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**SPECIAL ORDER**

No. 2021- 348

**SUBJECT: CREATION OF THE NATIONAL NIPAS REVIEW COMMITTEE  
TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

In the interest of the service and to facilitate the thorough review of pertinent documents of the proposed protected areas for establishment/disestablishment following provisions of the National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act as amended, the creation of the Technical/Legal Working Group (TWG) for National NIPAS Review Committee (NRRC) is hereby authorized to be composed of the following:

Chairperson : Assistant Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau

Members : Ms. Amie Rabang, Forest Management Bureau  
Ms. Nelissa Maria Rocas, Forest Management Bureau  
Atty. Maria Emma Gille Mercado, DENR Legal Affairs Service  
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Atty. Marlou P. Alutaya, Land Management Bureau  
Engr. Marivic E. Yao, Environmental Management Bureau  
Engr. Marcial H. Mateo, Mines and Geosciences Bureau  
For. Teodorico L. Marquez, Jr., Mines and Geosciences Bureau

The TWG shall perform the following functions:

1. Review and evaluate all pertinent documents and processes required for the establishment or disestablishment of protected areas as submitted by Regional Office;
2. Review and ensure that there is no overlapping or conflicting tenurial instruments or land uses and other existing issues within the proposed protected area; and
3. Provide recommendations to the NRRC whether to establish or disestablish the proposed protected area based on the results of the review of the submitted documents.

The National Parks Division of the Biodiversity Management Bureau will serve as Secretariat of the TWG.

All expenses to be incurred in the operations of the abovementioned TWG shall be charged against their respective offices subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

**ROY A. CIMATU**  
Secretary

