



Republic of the Philippines

**Ministry of Natural Resources**

Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Metro Manila

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SPECIAL ORDER  
NO. 728  
SERIES OF 1987

SUBJECT : Reconstitution of the National Mangrove Committee

*In the interest of the service and in recognition of the value of the mangrove ecosystem in the productivity of coastal waters and in the maintenance of ecological balance along the coastal areas of the country, the National Mangrove Committee is hereby reconstituted to perform the following functions:*

1. *To develop appropriate policy guidelines for the rationale management and conservation of the mangrove ecosystem and other related coastal system;*
2. *To serve as a "clearing house" in the allocation and utilization of mangrove resources;*
3. *To identify research priority areas to be part of the integrated national research program on natural resources and environment;*
4. *To serve as the national focal point in the coordination of regional and international activities related to mangrove and related coastal ecosystems;*
5. *To provide technical expertise in the activities of the Regional Mangrove Information Network for Asia and the Pacific;*
6. *To enter into contract with local or international agencies in pursuing and achieving its mandates and functions.*

*This reconstitution is necessary in view of the national and international recognition enjoyed by the old Committee and in the implementation of new functions along mangrove policies and management schemes and coordination of national and international efforts in the management of mangrove areas. This reconstitution is also without prejudiced to provisions of Executive Order No. 192 which transferred the mangrove research functions to ERDB.*

The National Mangrove Committee shall be composed of the following:

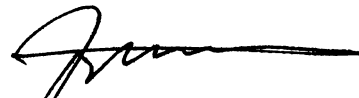
1. Mr. Ricardo M. Umali - Co-Chairman  
Undersecretary for Policy and Planning
2. Dr. Celso R. Roque - Co-Chairman  
Undersecretary for Environment and Research
3. Dr. Filiberto S. Pollisco - Member  
Director  
Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau
4. Dr. Mario Eusebio - Member  
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Parks and Wildlife Bureau
5. Mr. Cirilo B. Serna - Member  
Director  
Forest Management Bureau
6. Mr. Ricardo Biña - Member  
Deputy Administrator  
National Mapping and Resource  
Information Authority
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Forest Products Research and  
Development Institute
8. Dr. Edgardo Gomez - Member  
Director  
Marine Sciences Institute
9. Dr. Flor Lacanilao - Member  
Director  
Aquaculture Department, SEAFDEC
10. Dr. Prescillano Zamora - Member  
Professor  
University of the Philippines
11. Dr. Arsenio Camacho - Member  
Professor  
University of the Philippines
12. Representative - Member  
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

The Committee is authorized to call upon any agencies of the DENR for assistance as maybe necessary to accomplish its mission and may recommend hiring of consultants and technical personnel it require.

The Chairmen is hereby authorized to appoint personnel of the Department to serve as its Secretariat.

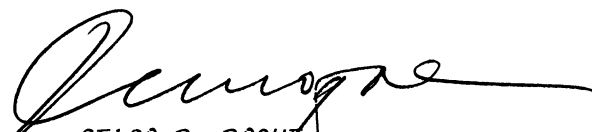
Expenses to be incurred in connection with the function and work of the Committee and its Secretariat shall be chargeable against the BFD-NRMC Mangrove Research Project during the reorganization transition period and thereafter to the Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau mangrove funds. The members of the Committee and Secretariat are authorized to receive honorarium/incentive allowance subject to existing accounting and auditing regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



FULGENCIO S. FACTORAN, JR.  
Secretary

RECOMMENDING APPROVAL:



CELSO R. ROQUE  
Undersecretary for Environment  
and Research

