



DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES

28 October 1987

SPECIAL ORDER)
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SUBJECT : Investigation / Assessment of the Reported
Deterioration of the Corals in El Nido
Marine Turtle Sanctuary due to Possible
Infestation of the Crown of Thorns starfish.

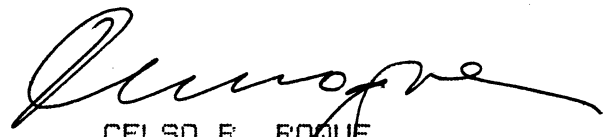
In the interest of the public service, the Task Force Pawikan (TFP) is hereby directed to conduct a sustained control program on the crown of thorns in areas within the El Nido Marine Turtle Sanctuary, northwestern Palawan. It shall assess the extent of damage to the coral reefs as related to the predation by the starfish.

In view of the urgency of this activity and to augment the TFP in its on-going management activities in the Sanctuary, the necessary support facilities and equipment from agencies in the Department shall be made available for use to attain the objectives. Proper procedures for the immediate transfer of equipment shall be observed and accomplished by the Offices concerned.

All expenses to be incurred in the said activity shall be chargeable against the funds of the Office of the Secretary and/or the Task Force Pawikan subject to the availability of funds and the usual accounting and auditing procedures.

The TFP shall prepare a concrete and attainable control and monitoring program for dissemination to all sectors concerned, particularly the tourism industry for management purposes. The Office of the Undersecretary for Environment and Research shall be responsible for the program.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked or superseded in writing.


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