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## **PARTICIPATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL SYMPOSIUM**

Attached is the invitation letter received from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Zamboanga Sibugay Field Office re: Participation to the Environmental Symposium on February 24, 2026, at the Provincial Atrium, Capitol Site, Ipil Heights, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay. In this regard, YES-O Officers and YES-O Teacher Advisers of the selected schools are requested to participate. All participating learners are required to submit duly signed **Parent Consent Forms**. Teacher-advisers who will attend and supervise the learners during the symposium shall be entitled to **service credits** in accordance with DepEd Order No. 53, s. 2003 ("Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers"), subject to the submission of required documentation.

Immediate dissemination of this advisory is enjoined.

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**Dear Sir Batan:**

*Environmental Greetings!*

This 24<sup>th</sup> of February, 2026, the Province of Zamboanga Sibugay is once again celebrating the marvelous "Araw ng Sibugay". The DENR PENRO Zamboanga Sibugay is honored to be given a part in the event through the remarkable unveiling of landmarks for the two (2) prestigious international citations awarded to the Sibugay Wetland Nature Reserve. These are the Ramsar Award (recognizing SWNR as Wetlands of International Importance) granted in 2024 and the designation as a Flyway Network Site under the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP).

Further, the DENR in coordination with the Provincial Local Government of Zamboanga Sibugay and the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership (EAAFP) Secretariat will be conducting an environmental symposium.

In line, we would like to invite some of the Youth for Environment of School Organizations (YES-Os), the officers in particular to participate in the said environmental symposium. We have preselected the schools for your confirmation and approval, to wit:

1. YES-O officers of Zamboanga Sibugay National Highschool
2. YES-O officers of Makilas National Highschool
3. YES-O officers of Sta. Clara National Highschool
4. YES-O officers of Kabasalan National Highschool
5. YES-O officers of Siay National Highschool

The environmental symposium will focus on the ecological roles of Sibugay Wetland Nature Reserve (SWNR) as a recognized Ramsar Site and as a Flyway Network Site. There will also be a presentation relating to the Naga-Kabasalan Protected Landscape (NaKaPLan).

For queries/clarifications, you may contact Edmarie Francisco-Cagan of the DENR IX, PENRO Zamboanga Sibugay at 09105068479 or via email address at [penrozambosibugay@denr.gov.ph](mailto:penrozambosibugay@denr.gov.ph).

Thank you very much and looking forward for your support on this matter.

Very truly yours,

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