



February 2, 2022

**Dr. Edgardo E. Tulin**  
President  
Visayas State University  
Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

**Thru: Dr. Maria Juliet C. Ceniza**  
Vice-President for Research, Extension and Innovation

Dear **Dr. Tulin**,

This is to recommend the renewal of appointment of **Dr. Guiraldo C. Fernandez, Jr.** as Study Leader of the research entitled ***"Propagation of Quality Planting Materials, Carbon Sequestration Potential and Socioecological Assessment of A. malaccensis-based Agroecological Systems in Leyte and Biliran Islands"***, study 2 of the research project entitled ***"Ecological Assessment and Conservation of Aquilaria malaccensis Through Sustainable Agarwood Production in Leyte and Biliran Islands, Philippines (ECoSAP)"*** (project code: **VSU-IP-2021-9**), charged to the Internationalization Program subject to availability of funds, effective January 1, 2022 until December 31, 2022 with equivalent workload units renewable every year until completion of the project.

As Study Leader, Dr. Fernandez is expected to perform the following responsibilities:

1. Conduct assessment on the socioecological status of *Aquilaria*-based plantation growers in Leyte and Biliran Islands using response-induced sustainability evaluation tool;
2. Determine the gaps and find-out how social science research would influence people's behavior in the conservation of *Aquilaria* spp. in Leyte and Biliran Islands;
3. Determine the theory of change after community and stakeholder consultation in relation to *Aquilaria* spp. in Leyte and Biliran Islands;
4. Examine the community concept of property rights and natural resource management so that the community could be guided in determining their own in local context;
5. Submit to OVPREI, through the Project Leader, the following:
  - a. Report on the significant outputs/outcomes of the research;
  - b. Quarterly research progress reports to the OVPREI-RPO (**Attachment 1**);
  - c. Midyear research progress reports every 1<sup>st</sup> week of July of every year (**Attachment 2**);
  - d. Annual research progress reports every 1<sup>st</sup> week of January of the succeeding year (**Attachment 3**);
6. Present the research highlights or papers during the Research In-house Review and Evaluation (**Attachment 4**);
7. Present a paper in the regional/national R&D Symposia/fora (**as scheduled by Consortium/National agency concerned with prescribed standard format**);
8. Submit terminal report three (3) months after completion of research project (**Attachment 5**);
9. Publish articles of significant research findings in indexed/peer reviewed journals.