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MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY

FOR : All Undersecretaries and Assistant Secretaries
All Regional Executive Directors
All Heads of Bureaus and Attached Agencies

SUBJECT : **STATE OF THE PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT: AN
AUDIT BY THE UNESCO COMMISSION ON
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND DENR**

DATE : **MAY 16 2005**

This refers to the attached "State of the Philippine Environment", an audit by the UNESCO Commission on Science and Technology and DENR.

In view of the significance and value of the said environmental audit in mapping biodiversity hotspots and sensitive bioregions, monitoring land and forest cover changes, identifying actual status of fishing grounds and coral reefs, and pointing out environmental accomplishments and areas of concern, your respective offices are hereby directed to:

1. Disseminate to your respective personnel the contents of the said audit report;
2. Monitor the seventeen (17) extremely critical/urgent areas and two hundred six (206) conservation priority areas and recommend/implement the necessary DENR action/intervention, as the case may be; and
3. Immediately look into alleged illegal mining/logging operations and corresponding violations of environmental laws stated in the report.

Submit to this office, not later than fifteen (15) days from receipt of this memorandum, a compliance report on this matter.

For your immediate compliance.


MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR



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