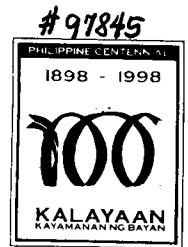




DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT AND
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SPECIAL ORDER
No. 99- 58

**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON FORESHORE
AREAS, MARSHY LANDS AND OTHER LANDS
BORDERING BODIES OF WATER**

In order to prevent unlawful exploitation and illegal reclamation of foreshore area for appropriation to private use, a Task Force on Foreshore Areas, Marshy Lands and Other Lands Bordering Bodies of Water is hereby created to be composed of the following:

Team Leader : Assistant Secretary Roseller S. de la Peña
Members : Representatives from the Offices of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Legal Affairs
Representative from the National Bureau of Investigation
Representative from the Lands Management Bureau
Representative from the Land Registration Authority

The duties and responsibilities of the Task Force are as follows:

1. Undertake a nationwide survey and evaluation of all foreshore areas, marshy lands and other lands bordering bodies of water;
2. Formulate rules and regulations that will govern the use of foreshore areas, marshy lands and other lands bordering bodies of water;
3. Undertake inventory of all applications and agreements covering foreshore areas, marshy lands and other lands bordering bodies of water, whether subsisting, rejected, cancelled and expired including improvements existing thereon;
4. Issue, by authority of the Secretary, necessary orders to take over areas particularly those covered by expired leases where valuable improvements are existing which become the property of the State upon expiration of the lease. May also direct the field officer concerned to take over custody and administration of the land covered by the expired lease;


5. Take proper steps for the recovery of illegally reclaimed/titled foreshore areas, including all the improvements existing thereon;
6. Recommend appropriate measures which are deemed necessary to strengthen DENR's regulatory authority over foreshore areas, marshy lands and other lands bordering bodies of water; and
7. Perform such other related task and function that may be assigned to it from time to time.

The Task Force shall be assisted in its tasks by a Technical Support Group to be composed of action officers that shall keep track of all official business of the Task Force. The composition of the Technical Support Group shall be determined by the Team Leader to whose the group will be attached.

The Task Force is hereby authorized to call on any office, official or employee of the Department for assistance and support in its activities.

All expenses to be incurred in the course of the performance of their duties, functions and responsibilities under this Order shall be charged against the respective allotments of the offices of the members and the Team Leader.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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Secretary

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