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SPECIAL ORDER No. 2023 - 206

SUBJECT

AUTHORIZING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE MONTH

OF THE OCEAN (MOO) 2023

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 57, Series of 1998 declaring the May of each year as the "Month of the Ocean" in the Philippines, the observance and activities hereto is hereby authorized. In continuation to the adherence to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) with the message, "The Science We Need for The Ocean We Want", the DENR will adopt the UNESCO Ocean Decade Challenge 3 "Sustainably Feed the Global Population" and will be this year's MOO theme.

Attached are the corresponding official MOO logo and banner design to be used as campaign materials for the event. Do not alter or edit the UN logo in any way such as changing the color scheme, or rearranging and omitting words or information. All regional offices and partners shall use the MOO logo in the production of all collaterals to be used in the conduct of MOO activities.

All Regions are therefore directed to coordinate with other concerned agencies, academe, NGOs, POs, and other partners for the promotion and awareness raising of this year's MOO theme. Regional Executive Directors are authorized to issue Regional Special Orders relevant to this celebration of the MOO 2023 within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

Expenses to be incurred in relation to the activities shall be charged against regional/field offices' funds respectively subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

The BMB Director is authorized to change the date and time of activities, as necessary, and conflict of schedule with other priority programs of the DENR, among others. The BMB shall notify Human Resource Development Service of any changes in the activities.

The BMB shall submit a consolidated report to the undersigned through the link bit.ly/LNDportal within 15 days after the completion of the activities of the celebration.

This Order shall take effect on the dates herein specified.

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