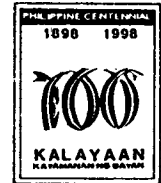




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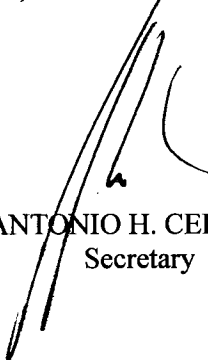
**SUBJECT: Placing all Geographic Information Systems Units of Bureaus, Attached Agencies and DENR-administered Programs and Projects under DSSO Management.**

Pursuant to DAO 99-55 mandating the Geographic Information System Unit, DSSO to develop and operationalize an integrated GIS-based data management system for DENR and to address the issues of fragmentation and redundancies associated with mapping and the general lack of consistent and comprehensive geographic information, GIS units of line bureaus and DENR-administered programs and projects are hereby placed under the management of the DSSO.

The DSSO shall be tasked with facilitating the establishment of the enabling environment including policy, organization and procedure, technology, data standards and technical skills to expedite the generation and distribution of maps and other geographic information for better decision- and policy-making.

For effective functional integration, all GIS-related staff of the aforementioned offices shall report directly to the Head of the GIS Unit, DSSO for better coordination but shall retain the role of representing the geographic information requirements of their respective mother offices.

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes, modifies and amends all prior orders or instructions inconsistent herewith.

  
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