



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
KAGAWARAN NG KAPALIGIRAN AT LIKAS YAMAN



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**SPECIAL ORDER**  
NO. 2023- 734

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT/ORGANIZATION OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (NTWG) FOR THE NATIONAL STATE OF THE OCEANS AND COASTS (NSOC) REPORT**

In the interest of service and in line with the Philippines' commitment as a country partner of the Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), the Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), hereby creates a National Technical Working Group (NTWG) for the National State of the Oceans and Coasts (NSOC) Report. The NTWG shall be composed of the following:

**I. COMPOSITION OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

**DENR Bureaus, Attached Agencies, and Offices**

- a. Biodiversity Management Bureau
- b. Climate Change Service
- c. Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau
- d. Environmental Management Bureau
- e. Forest Management Bureau
- f. Foreign-Assisted and Special Project Services
- g. Laguna Lake Development Authority
- h. Manila Bay Coordinating Office
- i. Mines and Geosciences Bureau
- j. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
- k. National Water Resources Board
- l. Policy and Planning Service
- m. River Basin Coordinating Office

**II. ROLES OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP**

1. Participation in a series of meetings, discussions, and workshops, encompassing both virtual and in-person sessions, for the updating of the NSOC Report;
2. Contribution of pertinent data, research studies, project reports, policies, plans, programs, and other initiatives related to our coasts and oceans; and

3. Collaborative engagement with fellow NTWG colleagues to review the draft versions of the NSOC 2024 Report, and provide comments, suggestions, and information that would be useful in refining and finalizing the NSOC 2024 report.

### III. SECRETARIAT

The Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) and the Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service (FASPS) shall serve as the Secretariat in the meetings and workshops in the development and updating of the NSOC.

This Special Order remains effective in the succeeding events of updating the NSOC report. This Special Order may be amended as deemed necessary through the issuance of another Special Order.

This Order shall take effect immediately.



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