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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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SUBJECT : ESTABLISHING SNAKE ISLAND AS THE DENR NATIONAL COASTAL AND MARINE CENTER FOR RESEARCH

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 192 and consistent with the Integrated Coastal Management Strategy provided under Executive Order No. 533, Snake Island or Kalumpang of approximately 09° 54.192N 118° 49.490E, an island within Honda Bay, Palawan is hereby designated as the DENR National Coastal and Marine Center for Research (NCMCR).

As such, it shall have the following functions:

1. Serve as field station for applied research for the marine and coastal environment, ecotourism, as well as terrestrial biodiversity;
2. Serve as a field laboratory for the implementation of the Integrated Coastal Marine Program pursuant to Executive Order 533 adopting Integrated Coastal Management as a national strategy to ensure the sustainable development of the country's coastal and marine resources; and
3. Serve as a model for sustainable coastal and marine management, as well as the proper implementation of the principles of ecotourism.

The Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB), under its Coastal and Marine Management Office shall coordinate with the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) and appropriate DENR units such as the Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau (ERDB), DENR Regional Office for Region IV-B, the academe and other partners to formulate an Operations Plan including a research agenda for the NCMCR pursuant to the above functions.

Relative to this, all applications for Foreshore Lease Agreement (FLA) and other instrumentalities inconsistent with the functions of the NCMCR shall be denied or shall no longer be accepted.

In addition, the Department's Finance and Management Service Office shall ensure that the budget and funds for the establishment and operation of the DENR NCMCR is provided for the purpose.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede, amend or revoke all previous orders and instructions inconsistent herewith.



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