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**Joint DENR - DA Administrative Order**  
**No. 2020 - 02**

**SUBJECT: ADOPTING THE NATIONAL INVASIVE SPECIES STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN-PHILIPPINES: 2020-2030 AS THE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF INVASIVE ALIEN SPECIES IN THE COUNTRY**

In pursuit of the objectives of the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act (Republic Act No. 9147), the Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System (NIPAS) Act (Republic Act No. 11038), the Plant Quarantine Law (Presidential Decree No. 1433), the Amended Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998 (Republic Act No. 10654), and the Philippine commitments under the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), and to address the threats of invasive alien species (IAS) to Philippine biodiversity, economy and social welfare, the National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP) for the Philippines (2020-2030) attached hereto as "Annex A" is hereby adopted for information and guidance of all concerned.

The NISSAP provides nine (9) strategic goals towards a holistic, collaborative and multi-sectoral approach in managing the risks of IAS. These are: (1) leadership and coordination; (2) prevention; (3) early detection and rapid response; (4) control and management; (5) restoration; (6) research and information management; (7) education and public awareness; (8) international cooperation; and (9) training needs. Each of the nine strategic goals provide its guiding principles, objectives, implementing guidelines and planned actions spanning three timelines – short term (2020-2021), medium term (2022-2023) and long-term (2024-2030).

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB), Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB), Forest Management Bureau (BMB), and Environmental Management Bureau (EMB); and the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), and Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) shall disseminate the NISSAP, undertake capacity building for field offices and other relevant agencies, coordinate the conduct of surveys and researches, undertake public awareness campaigns, and develop specific policy guidelines to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the NISSAP by all concerned.

The DENR, through the BMB and the DA through its Policy Research Service shall facilitate the creation of the inter-agency coordinating body for IAS. Further, the DENR and DA, in collaboration with other concerned agencies and stakeholders are hereby authorized to coordinate the implementation and mainstreaming of the NISSAP with the plans and programs of concerned national government agencies and local government units including government-owned and controlled corporations and government financial institutions and state universities and colleges. The NISSAP shall be revised and updated as often as necessary to integrate relevant developments on IAS management.

Funds for the implementation of the NISSAP shall be included in the annual budgetary proposal of concerned DENR and DA offices.

All Department Orders, Circulars, and other issuances consistent herewith are hereby amended, repealed, or modified accordingly.

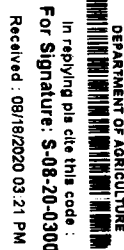
This Order shall take effect immediately.

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## Foreword

The incursion of alien species, alongside with habitat destruction and resource exploitation, has been blamed for biodiversity loss. In the same light, these invasive species disturb habitats and ecosystems and pose threats to human health. They also cause detrimental effects on the economy by encumbering the agricultural, forestry and fisheries industries. Thus, it was deemed vital to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species and effectively reduce their impacts on biodiversity.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) through the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) had reached another milestone in addressing the problem of invasive alien species, as called for by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) to which we are signatories to. I am privileged to lead the adoption of this crucial and rationalized blueprint, the National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP). With the NISSAP, relevant government agencies, in collaboration with scientific experts and community members, shall be guided towards achieving a coordinated effort to set specific policies, priority projects, and programs to arrest biological invasions.

As we embark on this new and challenging task, I enjoin the active participation and support of all DENR Bureaus and its attached agencies, regional field units, other relevant government departments, local government units, academe, private sector and civil society organizations.

Let us put this plan into tangible actions for the benefit of the environment and society as a whole.

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