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DENR SPECIAL ORDER NO. 2001 - <u>3&1</u>

SUBJECT:

Authorizing the Creation of a Transition Committee for the Conservation of Priority Protected Areas Project

(CPPAP) in view of the Project's Closure

by June 30, 2002

In the interest of the DENR's thrust to ensure smooth turnover of CPPAP to DENR in anticipation of its closure by June 30, 2002, a Transition Committee is hereby created to facilitate the execution of processes / procedures necessary for the phasing-in of DENR and phasing- out of CPPAP.

The Transition Committee shall be composed of the following key officials of the DENR, NGOs for Integrated Protected Areas, Inc. (NIPA) and Technical Assistance for Biodiversity Conservation (TABC):

- 1. Undersecretary for ENR Operations, Chairman
- 2. Undersecretary for Policy and Planning, Vice Chairman
- 3. PAWB Director
- 4. FASPO Director
- 5. NIPA President
- 6. NIPA Board of Trustees Member (Vice President for Internal Affairs)
- 7. CPPAP Co- Directors
- 8. TABC Co Managers

The Transition Committee shall guarantee, among other things, that:

1. The commitments of the Conservation of Priority Protected Areas Project as contained in various project documents be complied before the project closure date;

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- 2. Activities in the ten (10) CPPAP sites be continued and sustained by providing budgetary appropriations to finance core staff and core activities, including networking and linkaging with stakeholders that can provide additional assistance.
- 3. Procedures for the smooth transfer of CPPAP assets / properties to the DENR are facilitated.
- 4. Other functions deemed necessary by the DENR Secretary are performed.

A Transition Committee Secretariat shall be composed of representatives from the following offices:

- 1. One (1) PAWB representative
- 2. Two (2) CPPAP-PCU representatives (1 GOP and 1 NIPA)
- 3. One (1) TABC representative

The Secretariat shall coordinate and facilitate the conduct of Committee meetings, prepare all documents needed by the Committee, and perform other functions as may be required by the Committee.

All expenses incurred shall be chargeable against CPPAP funds.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary