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**DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
No. 2000- 68**

SUBJECT : **INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF THE DIRECTORATE ON SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR WATER AND INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (DSPWIEMD) AND RELATED FUNCTIONS**

In the interest of the service and consistent with the ongoing DENR organizational development, the programs/projects and related functions of the Directorate on Special Projects for Water and Integrated Ecosystems Management and Development (DSPWIEMD) are hereby realigned/institutionalized as follows:

**I. Coastal and Marine Programs and Project**

- A. The Coastal Environment Project (CEP) created under DENR Administrative Order No. 19. Series of 1993 is hereby renamed as **Coastal and Marine Environment Program (CMEP)**.
- B. The CMEP shall be the overall and lead program of the DENR for coastal and marine management and development and shall be institutionalized under the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB).
- C. All other coastal and marine programs and projects shall be coordinated and managed within the ambit of CMEP. More particularly, the following programs and projects are hereby realigned under CMEP:
  1. The Coastal Resources Management (Project) component of the Natural Resources Management Program (NRMP);
  2. The Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (SMICZMP);
  3. The DENR Project Management Office (PMO) of the Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA);
  4. The Manila Bay Environmental Management Project (MBEMP);
  5. The Executive Office/Secretariat of the Presidential Commission on Integrated Conservation and Development of the Sulu Celebes Seas (PCICDSC);
  6. The Coordinating Office of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI); and
  7. All other national and site-specific coastal and marine management and development programs, projects, and activities within the DENR.

- D. The CMEP shall likewise serve as National Focal Point/Office for the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Partnership in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia. It shall therefore coordinate the support services committed by the Philippines as host country to the said Regional Programme.
  
- E. As the overall coastal and marine management and development program of the DENR. CMEP shall be supervised by a Steering Committee under the Office of the Secretary. The CMEP Steering Committee, which shall (a) provide the policy directions; (b) define and approve the activities, work and financial plan; and (c) assess and review the performance of CMEP, shall be chaired by the Undersecretary for Policy and Technical Services and composed of the following as members:
  - 1. The Director, Environmental Management Bureau (EMB)
  - 2. The Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB)
  - 3. The Director, Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB)
  - 4. The Director, Forest Management Bureau (FMB)
  - 5. The Director, Lands Management Bureau (LMB)
  - 6. The Director, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB)
  - 7. The General Manager, Laguna Lake Development Authority (LLDA)
  - 8. The Director, Bureau of Coast and Geodetic Surveys, National Mapping and Resources Information Authority (BCGS-NAMRIA)
  - 9. The Director, Management Information and Decision Support Service
  - 10. The Coastal and Marine Environment Program Director (Secretariat)

## **II. Water Resources Development and Management**

- A. The policy directions prescribed under Executive Order No. 374 dated October 15, 1996, as amended, shall continue to be the DENR's mandate on water resources management and development until a new law on water resources is passed by Congress.
  
- B. The Executive Office/Secretariat of the Presidential Task Force on Water Resources Development and Management (PTFWRDM) shall be supervised by the Undersecretary for International Commitment and Local Government Affairs (ICLGA).
  
- C. The PTFWRDM Executive Office/Secretariat shall, among others, continue to work for the rationalization/institutionalization of the water resources management and development programs/functions and the passage of the concerned bill(s) in Congress, in coordination with the DENR Legislative Liaison's Office.

- D. The PTFWRDM shall continue to utilize the support services of the Hydro-Geology and Environmental Geology Office (Section) which shall remain with the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB).

### **III. Biodiversity Programs and Projects**

- A. All biodiversity programs, projects and activities being wholly or partly managed and/or coordinated by the DSPWIEMD including the Center for Integrated Ecosystems Management and Biodiversity Conservation and Development (CIEMBIOCAD) and the BRP Biodiversity Research Vessel (MV Kalikasan), are hereby institutionalized under and/or incorporated into the regular functions of PAWB.
- B. The ASEAN Regional Center for Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC) shall be directly supervised, in coordination with PAWB, by the Philippines' ASEAN Senior Official on Environment (ASOEN-Philippines). The ASOEN-Philippines shall report to the DENR Secretary and the ARCBC Steering Committee (the ASOEN) presently chaired by Thailand.

### **IV. Decision Support System Office (DSSO)**

- A. The Directorate for Decision Support System which is currently an adjunct of the DSPWIEMD is hereby segregated, strengthened and renamed as Management Information and Decision Support System (MIDSS). It shall be institutionalized within the Planning, Policy Studies and Economic Affairs Office (PPEAO), under the Office of the Secretary (OSEC).
- B. As a separate Service, MIDSS shall absorb the Management Information Systems Division (MISD) and perform among others, the overall data/information management and development, including the GIS-based data-management system and similar functions. It shall strongly link/coordinate with the other Services within PPEAO and other DENR Offices and relevant agencies/entities for the development and management of an efficient and effective data/information system. Said system shall be in placed nationwide within three (3) months from the date of this Order.

All other collateral functions and activities of DSPWIEMD including those of the Water Quality Police are hereby transferred to Environmental Management Bureau (EMB) and other appropriate Bureaus/Offices within the DENR.

In the light of the foregoing, the Directorate on Special Projects for Water and Integrated Ecosystems Management and Development (DSPWIEMD) is hereby abolished. The Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Office (FASPO), consistent with its functions, shall continue to monitor and evaluate the performance of the foregoing institutionalized programs and projects.

All necessary administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Order shall be carried out and completed by all concerned officials/employees within ten (10) days from the date of this Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede, amend or revoke all previous Orders and instructions inconsistent herewith.

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*Secretary*