

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

I. **PROJECT TITLE** : Ground Handling Services for the Dive Destination Exploration in Catanduanes

II. **PROJECT DATE** : May 27 to June 04, 2024

### III. PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- To conduct a thorough exploration of potential destinations that may be developed for dive tourism purposes and increase the Philippines' dive product portfolio;
- To generate relevant scientific data on the fish and benthic biodiversity and determine highlights and unique selling points for use in further dive tourism-focused development for the destination; and
- To reach and involve all segments of the dive industry through forging partnerships with emerging players for inclusion in the Department's product and market development initiatives.

### IV. BACKGROUND

The Philippines has been renowned as an integral part of the global center of marine biodiversity making it a top dive destination. Despite having around 120 identified top, emerging, and potential dive destinations, much of its rich waters with potential for scuba diving tourism remain unexplored scientifically.

In line with the strategic goals on the Equalization of Tourism Product Development and Promotion and Diversification of the Tourism Portfolio through Multidimensional Tourism under the National Tourism Development Plan (NTDP) 2023-2028, the DOT, through the Office of Product and Market Development (OPMD), will be conducting science-based explorations of identified coastal destinations that have high tourism destination potential and capacity.

### V. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

- A. Must be a tour operator/ground handler/travel agency accredited by DOT;
- B. Must be registered with the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement Systems (PhilGEPS);
- C. Must submit the quotation with cost breakdown to differentiate the amount of service fee and the amount to be earmarked for the payment to the third parties or other proprietors. Otherwise, tax withheld will be credited from the total contract price; and
- D. Must be willing to provide services on a send bill arrangement.

### VI. SCOPE OF WORK

Provide ground arrangement with provisions of roundtrip domestic air tickets, van transportation, single occupancy rooms, diving package, and full board meals.

#### A. Domestic Air Tickets

- Provision of roundtrip economy class domestic air tickets for the Marine Exploration Team (7 pax) and DOT Central Office Coordinators (2 pax);
- Only utilized flights must be charged to the DOT in the final billing.

**Participants:** Marine Exploration Team and DOT Coordinators

**No. of Pax:** 9

**Total Baggage Allowance:** 40 kg per pax per way  
**Flight Details:**

DATE	DESTINATION	PREFERRED FLIGHT DETAILS
May 27, 2024	Manila to Virac	ETD 0815 H   ETA 0925 H
June 04, 2024	Virac to Manila	ETD 0955 H   ETA 1110 H

*\*Note: If above flights have been fully booked or are not available, the supplier may present the next available flight option provided that it will not exceed the prescribed budget.*

## B. Transportation

- Inclusive of professional driver fees, driver's accommodation, if necessary, meals, expressway toll fees, parking fees, and applicable environmental fees.

DATE	NO. OF UNITS	CAPACITY AND ROUTE
May 27, 2024	2 vans	<p><b>Airport Transfers</b>  <b>Within Virac, Catanduanes</b></p> <p>10 hrs rental</p> <p>5 to 6 pax per van with sufficient space for their luggage and dive equipment (at least 2 large 30-inch luggage per person)</p>
June 3, 2024	2 vans	<p><b>Presentation to LGU and Stakeholders</b></p> <p>10 hrs rental</p> <p>5 to 6 pax per van with sufficient space for their luggage and dive equipment (at least 2 large 30-inch luggage per person)</p>
June 4, 2024	2 vans	<p><b>Airport Transfers</b></p> <p>10 hrs rental</p> <p>5 to 6 pax per van with sufficient space for their luggage and dive equipment (at least 2 large 30-inch luggage per person)</p>

## C. Accommodation

- Cover all accommodations on single occupancy basis, with complimentary breakfast at a DOT-accredited property located in Brgy. Igang, Virac, Catanduanes;

- Only utilized rooms must be charged to the DOT in the final billing.
- Participants:** Marine Exploration Team (7 pax) and DOT Coordinators (4 pax)  
**No. of Pax:** 11 pax

No. of Rooms	Room Type	Meals	Check In	Check out
11	Single Occupancy	Breakfast	May 27, 2024	June 4, 2024

#### D. Diving Package

- Diving with air / nitrox tanks, dive equipment rental (including weights), boat rental, services of dive guides/dive masters, and all applicable environmental and sanctuary/marine park fees;

Date	No. of Pax	Inclusions
May 28 to June 1, 2024	7 pax	2 dives per pax per day

#### E. Meals

- Provision of AM/PM Snacks, Lunch, and Dinner for the Marine Exploration Team (7 pax) and DOT Coordinators (4 pax)  
*\* breakfast included in accommodation*

**Participants:** Marine Exploration Team and DOT Coordinators  
**No. of Pax:** 11

Date	No. of Pax	Inclusions
May 27, 2024 to June 3, 2024	11 pax	AM Snacks, Lunch, PM Snacks, Dinner
June 4, 2024	11 pax	AM Snacks and Lunch

### VII. BUDGET

The total budget for this project is **SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY SEVEN PESOS AND FOURTY THREE CENTAVOS (PHP 783,437.43)** inclusive of all applicable taxes and should cover all requirements enumerated above.

### VIII. CONTACT INFORMATION

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