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**DENR Special Order**

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**SUBJECT : The creation of a task force on environmental protection under the Office of the Secretary to be known as the TASK FORCE SAGIP - KALIKASAN.**

In line with the mandate of the E.O. 192, as the primary agency in the protection and maintenance of the country's Environment and Natural Resources, in order to avoid further danger to the environment and natural resources of the country and in order to institutionalize a system that shall be responsible for the protection of the whole country's environment and natural resources, the Office of the Task Force on Environmental Protection to be known as Task Force Sagip-Kalikasan is hereby established under the Office of the Secretary, with the following guidelines:

**A. Composition of the Task Force**

The Task Force Office shall be established under the Office of the Secretary to be headed by Gen. Alfonso P. Dagudag (Ret.). The Executive Office shall be headed by the Chief of Staff as Chief Executive Officer of the Task Force and shall directly report to the Task Force Head on all concerns within its jurisdiction. The Task Force shall be composed of the following Divisions:

1. Administrative and Logistics
2. Operation/Intelligence
3. Legal

**B. Functions of the Task Force**

The functions of the Task force shall be as follows:

1. It shall be an implementing arm of the Secretary in the enforcement of environmental laws, rules, regulations and directives specially on matters of great importance as may be determined by the Secretary;

2. Investigate and Arrest the violators of environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulations, likewise seized the proceeds, tools and equipment's use by the violators;
3. Assure, monitor and assist in the prosecutions of those apprehended for violation of environmental law until their final conviction;
4. Establish a data base of all the operation of the task force including the monitoring of the prosecution of the cases and make a regular report to the Secretary;
5. Recommend to the Secretary for the deputation of agencies of government or employees, institution, individuals and other concerned citizen as environmental officer that would support or directly operate with the task force;
6. Re-organize the Forest Rangers to be an effective protector of the environment, and capable to enforce the directives of the Secretary and the environment and natural resources laws, rules and regulation;
7. It shall be the coordinating center of DENR with other agency of government in the campaign of the Secretary in environmental protection;
8. Establish a data bank of all information and issues affecting the environment and natural resources;
9. Perform such function as may be assigned by the Secretary from time to time;

#### C. Funding

The initial funding of the Task Force shall be provided by the Office of the Secretary and be later on drawn to other sources as may be determined by the Secretary.

#### D. Effectivity Clause

This order shall take effect immediately and hereby revokes all orders and issuance's inconsistent herewith.

  
**MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR**  
Secretary