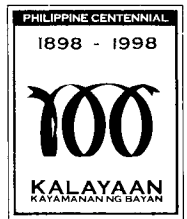




DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENT AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES



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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER:**

No. 2000 - 234 )

**SUBJECT : CREATING THE PHILIPPINE CROCODILE  
RECOVERY TEAM**

In the interest of the service and in order to address the continuing decline in the population of the Philippine Crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*) and to strengthen international cooperation and partnership in the conservation of the species, a Philippine Crocodile Recovery Team is hereby created, as follows:

**I. COMPOSITION**

1. Undersecretary for Policy and Technical Services, DENR – Chairperson
2. Director, Protected Areas & Wildlife Bureau - Vice-Chairperson
3. Project Director, Crocodile Farming Institute - Member & National Coordinator
4. Mr. Chris Banks, IUCN Coordinator for South East Asian Conservation Programs - Member & International Coordinator
5. Asst. Director Mundita Lim, PAWB - Member
6. Dr. Angel Alcala, Siliman University - Member
7. Ms. Collete Adams, Gladys Porter Zoo - Member
8. Representative from the concerned PAMB and/or DENR Regional Offices - Member

**II. FUNCTIONS**

The Team shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

1. Develop a "National Recovery Plan for the Philippine Crocodile (*Crocodylus mindorensis*)" that will serve as the basic framework in addressing the causal factors in the population decline of the species. The said Plan shall include, among others, the strategic objectives, research and management priorities, detailed activities, and budgetary requirements to possibly carry out the identified priority actions;
2. Oversee/lead in the implementation of the said Plan in collaboration with all concerned parties;
3. Endeavor to access financial support and other resources for the implementation of the Plan and provide recommendations on their effective use;
4. Foster community awareness, promote exchange of information and provide technical advice and advocacy on *C. mindorensis* and its conservation as required;

5. Develop mechanism to integrate *C. mindorensis* research and management with wider wetland conservation efforts and organizations in the Philippines;
6. Thru the National and International Coordinators, coordinate the implementation of the Plan and all conservation activities for *C. mindorensis* with concerned and/or relevant parties, locally and internationally;
7. Conduct annual review of the implementation status of the Plan and other activities under this Order;
8. Perform other relevant duties as may be necessary and legally possible; and,
9. Submit annual progress reports to the Secretary, DENR regularly.

The Team shall be assisted by a Secretariat composed of the following:

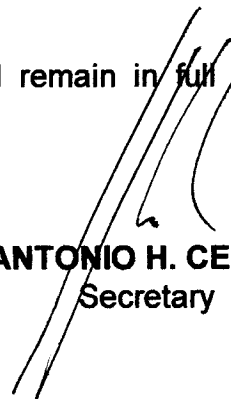
1. Chief, Wildlife Management Division, PAWB - Head
2. Chief, Wildlife Programs/Projects Section, PAWB - Member
3. Ms. Althea O. Lota, PAWB - Member
4. Dr. Ma. Theresa Aquino, CFI - Member

The Secretariat shall provide administrative and technical support to the Team, prepare notices and materials for the meeting, and record the proceedings of the meeting.

The Team may avail the technical services of other staff of the DENR/PAWB to accomplish its mandate and responsibilities under this Order.

All expenses to be incurred by the Team and its Secretariat in pursuit of this Order, except international travel costs and other incidental expenses of the members from the international/foreign institutions, shall be chargeable against the appropriations of PAWB, CFI and other concerned DENR Offices, subject to availability of funds, and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain in full force and effect unless revoked in writing.

  
**ANTONIO H. CERILLES**  
Secretary