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Department of Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: Creation of a Task Force to
prepare the Master Plan for
the Marine Parks/Reserve
Development

The establishment and development of marine parks and/or reserves in the Philippines is one of the effective ways of conserving and protecting as well as providing venues for enjoyment, appreciation and education of our people on the various aspects of our natural marine heritage.

As a means of operationalizing a vital component of the Development Plan for the Philippine National Park System which was jointly developed by the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and in support of the conservation program thrusts of this Department, a Task Force to prepare and supervise the implementation of a master plan for marine parks and/or reserve development is hereby created which will be composed of the following personnel:

Dr. Gavino Trono, Jr.	- Consultant, OSEC Chairman
Dr. Benjamin Cer. Gabriel	- Consultant, OSEC
Dr. Prescillano Zamora	- Consultant, OSEC
Dr. Raymundo Punongbayan	- Consultant, OSEC
Dr. Segundo Roxas	- Consultant, OSEC
Dr. Flor Lacanilao	- Consultant, OSEC
Prof. Inocencio Ronquillo	- BFAR
Atty. Reuben Ganaden	- BFAR
Director Jesus Alvarez	- BFD

Engr. Juan B. Pomar - BFD
Miss Sonia B. Aquino - BFD
Miss Jocelyn S. Miguel - Planning Service,
OSEC
Mrs. Eleonor A. Serafica - Planning Service,
OSEC
Forester Rosario Labaro - Planning Service,
OSEC

The Task Force shall perform the following functions:

1. Establish guidelines and/or criteria which shall be used as bases for site selection.
2. To undertake basic ecological studies which shall serve as bases for the selection of sites. Based on the data gathered it shall recommend five sites for actual development into marine parks and/or reserves.
3. Prepare the budget, timetable, organization and the operating requirements as well as guidelines for the efficient, rationalized administration and management of the parks and/or reserves.
4. Monitor, coordinate and evaluate the actual development programs and activities and make the necessary progress reports and recommendations for their proper and more efficient implementation.

The Task Force shall conduct field survey studies and may recommend the hiring of contract personnel and/or the necessary expertise for the performance of its functions. It may also call upon the various agencies of the DNR for the necessary assistance and cooperation in the performance of its tasks. The members shall be

entitled to P50.00 per meeting honorarium as may be authorized under existing regulations on the matter in connection with the above functions chargeable to the Special Activities Fund of this Office. The travels that may be required by the Task Force shall be on official time and authority is hereby given for the payment of travelling expenses and allowances as may be allowed under existing accounting and auditing regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and continue to be in force until revoked in writing.


JOSE J. LEIDO JR.
Secretary

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