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SUBJECT: Creating a Task Force on the Integrated Protected Areas System (IPAS) for the Philippines

In view of the urgent need to rationalize the Philippine National Park System and in order to provide technical support for the development of an Integrated Protected Areas System for the Philippines, an inter-agency Task Force is hereby created to be composed of the following:

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| 1.  | Lorenzo Agaloo      | - | Project Leader    |
| 2.  | Wilbur Dee          | - | Co-Project Leader |
| 3.  | Pablo Alfonso       | - | Member            |
| 4.  | Dionisio Liwag      | - | Member            |
| 5.  | Roberto Rubio       | - | Member            |
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| 7.  | Annabelle Plantilla | - | Member            |
| 8.  | Maribeth Reyes      | - | Member            |
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| 11. | Romeo Trono         | - | Member            |

In accomplishing its objectives, the Task Force shall be guided by the following activities:

PHASE 1: Assessment and Planning of the IPAS

- 1.1 To undertake a physical assessment survey of the existing protected areas of the Philippines.
- 1.2 To update the basic data and statistics relevant to these areas.
- 1.3 To formulate a national plan for the Integrated Protected Areas System for the Philippines.
- 1.4 To design the priority areas for the IPAS.

PHASE 2: Policy, Legislative and Financing Studies for the IPAS

- 2.1 To conduct policy and legislative studies for the IPAS.
- 2.2 To prepare an Integrated Draft Code on the IPAS for presentation to the Philippine Congress.
- 2.3 To formulate a financing strategy for the IPAS, which could be integrated to the Draft Code for Congress and/or the Appropriations Act for the coming years.