



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. Marlito M. Bande** 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 research project ***"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. Bande is expected to perform the following responsibilities:

1. Exercise supervision and control in the implementation of the study, in coordination with the other study leaders;
2. Conduct morphological and physiological assessment of potential *Aquilaria* mother trees prior to the production of quality planting materials;
3. Conduct economic evaluation on the production of quality planting materials using cost-benefit analysis;
4. Conduct evaluation on the carbon sequestration potential of *Aquilaria* in plantations in Leyte and Biliran Islands;
5. Monitor and evaluate the growth performance of *Aquilaria* in plantations in Leyte and Biliran Islands;
6. Monitor and evaluate carbon stock of *Aquilaria* plantations in Leyte and Biliran using drone technology;
7. Develop manual on *Aquilaria*'s phenological characteristics to support propagation of quality planting materials;
8. 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 1st week of July of every year (**Attachment 2**);
 - d. Annual research progress reports every 1st week of January of the succeeding year (**Attachment 3**);
9. Present the research highlights or papers during the Research In-house Review and Evaluation (**Attachment 4**);
10. Present a paper in the regional/national R&D Symposia/fora (**as scheduled by Consortium/National agency concerned with prescribed standard format**);