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MEMORANDUM

To

All Regional Executive Directors

Regions I to XIII and CAR

FROM

The SECRETARY

SUBJECT

Submission of Pertinent Information for the Establishment of

an Electronic Data Base on Ecotourism.

DATE

November 16, 2005

DENR Special Order Number 2005-647 dated August 05, 2005, identified Ecotourism as one of the DENR Flagship Projects and designated OIC, Assistant Secretary Vicente S. Paragas as its Focal Person. The major responsibilities of focal persons include: overall planning, coordination, implementation and evaluation of their respective tasks.

In this regard, the Focal Person's Office intends to compile in electronic form, profiles of sites/areas within the administrative jurisdiction of DENR where ecotourism may be developed. The "Philippine Environmental Policy Guidelines for Ecotourism Investment/Development: A Guide to BIMP — EAGA Investors" prepared by the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) may be used as reference in this regard.

The Profile of Proposed Ecotourism Site should include: its location (Barangay(s), Municipality(s), Province); brief description of the site and its resources; facilities and amenities; accessibility; and other related information. Pictures showcasing or depicting the important features of the proposed ecotourism sites should also be attached, including short-bond paper-sized map indicating the location of these sites for easy reference.

An electronic copy of your compliance to this order should be submitted to the Office of the Assec for Field Operations through the following e-mail addresses: assectieldops@denr.gov.ph co: mrap_2829@yahoo.com.ph or in compact disk (CD) as soon as possible. A hard copy of said report should reach this Office on or before 09 December 2005.

For immediate compliance.

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Secretary

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