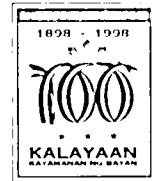




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NO. 97- 323

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON BIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC RESOURCES (IACBGR) AND TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (TS) TO ENFORCE AND IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 247 AND ITS IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS (IRR).**

In the interest of the service and in accordance with Executive Order No. 247 and DENR Administrative Order No. 96-20, an INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON BIOLOGICAL AND GENETIC RESOURCES (IACBGR) is hereby created composed of the following:

<u>AGENCY/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PERMANENT MEMBERS</u>	<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>
1. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)	Undersecretary for Environment and Programs Development (UEPD) Chairperson	Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs and Attached Agencies (ULLAAA)
2. Department of Science and Technology (DOST)	USEC Estrella F. Alabastro Co-Chairperson	Dr. William Dar
3. Department of Health (DOH)	Dr. Eliseo T. Banaynal	representative
4. Department of Agriculture (DA)	Mr. Cenon Atienza	Ms. Rose Bautista
5. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)	Mr. Ramon Seneres	Ms. Ditas Muller
6. Philippine Science Community (PSC)	Dr. Dolores A. Ramirez UP Los Banos  Dr. Amelia Guevarra UP Diliman	Dr. Saturnina C. Halos UP Diliman  Dr. Fabian Dayrit Ateneo de Manila
7. Philippine National Museum (PNM)	Dr. Domingo Madulid	Mr. Jaime J. Cabrera
8. Non-Government Organization (NGO)	Ms. Elenita C. Daño SEARICE	Mr. Roger Birosel Earthsavers Movement
9. People's Organization (PO)	Mr. Abrinon Aydinan Union of Indigenous Cultural Communities	Mr. Solaiman Malambut Development Foundation of the Philippines

The IACBGR members shall serve for a period of three years, renewable for another three years. Provided, that in case of death, resignation, removal or other circumstance which requires the replacement of a member, said member may be succeeded by another person designated by the Secretary or Head of the


concerned government agency/organization. The replacement shall serve the unexpired term of the member replaced.

The IACBGR shall, in addition to its functions and responsibilities provided for under Section 10, Item 10.2 of DAO 96-20, perform the following:

1. Establish the rate/s of bioprospecting fee to be paid by the Principal upon approval of the Research Agreement;
2. Establish the amount of performance, compensation, ecological rehabilitation bonds to be deposited by the Principal to the appropriate Philippine Government agency in accordance with the extent and scope of bioprospecting activity;
3. Prepare a Code of Conduct (COC) which shall govern bioprospecting activity to be undertaken by the researchers/collectors affiliated with the principal researcher. The said COC shall form part of the principal's application for Research Agreement;
4. Determine if the academic research being conducted has commercial prospects. In such case, the IACBGR shall ensure that the principal applies for a Commercial Research Agreement (CRA);
5. Devise a standard monitoring scheme to monitor the Research Agreements entered into by the IACBGR member-agencies, and format agreement for the payment/transfer of royalties;
6. Through the DOST and DFA representatives, monitor the progress of research, utilization, and commercialization of Philippine biological and genetic resources done outside the country;
7. Lead in the performance of the roles and functions of IACBGR member-agencies as stipulated in Section 10.3 of DAO 96-20;
8. Disseminate to the public the provisions of EO 247 and DAO 96-20;
9. Submit quarterly report to the Secretary, DENR, copy furnished all IACBGR member-agencies, on the progress of the implementation of EO 247 and its IRR;
9. Perform other functions as may be necessary to implement DAO 96-20 and this Order.

The IACBGR shall meet at least once every quarter. Provided that the Chairperson/Co-Chairperson may call special meetings as deemed necessary. The IACBGR shall formulate guidelines on calling special meetings and how they should be conducted. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the IACBGR members. All decisions of the IACBGR must be by a majority of its members.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Co-Chair shall act as the Chairperson. In the absence of both the Chair and the Co-Chair, the alternate Chairperson or alternate Co-Chair shall preside over the meeting. In the absence of the Chair, Co-Chair and their alternates, the IACBGR members present during the meeting shall elect from among themselves the presiding officer.

The Minutes of the IACBGR Meeting shall be noted by the Chairperson or presiding officer within seven (7) days of the meeting. 

The IACBGR shall be assisted/supported by a **TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (TS)** which is likewise hereby created, to be composed of the following:

<u>AGENCY/ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>PERMANENT MEMBERS</u>	<u>ALTERNATE MEMBERS</u>
1. DENR-Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau	Director, PAWB Chairman Chief, Wildlife Resources Division Chief, Biodiversity Division	Asst. Director, PAWB
DENR-UEPDO DENR-ULLAAAO	representative representative	representative representative
2. DOST	Dr. Jocelyn Eusebio	Mr. Marcelino Siladan
3. DOH	Dr. Eliseo Banaynal	Ms. Julie Bonifacio
4. DA	Mr. Noel Barut	Ms. Corazon del Mundo
5. DFA	Mr. Ramon Seneres	Ms. Ditas Muller
6. PNM	Mr. Virgilio S. Palpal-latoc	Mr. Rodolfo A. Caberoy
7. PSC	Dr. Saturnina Halos	Dr. Fabian Dayrit
8. NGO	Mr. Gregorio Magdaraog Nature Crusaders of the Philippines Foundation	Mr. Raul Boncodin
9. PO	Mr. Joseph Gadit Tribal Council of Leaders of the Cordillera	Mr. Rommel Galindez Union of Indigenous Cultural Communities

10. Other staff of PAWB and concerned DENR staff-Bureau as may be designated by the respective Director.

The TS shall, in addition to its functions stipulated in Section 11, Item 11.2 of DAO 96-20, undertake the following:

1. Monitor the Research Agreements entered into by the IACBGR member-agencies with the participation of the concerned PAMB and/or Regional Offices of the member-agencies of the IACBGR;
2. Assist in the dissemination of information relative to EO 247 and DAO 96-20; and,
3. Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the IACBGR.



The IACBGR and TS are hereby authorized to avail of the services of other personnel of the DENR, its offices, staff Bureaus and attached agencies in the performance of their tasks. The services of other personnel of the IACBGR member-agencies may also be tapped subject to prior clearance from the concerned agency.

The IACBGR and TS members shall be entitled to actual and necessary travelling, subsistence and other expenses which may be incurred in the performance of their tasks, chargeable against the funds of their respective agencies/offices and from proceeds of fees imposed on the Research Agreements, subject to existing laws and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.

  
VICTOR O. RAMOS  
Secretary

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