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**DENR SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2002-32

**SUBJECT : CREATING THE PHILIPPINE PLANT CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE, DESIGNATING ITS MEMBERS AND  
DEFINING ITS FUNCTIONS**

In the best interest of the service, in pursuit of Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act of 2001, and in order to address the Philippine commitments to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the conservation needs of plant resources in the country, a "**Philippine Plant Conservation Committee**" is hereby created to be composed of the following:

- 1) Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) - Chairperson
- 2) Director Gregorio I. Texon, ASEAN Regional Center for Biodiversity Conservation (ARCBC) - Vice-Chair
- 3) Assistant Director, PAWB - Member
- 4) Dr. Edwino S. Fernando, Makiling Center for Mountain Ecosystems, UP Los Baños - - do -
- 5) Dr. Domingo A. Madulid National Museum of the Philippines - - do -
- 6) Dr. Daniel A. Lagunzad Institute of Biology, UP Diliman - - do -
- 7) Dr. William Sm. Gruezo, UP Los Baños - - do -
- 8) Dr. Prescillano M. Zamora National Academy of Science and Technology - - do -
- 9) Dr. Lawrence Liao University of San Carlos, Cebu - - do -
- 10) Dr. Leonard L. Co Institute of Botany, UP Diliman - - do -
- 11) Dr. Aida B. Lapis Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau - - do -
- 12) Dr. Sofio B. Quintana Forest Management Bureau - - do -
- 13) Chiefs, Technical Divisions of PAWB - - do -

The Committee shall perform the following duties and responsibilities:

- 1) Develop a national framework on plant conservation to be known as the "Philippine Plant Conservation Strategy and Action Plan (PPCSAP)". In the development of this Plan, the Committee shall integrate, as appropriate, the strategies, plans and recommendations provided in the National Biodiversity Conservation Priorities, Global Strategy for Plant Conservation and Global Taxonomy Initiative of the Convention on Biological Diversity
- 2) Serve the "National Red List Authority of the Philippines on Plants", and as such shall:
  - a) Establish the national list of threatened Philippine plants or plant species that need priority attention for protection and conservation;
  - b) Develop the list of economically important plant species in the country; and
  - c) Formulate other policies on plant conservation as necessary
- 3) Organize workshops and/or public consultations and ensure that the views and concerns of the general public are addressed in the framework and policy documents to be developed;
- 4) Submit regular reports on the progress of its operations and activities to the Secretary, DENR;
- 5) Perform other duties as necessary to ensure completion of its tasks under this Order

The Committee is authorized to create Sub-Committee(s) or Working Group(s) to address specific topics/needs as may be identified by the Committee. For this purpose, the Committee may tap the services of other experts and DENR personnel as necessary.

The Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau shall serve as the Secretariat of the Committee, with members to be designated by its Director.

All reasonable expenses to be incurred in pursuit of this Order shall be chargeable against the DENR/PAWB funds, subject to availability of funds and usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately and shall remain valid and in force unless revoke in writing.

  
**ELISEA G. GOZUN**  
Secretary