

January 23, 2025

Dr. Prose Ivy G. Yepes

President

Visayas State University

Visca, Baybay City, Leyte

Thru: **Dr. Santiago T. Peña Jr.**

Vice-President for Research, Extension, and Innovation

Dear **Dr. Peña**,

This is to recommend the renewal of the appointment of **Dr. Marlito M. Bande** as **Study Leader** of "**Propagation of Quality Planting Materials to Support Sustainable Agarwood Production in Leyte Island**", Study 2 of the research project entitled "*Ecological Assessment and Conservation of Aquilaria malaccensis Through Sustainable Agarwood Production in Leyte Island, Philippines (ECoSAP)*", charged to the Internationalization Program, Project Code: VSU-IP-2021-9, subject to availability of funds, effective immediately until December 31, 2025, without honorarium.

As Study Leader, Dr. Bande is expected to perform the following responsibilities with appropriate workload unit equivalent:

1. 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;
 - c. Midyear research progress reports every 1st week of July of every year;
 - d. Annual research progress reports every 1st week of January of the succeeding year;
2. Present the research highlights or papers during the Research In-house Review and Evaluation;
3. Present a paper in the regional/national R&D Symposia/fora (*as scheduled by Consortium/National agency concerned with prescribed standard format*);
4. Submit terminal report three (3) months after completion of the research project;
5. Publish articles of significant research findings in indexed/peer-reviewed journals.

Thank you for your continued support to the Institute.

Very truly yours,

TEOFANES A. PATINDOL

Director



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Director for Research

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Recommending Approval:

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VP for Research, Extension, and Innovation

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