



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

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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2024- 706

SUBJECT : CREATION OF THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATLAS OF THE PROTECTED AREAS

In the interest of service and to ensure efficient and effective management of protected areas in the country, a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the development of the Atlas of the Protected Areas is hereby created with members and functions, as follows:

- Chairperson : Undersecretary for Legal and Administration and Supervising Undersecretary for BMB
- Co-Chairperson : Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity and concurrent Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau
- Member : Administrator, National Mapping and Resource Information Authority
- Head, Geospatial Data Office
- Director, Knowledge and Information Systems Service
- Division Chiefs, Biodiversity Management Bureau
- Executive Director, Philippines Biodiversity Conservation Foundation Inc. (PhilBio)
- On call Member : Representative, Philippine Space Agency

Functions of the TWG

1. Compile and analyze available data related to protected areas including identification of gaps in the available geospatial layers, ecosystems within PAs, documenting threatened and indicator species;
2. Conduct of rapid site assessments and community consultations to validate the data gathered;
3. Conduct workshops and focus group discussions on the development of the Atlas;
4. Finalize concept note and multi-year work and financial plan; and
5. Develop and publish the atlas of protected areas

The TWG shall be assisted by a Secretariat from the BMB-Biodiversity Policy and Knowledge Management Division and National Parks Division.

The TWG may also invite experts and representatives from other DENR Offices and agencies concerned to facilitate the publication of the Atlas of Protected Areas.

All related expenses to be incurred in the implementation of this Order shall be charged against DENR funds, subject to the existing accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force for the duration of the Project or until revoked in writing.



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