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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
No. 2023 - 598

**SUBJECT : AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES IN  
CELEBRATION OF THE 2023 INTERNATIONAL COASTAL  
CLEANUP (ICC) DAY**

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 470, Series of 2003, the observance of the 2023 International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day on 16 September 2023, Saturday with the theme "Clean Seas for Healthy Fisheries" is hereby authorized. The theme is aligned with the objectives of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development - Ocean Decade Challenge Three, which aims to Sustainably Feed the Global Population.

As such, the following are the identified cleanup sites for **Metro Manila**:

<b>Cleanup Location</b>	<b>Lead Office</b>
SM By The Bay, Pasay City	DENR NCR
Las Piñas - Parañaque Wetland Park (LPPWP)	BMB
Tanza Marine Tree Park, Navotas City	NWRB, NRDC
Manila Baywalk Dolomite Beach	MBCO/Central Office
Shores of Brgys. Tongos North and South, Navotas City	LMB
Tullahan River, Brgy. San Bartolome, Novaliches, Quezon City	MGB
Pasig River (Lawton Ferry Station, Manila)	NCR
Baseco Beach, City of Manila	EMB
H20 Hotel, Manila Ocean Park, Roxas Boulevard, City of Manila	LLDA, FMB
Back of Solaire Resort, Tambo Paranaque City	NAMRIA

The above-mentioned offices in support of the DENR - NCR shall take the lead in the coordination and mobilization of respective partners and stakeholders, youth, and women, in each specific site.

The Regional Offices shall likewise be expected to identify their cleanup sites in collaboration with the regional BFAR offices, EMB regional offices, and local government units, among others. The Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) shall oversee the execution of the event nationwide.

The following guidelines are to be followed during the conduct of ICC:

1. The attached official logo ([tinyurl.com/ICC2023Collaterals](https://tinyurl.com/ICC2023Collaterals)) may be used for social media banners, shirt designs, and for the production of identified collaterals in the conduct of ICC Day.
2. **No physical banner (tarpaulin)** shall be printed and displayed during the event; and
3. **Trash Data forms from Ocean Conservancy** shall be utilized during the nationwide cleanup activities.

All DENR officials and employees from the Central Office, Regional Offices, Bureaus, and Attached Agencies are hereby requested to participate in the said event. Participation in the said activity shall be on official time with a one (1) day offsetting privilege to be used until December 29, 2023. All related expenses to be incurred during the conduct of the activity shall be charged against identified DENR funds, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All DENR offices shall submit a report consolidating data gathered during the ICC Day fifteen (15) days after the activity to the Coastal and Marine Division of the Biodiversity Management Bureau for national consolidation and submission to the Philippine Coordinator for Ocean Conservancy. The BMB shall submit a consolidated report to the undersigned fifteen (15) days after the consolidation of submitted regional reports.

All Regional Executive Directors are authorized to reschedule the date and time of the activities, as necessary in cases of inclement weather, safety, security concerns, and among others at the regional level, while in Metro Manila the BMB Director can amend the schedule of cleanup.

This Order shall take effect on the dates herein specified.



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