Madre (Isabela)	San Pablo	Br. 1
	Cabagan	Br. 2
	Tamauni	Br. 3
	Maconacon and Davilican	Br. 4
	San Mariano	Br. 6
	Dinapigue	Br. 7
IV Calamianes (Palawan)	Coron and Busuanga	Br. 2
XI Lanuza Bay (Surigao Del Sur)	Carrascal	Br. 1
	Cortes, Madrid, and Carmen	Br. 2