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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER No. 2010 – 27

## SUBJECT: Transfer of the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center, formerly Crocodile Farming Institute from the Natural Resources Development Corporation to the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 786 of 19 March 1982 and Executive Order No. 192 of 10 June 1987, in pursuit of the objectives of Republic Act 9147 otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act" and DENR Administrative Order No. 99-45 dated 05 November 1999, the supervision and management of the **Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (PWRCC), formerly Crocodile Farming Institute** is hereby transferred from the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC) to the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB). All Project documents, records, equipment, facilities, supplies and materials, and manpower are included in the transfer.

In view of this Order, the PAWB shall immediately assume full responsibility over the operations of PWRCC. It shall be directly responsible for the smooth, efficient and effective management of the Center, as well as for the timely completion of Project activities and targets. It shall ensure that disposition and utilization of crocodiles and other wild animals in custody of PWRCC are in accordance with wildlife policies, rules and regulations.

PAWB shall also directly be responsible for proper disbursement of PWRCC funds. It shall ensure that utilization of any Project funds is in accordance with existing COA and accounting rules and regulations. The funds to be utilized for the operations of PWRCC shall be released to PWRCC through DENR-Region 4B.

The DENR-Region 4B (MIMAROPA) shall monitor the status of PWRCC operations and assist the PAWB in addressing administrative and financial concerns of PWRCC.

PAWB may engage the NRDC or other entities to handle the commercial aspect/venture of the PWRCC, such as but not limited to sale of captive-bred Saltwater crocodile from PWRCC in accordance with DAO 99-45, subject to a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

PAWB's taking over the direct supervision and management of PWRCC shall only be an interim arrangement until completion of a feasibility study to determine the conditions necessary to make the PWRCC economically and financially sustainable.

This Order takes effect immediately. DAO 99-45 is hereby amended accordingly. DAO 2002-11 is hereby revoked.

US P. PAJ Acting Secretary



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