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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 99-268

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT, "HERBAL PRACTICES OF THE AGTA-ITOM WOMEN An Ethnobotanical Study"

In view of the non-availability of transportation facility to Batanes Island thus affecting the implementation of the Project, "Herbal Practices of the Ivatan Women: An Ethnobotanical Study", another study entitled "HERBAL PRACTICES OF THE AGTAITOM WOMEN: An Ethnobotanical Study" shallbe implemented.

This shall be conducted by the same study group created under Special Order No. 98-33 and to include Atty. Agnes Almonte as adviser and Mr. Alexis D. Lapiz as member.

The Team Leader, Mr. Rey M. T. Aguinaldo shall submit progress report to the Chairperson of the National GAD Focal Point System whenever necessary and accomplishment thereof shall form part of the Department's output in the implementation of RA 7192.

All expenses to be incurred for the project shall be charged against the GAD budget subject to pertinent accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Considering the importance of findings/results from ethnobotanical studies in biodiversity conservation, the provisions of Special Order No. 98-323 shall remain in force. The project "Herbal Practices of the Ivatan Women: An Ethnobotanical Study" shall be implemented whenever flights to Batanes will be resumed and GAD funds are available for the purpose.

This order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary