DENR Administrative Order No. 98 - 06 February 18, 1998

SUBJECT : Procedure on the Utilization of the Trust Fund of the Sulu and Celebes Seas.

Pursuant to Proclamation No. 1028 declaring the Sulu and Celebes Seas as Marine and Coastal Integrated Conservation and Development Zone (MCICDZ) and creating the Presidential Commission for the Integrated Conservation and Development of the Sulu and Celebes Seas (PCICDSCS), the Department hereby adopts the following procedure of fund disbursement for the programs/projects/activities for the MCICDZ.

Section 1 Objective. This procedure aims to enhance the delivery of services due to all programs/projects/activities for the MCICDZ.

Sec. 2 Responsibility Centers. The Executive Office organized under the supervision of the lead of the Technical Working Group of the PCICDSCS shall be responsible for the efficient flow of financial transactions for the effective implementation of MCICDZ the programs/projects activities.

For expenses of the programs/projects/activities assigned to the Sub-committees of the TWG, the respective heads shall recommend disbursement of funds and submit corresponding financial document to the Comptroller for the PCICDSCS funds. The Comptroller records the transaction(s) and submits the documents to the Executive Officer of the PCICDSCS-TWG. The latter approves disbursement voucher(s).

For the expenses of the Executive Office of the PCICDSCS-TWG, the Executive Officer recommends disbursement for approval of the Head of the TWG. The transactions here are likewise recorded by the Comptroller. The Head of the TWG and/or the Executive Officer shall render regular reports on the financial status and project implementation to the Chairperson of the Commission.

Sec. 3 Allowable transactions. Programs/projects/ activities that are within the approved Indicative Plan for the MCICDZ and/or corresponding operational plans shall be allowed for funding under the Trust Fund of the Sulu and Celebes Seas. All transactions shall be subject to pertinent accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Sec. 4 Effectivity. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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