



February 23, 2023

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 the 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 the availability of funds, effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2023, with equivalent workload units, renewable every year until the 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 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**);
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 the research project (**Attachment 5**);
9. Publish articles of significant research findings in indexed/peer-reviewed journals.

For any changes in the title, methodology, project site, and/or budget, approval should first be sought from the University President upon recommendation by the concerned College Dean, Center Director, Director for Research, and the Vice President for Research, Extension, and Innovation.

Very truly yours,

MARLITO M. BANDE
Project Leader, ECoSAP

Conformé:

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DENNIS P. PEQUE
Dean, College of Forestry and
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Recommending Approval:

MARIA JULIET C. CENIZA
VP for Research, Extension and Innovation

Certified Funds Available:

ALICIA M. FLORES
Head, Budget Office

Noted:

ROSA OPHELIA D. VELARDE
Director for Research

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