

# **PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE SECTOR**

**DENR Administrative Order**  
**No. 03**  
**January 13, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Procedural and/or Documentary Requirements. Guidelines and/or Criteria to be Observed and/or Followed in the Selection of Representatives of Local Government Units (LGUs), Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and People's Organizations (POS) to the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB)**

Pursuant to Letters d, e, and g of Section 19, DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 25, Series of 1992, or the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) Implementing Rules and Regulations, the municipalities and barangays covered by a particular protected area and local NGOs, POs and/or church or civic organizations based in or near the same shall be represented in the PAMB. The following are the procedural and/or documentary requirements, guidelines and/or criteria to be observed and/or followed in the selection of the members of the PAMB representing the LGUs, NGOs and/or POs concerned, thus:

**A. Local Government Units (LGUS)**

1. Accomplished personal data sheet;
2. Certification/endorsement from the head of the concerned office, e.g., a representative of the Barangay Captain or the Mayor shall be endorsed/certified to by the Barangay Captain or Municipal Mayor concerned. In case the barangay or the municipality is represented by the Barangay Captain or Mayor themselves, the corresponding Sangguniang Barangay and/or Pambayan Resolution ratifying their membership to the PAMB shall be required;
3. In case the PAMB member who is an elected local government official is not re-elected for another term, he may continue as a PAMB member unless majority of the PAMB members with the concurrence of the majority Sangguniang members concerned decide otherwise; and
4. Each Municipal Government Unit shall be entitled to only one representative.

## **B. Non-government Organizations (NGOS) and People's Organizations (POS)**

The NGO and PO representation in the PAMB shall be limited to a maximum of seven (7) and five (5), respectively. If there are consortia within the area, each consortium is entitled to one (1) representative only.

The NGO, PO and/or consortia representatives must be:

1. Known to be with interest, integrity and commitment to the conservation of natural resources;
2. Reputable and socially acceptable to the concerned or affected communities;
3. Preferably locally-based in operations;
4. With capability related to protected area community management and/or can be trained if there are capability gaps; and
5. Having at least three (3) years experience in handling environmental and other related programs.

The NGOS and POS themselves must be accredited based on the procedures mandated by the Department's Regional NGO Desk concerned and DAO No. 52, Series of 1992.

This Order takes effect immediately.

SO ORDERED.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA**  
Secretary

**DENR Administrative Order  
No. 05  
February 02, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Guidelines in the Selection, Awards, Monitoring and Evaluation of Host Non-Government Organizations in the Conservation of Priority Protected Areas Project.**

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 7586 otherwise known as the NIPAS Law and to fully conserve and protect the identified ten (10) priority sites under the CPPAP, the following guidelines in the selection, award, monitoring and evaluation of Host Non-Government Organizations (HNGO) are hereby promulgated:

**CHAPTER I  
TITLE, POLICY, OBJECTIVES, DEFINITION OF TERMS**

**Sec. 1. Title.** This Administrative Order shall be known as "Guidelines in Selection, Awards, Monitoring and Evaluation of Host NGOs under the CPPAP".

**Sec. 2. Basic Policy.** The DENR shall encourage and promote the active partnership of the Government with local NGOs/People's Organizations (POs) and the like in the CPPAP.

**Sec. 3. Objectives.**

1. To provide guidelines on the selection, awards, monitoring and evaluation of Host NGOs in the protected sites identified under CPPAP.
2. To provide a mechanism for greater DENR-NGO/PO collaboration in piloting RA 7586, its support policies and the agreements between DENR and World Bank and between NIPA Inc. and World Bank.
3. To ensure genuine local NGO/PO/Indigenous Cultural Community's (ICC) participation in DENR's biodiversity conservation program.

**Sec. 4. Definition of Terms.**

1. NIPA Inc. - NGOs for Integrated Protected Areas Inc. A consortium of NGOs that co-implements the CPPAP with the DENR.

2. PAMB - Protected Area Management Board. The locally based management board composed of representatives from government units, NGOs/POs and (ICCs) and from other local government agencies involved. It is headed by the Regional Executive Director of the DENR and is authorized to plan, manage and monitor the implementation of the Protected Area management activities. It shall be appointed by the Secretary on an interim capacity, as per Section 28 of DAO 25 Series of 1992, until a final PAMB is created after congressional action.
3. PAWB - Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau. The Bureau under the DENR that is co-implementing the CPPAP together with NIPA Inc.
4. NGO - Non-Government Organization. Refers to a private, non-stock, non-profit voluntary organization that is committed to the task of socio-economic and sustainable development and is established primarily for service. Cooperatives, POs and ICCs shall be considered as NGOs under this Order.
5. HNGO - Host NGO. For purposes of shortlisting, it is the NGO, or a consortium of NGOs, that is present and operating in the protected area. It is tasked to co-implement the CPPAP in the site.

## **CHAPTER II**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF HOST NGO**

**Sec. 5. The Host NGO shall have the following functions and responsibilities:**

1. Establish and equip an office in or immediately adjacent to the Protected Area to serve as a base for PAMB and NGO operations.
2. Facilitate the establishment and operations of the PAMB.
3. Provide technical and support services to the PAMB and the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu).

4. Assist PAMB and the PASu in the preparation, review, revision and implementation of the management plan.
5. Manage project funds under the procedures and rules established by NIPA Inc. and maintain project accounts for monitoring by official representatives of the PAMB, NIPA Inc. or the World Bank.
6. Identify local residents, cooperatives, NGOs, POs and ICCs that qualify for participation in Protected Area projects.
7. Solicit from locally-based NGOs/Cooperatives/POs/ICCs proposals for livelihood and other activities consistent with the objectives of the project.
8. Supervise and monitor sub-loan and sub-grant activities of beneficiaries viz. livelihood projects.
9. Procure equipment as may be required by the project in accordance with existing guidelines.
10. Develop and implement a training program for PAMB members, DENR PA staff and HNGO staff involved in the project.
11. Undertake community organizing and development work within site and vicinities.
12. Provide the needed assistance to local participants.
13. Submit reports regularly to NIPA Inc. and PASu.

### **CHAPTER III SELECTION OF HOST NGO**

#### **Sec. 6. Selection of Host NGO**

##### **a. Announcement of Need for Host NGO**

A one day orientation conference at each site will be conducted by NIPA Inc. in coordination with local NGOs/POs/ICCs, PASU and the DENR Regional Executive Director (RED) together with the local government units to discuss the CPPAP, its objectives and requirements.

As per Chapter III, Section 3(c) of DAO 25 Series of 1992, the NIPA Inc. together with the DENR RED as PAMB chairman will announce, invite and accept applications of interested NGOs/POs/ICCs as site Host NGO. The NIPA Inc. can also recommend to the RED to invite other NGOs/POs that are not yet accredited by the DENR. The NGOs invited shall prepare and submit a letter of interest to participate as Host NGO addressed to the RED with necessary documentary evidence of their capability and track record at a deadline to be set by the RED and NIPA Inc.

b. Criteria for NGO Shortlisting

The following are the criteria to be used for shortlisting interested NGO as Host NGO:

1. Incorporated with Charter, Board and Officers;
2. Not - for - profit;
3. At least three (3) years operational history;
4. Grassroots community development oriented;
5. Integrity, commitment, reliability;
6. Presence in the site/area;
7. Capability in community organizing and development work;
8. Knowledge/capability in PA conservation, biodiversity or general environmental conservation work;
9. Financial management capabilities;
10. Capability to work together with GO, LGU, NGO, POs, ICCs and Cooperatives;

\* A non-incorporated NGO or a consortium of NGO can be shortlisted as HNGO provided it shall incorporate itself after selection; incorporated NGOs must be accredited by DENR.

c. Consortium of NGOs

A consortium of local NGOs represented by one of its member NGOs can participate as HNGO or it may opt to be incorporated as a consortium to be considered as the HNGO. The HNGO will be the overall fund manager which is responsible to NIPA Inc. for project implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

d. NGO Shortlisting Process

All applications received by the RED shall be evaluated within one month after the NIPA orientation conference by a shortlisting committee to be established at the regional level to be composed of the following:

## Shortlisting Committee

1. Regional Executive Director Chairman
2. 4 Representatives from NIPA Inc. Members
3. 1 Representative from NGO/PO network Member\*
4. 1 Representative from Governor's Office(s) Member
5. Regional Technical Director EMPAS Member
6. 3 Representatives from ICCs Members.

\* An NGO which is a member of the shortlisting committee can no longer be considered as HNGO.

### e. Process of Selection

The shortlisting committee shall select the three (3) best NGOs on the basis of the above criteria. The shortlisted NGOs will be required to prepare a full proposal within one month after notification by the Chairman of the Shortlisting Committee. Completed proposals shall be submitted to the Office of the NIPA Inc. at 4C Fil Garcia Tower, Kalayaan Avenue corner Mayaman Sts., Teachers Village, Diliman Quezon City.

### f. Final List Selection Process

All submitted proposals shall be evaluated by the Final List Selection Committee composed of the following:

1. NIPA Inc. President Chairman
2. 8 NIPA Board of Trustees Members
3. NIPA Program Manager Member
4. Project Coordination Unit Project Director Member

The criteria in the selection of the HNGO for a particular site are hereon prescribed with the corresponding weights as follows:

	ITEM	PERCENT
1.	Organizational Capability	50
2.	Implementation Strategy	25
3.	Capability of participating individuals	25



**CHAPTER IV  
MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF HNGO**

**Sec. 7.** The HNGO will submit monthly and quarterly progress reports to NIPA Inc. and PAMB including the livelihood financial reports. Monitoring and Evaluation guidelines shall be drafted by the DENR and NIPA Inc. for HNGO guidance.

**CHAPTER V  
GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Sec. 8. Repealing Clause.** This order amends, modifies, and repeals any order inconsistent herewith.

**Sec. 9. Effectivity.** This Order takes effect immediately.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA  
Secretary**

Recommending Approval:

**SABADO T. BATCAGAN**  
Assistant Secretary  
Environment and Research Programs

**DENR Administrative Order**  
**No. 06**  
**March 03, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Creation of a National Biodiversity Unit Under the Office of the Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau**

In the interest of the service and in order to facilitate and operationalize the Biodiversity Country Study Project, a National Biodiversity Unit (NBU) is hereby created with the following functions, to wit:

**1. PAWB Director**

- a. Provides direction to the implementation of the Biodiversity Country Study Project;
- b. Provides advice and guidance to the National Coordinator; and
- c. Takes lead in establishing the necessary linkages to attain the goals of the project on time.

**2. National Coordinator**

- a. Supervises the implementation of the Biodiversity Country Study Project;
- b. Sees to it that the workplan is followed as scheduled;
- c. Develops project management protocols and policies to insure the timely preparation of final outputs;
- d. Reports to PAWB Director; and
- e. Performs other related functions as may be assigned by the Director of PAWB

**3. Assistant Coordinator**

- a. Administers the day-to-day operations of the project;
- b. Supervises all project staff;
- c. Insures that the project staff produce outputs on schedule;

- d. Insures that the project consultants produce outputs as specified in the Terms of Reference (TOR) and project schedule;
  - e. Conducts regular performance evaluation of the project staff; and
  - f. Performs other functions as may be assigned by the National Coordinator.
- 4. Technical Review Staff**
- a. Assists the National Coordinator in assessing and reviewing all documents which are considered project outputs.
- 5. Consultancy Services**
- a. Deliver required outputs as per approved Terms of Reference and work schedule.
- 6. Administrative and Finance Support Staff**
- a. Oversees the administrative and financial requirements of the project;
  - b. Prepares administrative policies for the project;
  - c. Prepares financial policies and reports;
  - d. Manages supplies and project records;
  - e. Handles procurement matters; and
  - f. Performs other functions as may be assigned by the National Coordinator and Asst. Coordinator
- 7. Book and Country Study Unit**
- a. Monitors and evaluates the performance and outputs of the experts and consultants;
  - b. Assists the experts and consultants by way of constant reminders vis-a-vis required outputs;
  - c. Facilitates the conduct of workshops, seminars and meetings relevant to the project requirements;

- d. Coordinates with various government agencies/ organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, individuals as well as international organizations/institutions as necessary and as required by the project; and
- e. Oversees the preparation of the Biodiversity Book.

**8. Strategy and Action Plan Unit**

- a. Monitors and evaluates the performance and outputs of the experts and consultants;
- b. Assists the experts and consultants by way of constant reminders vis-a-vis required outputs;
- c. Facilitates the conduct of workshops, seminars and meetings relevant to the project requirements;
- d. Coordinates with various government agencies/ organizations, non-government organizations, local government units, individuals as well as international organizations/institutions as necessary and as required by the project; and
- e. Oversees the preparation of the Country Study Strategy and action plan.

This Order revokes DENR Special Order No. 1699, Series of 1994 and supersedes all other instructions and orders inconsistent herewith.

This Order takes effect upon approval and terminates after completion of the project in November, 1995.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA**  
Secretary

**DENR Administrative Order  
No. 10  
March 29, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Amendment of DENR Administrative Order No. 42,  
Series of 1994.**

In the interest of the service and in order to recognize the authority of the Interim Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) to decide/approve matters related to protected area management, paragraphs 2 and 3 of DAO 42, S. of 1994 are hereby amended and shall read as follows:

1. The Secretary shall sign all MOAs concerning protected area management until such time that the PAMB for each protected area is organized. Once the PAMB is organized, signing of MOAs and other similar or related documents is hereby delegated to the Chairman of the organized PAMB.
2. All current Memoranda of Agreement entered into and similar or related documents signed by the Secretary will be reviewed by the PAMB. If some amendments are warranted, same shall be incorporated in the amended MOA that will be signed by the PAMB Chairman (Regional Executive Director). If there are no amendments, the documents will be ratified by the PAMB and shall remain in force within the stipulated period indicated therein.

This Order takes effect immediately.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA  
Secretary**

**DENR Administrative Order**

**No. 22**

**June 30, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Accreditation and Registration of Zoos and Wildlife Facilities of Private Collector/s Including Wildlife Stocks Thereat.**

Pursuant to Section 5 (b) of Executive Order 192, Section 7 of Act 2590, as amended, Presidential Decree No. 705, as amended, and in pursuance of the objectives of conserving our wildlife resources, particularly those considered as endemic and threatened, and in order to set forth the processes for the accreditation and registration of zoos and wildlife facilities, including wildfauna maintained thereat, the following are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned:

**Sec. 1. Basic Policy and Objectives.** In consonance with the policy of the State to conserve, manage and protect its wildlife resources and encourage the sustainable use of these resources for the benefit of the present and future generations, zoos and wildlife facilities of private collector/s are required to have their establishments, including wildfauna maintained thereat accredited and registered with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).

**Sec. 2. Definition of Terms.** When used in this Order, the following terms shall be construed to mean as follows:

- 2.1 Accreditation - refers to the act of giving individuals or zoos official authorization to maintain wildfauna for recreational, educational, research and/or scientific purposes with the ultimate objective of breeding the wildlife in their possession for conservation and economic/commercial purposes;
- 2.2 Registration - refers to the act of entering in the DENR's official record the names and addresses of individuals or zoos engaged in the maintenance of wildfauna for recreational, educational, research and/or scientific purposes, including the species and number/species of wildfauna in their possession;
- 2.3 Private collector/s - any individual/s engaged in the acquisition of wildfauna either for recreational purpose or as a hobby and has in his possession one or more heads of live wildfauna.
- 2.4 Zoo - an establishment where a collection of wildfauna is maintained for recreational, education, research, conservation/preservation and scientific purposes and to which the public has access throughout the year.

- 2.5 Wildfauna - refers to wild forms and varieties of species or subspecies of animals, including captive or propagated individuals, that normally/originally grow in the wild and which maintain a genotype;
- 2.6 Acquisition - refers to the act of acquiring wildfauna.
- 2.7 Donation - refers to the act of liberality whereby a party disposes an animal/s in favor of another party who accepts it free of charge.
- 2.8 Exchange - refers to the act whereby a party is bound to give an animal/s in consideration of the other party's promise to give another animal/s.
- 2.9 CITES - is the acronym for the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna.
- 2.10 CITES Appendix I - list of species threatened with extinction and for which trade must be subject to particularly strict regulation and only authorized in exceptional circumstances;
- 2.11 CITES Appendix II - list of species that are not necessarily now threatened with extinction but may become so unless trade is strictly regulated;
- 2.12 F1 progenies - refer to the progenies produced by the founder/parent stocks.
- 2.13 F2 progenies - refer to all progenies produced by F1 generation.
- 2.14 Threatened species - is a general term to denote species which is endangered, vulnerable, rare, indeterminate or insufficiently known.
- 2.15 Captive-bred - refers to offspring bred or otherwise produced in a human-controlled environment for conservation purposes.

**Sec. 3. Public Notification.** Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Order, a notice on the accreditation and registration of zoos and wildlife facilities of private collectors, including wildfauna maintained thereat shall be posted at the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, DENR Regional Offices, PENR Offices and CENR Offices and published in 3 local newspapers of general circulation.

**Sec. 4. Requirements for Accreditation and Registration.**

- 4.1 Duly accomplished and notarized application form (Annex "A");

- 4.2 Documentary stamp (to be affixed on the Certificate of Accreditation);
- 4.3 Inventory list of wildfauna stock (Form attached as Annex "B");
- 4.4 Registration and Accreditation fee in the amount of P 1,000.00.

**Sec. 5. Procedure.**

- 5.1 Application for accreditation and registration shall be filed with the nearest DENR Regional Office within ninety (90) days of the Order coming into force;
- 5.2 Upon receipt of the application and all other requirements, the concerned DENR Office shall immediately conduct an inspection/inventory of the wildfauna for validation purposes;
- 5.3 Thereafter, the DENR Office concerned shall process the accreditation and registration papers/documents for endorsement to the Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB);
- 5.4 The Director, Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) shall thereafter issue the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration of the zoo and private collector/s.

**Sec. 6. Incentives/Privileges of Duly Accredited and Registered Zoos, Private Collectors.** Registered and accredited zoos, private collectors shall have the following incentives/privileges:

- 6.1 Utilize the registered wildfauna as an income generating resource through recreational and education activities;
- 6.2 Engage in the captive breeding of registered wildfauna, own 50% of the progenies and utilize same for commercial purpose, subject to the following:
  - 6.2.1 Only progenies of those species included in the list of allowable species for commercial utilization shall be sold/traded/used for commercial purposes. The list which will be provided by the DENR shall be periodically updated based on the recommendations of the Philippine Scientific and Management Authorities, wildlife experts/scientists from the academe/universities, etc.
  - 6.2.2 A Wildlife Breeding Farm Permit must be secured from the



Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau in accordance with DAO No. 96, Series of 1988;

- 6.2.3 Facilities for captive breeding of species and subspecies listed under CITES Appendix I must also be registered with the CITES Secretariat; Further, all progenies produced shall either be tagged, marked, tattooed following the procedures prescribed by PAWB;
  - 6.2.4 Only F2 progenies of CITES Appendix I species may be traded, subject to existing rules and regulations on commercial trade of CITES species;
  - 6.2.5 F1 progenies of CITES Appendix II and non-CITES species may be traded without CITES accreditation of facilities;
  - 6.2.6 For all species, covered by Section 6.2.1, only fifty percent (50%) of the progenies shall be commercialized. The other 50% shall be owned by the government and may be retrieved by the DENR anytime when deemed necessary;
  - 6.2.7 Exportation of progenies shall be subject to issuance of necessary export documents by PAWB.
- 6.3 Engage in the exchange and/or donation of owned progenies to other accredited zoos, and private collectors or other facilities authorized by the DENR provided that said progenies are duly accredited and registered with the DENR;
  - 6.4 Avail of free technical assistance from the DENR, its Office and employees on matters pertaining to management and propagation of wildlife under custody.

**Sec. 7. Issuance and Duration of Certificate of Accreditation and Registration.** Certification of Accreditation and Registration shall be issued by the PAWB Director to an applicant who has satisfactorily met the requirements for accreditation and registration. Zoos and wildlife facilities established and wildfauna acquired prior to the effectivity of this Order, shall be automatically accredited and registered, subject to DENR rules and regulations.

The Certificate of Accreditation and Registration shall be valid for a period of one (1) year from the date specified therein and may be renewed for the same period.

**Sec. 8. Limitation.**

- 8.1 The Certificate of Accreditation and Registration does not confer the holder the privilege to collect wildfauna from the wild;
- 8.2 Acquisition of additional species/individuals listed under CITES Appendix I is not allowed.

**Sec. 9. Requirements for renewal of Certificate of Accreditation and Registration.**

- 9.1 Duly accomplished and notarized application form;
- 9.2 Annual report;
- 9.3 Photocopy of the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration.

Application to renew the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration shall be files with the concerned DENR Regional Office or PENR Office, not later than two (2) months before the expiration of existing certificate.

The original copy of the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration previously issued shall be surrendered to the DENR Office concerned upon expiration.

**Sec. 10. Visitorial Powers.** DENR personnel authorized to conduct monitoring/inspection or researches/studies shall be allowed free entry into the premises of the zoos and/or area/compound of the wildlife facilities of the private collector/s.

**Sec. 11. Revocation/Cancellation of Certificate of Accreditation and Registration.** Deliberate disregard of the provisions of this Order shall result to the automatic cancellation of the Certificate of Accreditation and Registration and shall cause confiscation of all existing animals in favor of the DENR without prejudice to the application of other measures as provided for by existing laws, rules and regulations.

**Sec. 12. Separability Clause.** The provisions of this Order are hereby declared to be separable, and in the event that one or more provisions are held unconstitutional, the validity of other provisions shall not be affected thereby.

**Sec. 13. Repealing Clause.** All Orders, Memoranda, Circular and other policies inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and/or amended accordingly.

**Sec. 14. Penalties.** Violation of any of the provisions of this Order shall be penalized by the full force of the law pursuant to Act 2590, as amended, or P.D. 705, as amended.

**Sec. 15. Effectivity.** This Order takes effect immediately from the date of signing hereof.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA**  
**Secretary**

**DENR Administrative Order  
No. 28  
November 17, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Amendment to Sections 22, 25 and 26 of DAO No. 25,  
Series of 1992 Re: Composition and Authority of  
PAMB Executive Committee and the Role of PASU**

In order to ensure the effective management and operation of the PAMB and its Executive Committee, Sections 22, 25 and 26 of DAO No. 25, Series of 1992 are hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 22. Executive Committee - In view of the large size of the Management Board expected in some NIPAS sites, the PAMB may create an Executive Committee to be composed of the Regional Technical Director (RTD) or the PENRO concerned as the Chairman; one (1) representative from the autonomous regional government, if applicable; at least two (2) representatives from the Local Government Unit (LGU); two (2) representatives from Non-Government Organizations (NGOs)/People Organizations (POs)/Cultural Communities, if applicable; and one (1) representative from other government unit, as members. The Board shall determine the authorities to be delegated to the Executive Committee.”

“Section 25. Authority of the RED to delegate the PAMB chairmanship - The Secretary shall authorize, as he hereby authorizes, the RED to designate his RTD or PENRO concerned, as the case may be, to represent him as Chairman of the PAMB whenever the RED can not personally attend Board meetings.”

“In the event, however, that a specific protected area falls within the jurisdiction of more than one PENR Office, the PENRO who has the management jurisdiction over the large portion of said protected area shall be designated.”

“Section 26. Secretariat - The protected area staff shall serve as the Secretariat to the PAMB and Executive Committee under the direction of the Protected Area Superintendent.”

This Order takes effect immediately and supersedes all other orders and issuances inconsistent herewith.

**VIRGILIO Q. MARCELO  
Acting Secretary**

**DENR Memorandum Order**

**No. 08**

**April 04, 1995**

**SUBJECT : Clarification on the Provisions of the NIPAS Law  
Regarding the Modification of Boundary of the  
Protected Area and its Buffer Zone**

Pursuant to Section 7 of the NIPAS Act and Section 5 of DAO 25, Series of 1992, the boundaries of a protected areas can be modified in accordance with the set procedures. In cases where additional public lands are recommended by the people for inclusion in a protected area or its buffer zone, any proposed DENR project or processing of applications for lease/license/permit pertaining to the use of the land must be held in abeyance until such time that the area has been established as protected area or buffer zone through Presidential Proclamation.

Thereafter, the use of the land shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the NIPAS law, its implementing rules and regulations and other related support policies.

SO ORDERED.

**ANGEL C. ALCALA**  
**Secretary**