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DENR SPECIAL ORDER No. 97 - 348

**SUBJECT** 

DESIGNATING PAWB DIRECTOR AS CHAIRPERSON, RED OF DENR REGION IX AND REPRESENTATIVE, EAST ASEAN GROWTH AREA (EAGA) AS TECHNICAL ADVISERS TO THE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR TURTLE **ISLANDS** HERITAGE THE

PROTECTED AREA (TIHPA)

In the interest of the service and to implement or operationalize the programs setforth in the Bilateral Agreement signed by the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and Malaysia for the establishment of the TIHPA, the Director of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau is hereby designated as the Chairperson of the Philippine-Joint Management Committee (JMC), the policy making body of the TIHPA. The Regional Executive Director of the DENR-Region IX and DENR representative to the East ASEAN Growth Area (EAGA) are also hereby designated as the Technical Advisers to the Philippine JMC.

The Philippine JMC will be composed of representatives from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of National Defense-Southern Command (DND-SC), the Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (ARMM), Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas (KKP), and NGO's for Integrated Protected Areas, Inc. (NIPA).

They shall submit to this Office quarterly work program and progress reports relative to the TIHPA.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary

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