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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
NO. 2012-01

SUBJECT: DECLARING MALASI TREE PARK AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY LOCATED IN SAN ANTONIO, CABAGAN, ISABELA AS CRITICAL HABITAT FOR WATERBIRD SPECIES

Pursuant to Section 25 of Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act", Rules 25.1-25.5 of Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01, Series of 2004; and DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2 Series of 2007 "Guidelines on the Establishment and Management of Critical Habitat", and in order to protect the habitat and population of the endemic and threatened *Philippine Wild Duck* along with other migratory water bird species dependent therein, a certain parcel of land situated in Barangay San Antonio, Cabagan, Isabela is hereby declared as Critical Habitat and shall be known as the "**MALASI TREE PARK AND WILDLIFE SANCTUARY CRITICAL HABITAT**".

Section 1. Technical Description

The Malasi Tree Park and Wildlife Sanctuary Critical Habitat covers an approximate area of **one hundred seventy eight and 80/100 (178.80) hectares**, subject to private rights if there be any, and to ground survey and delineation which is particularly described as follows:

CORNER	BEARING	DISTANCE (Meters)
01-02	S 77° 15' W	99.40
02-03	S 51° 40' W	105.40
03-04	S 61° 56' W	183.33
04-05	S 40° 15' W	351.85
05-06	S 71° 39' W	493.96
06-07	S 89° 58' W	280.72
07-08	N 89° 46' W	301.49
08-09	N 99° 46' W	250.90
09-10	S 79° 35' W	243.40
10-11	S 74° 05' W	288.80
11-12	N 24° 04' E	200.00
12-13	N 22° 12' W	248.10
13-14	N 24° 15' E	242.30
14-15	S 58° 15' E	300.00
15-16	N 59° 53' E	204.00
16-17	N 29° 25' E	103.50
17-18	N 43° 45' E	140.70
18-19	N 61° 03' E	108.80
19-20	N 89° 50' E	77.70
20-21	N 77° 06' E	201.70
21-22	N 71° 55' E	211.22
22-23	S 85° 30' E	133.10
23-24	S 89° 05' E	317.60
24-25	S 89° 05' E	150.00



25-26	S 89° 05' E	370.12
26-27	S 80° 12' E	573.62
27-28	S 85° 11' E	103.00
28-29	S 85° 52' E	92.42
29-30	S 84° 25' E	194.13
30-31	S 05° 06' E	159.30
31-32	S 03° 35' E	466.20
32-33	S 65° 35' E	310.18
33-34	N 43° 04' E	230.10
34-35	N 02° 20' E	82.00
35-36	N 66° 30' W	86.00
36-37	N 64° 04' W	273.39
37-01	S 65° 01' W	57.67

Section 2. Ground Truthing

The DENR-Region 2 shall undertake ground truthing of the above-said coordinates the soonest time possible. Natural topographic features of the area, vegetative cover or permanent markers shall be used as boundary monuments/indicators.

Section 3. Management of the Malasi Tree Park and Wildlife Sanctuary Critical Habitat

The Malasi Tree Park and Wildlife Sanctuary Critical Habitat shall be managed by the DENR-Region 2 in partnership with the local government unit of Cabagan and/or other concerned organizations. The Regional Executive Director may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement or Partnership Agreement with the cooperating parties. Alternatively, the concerned Regional Executive Director may delegate the management of the critical habitat to LGU Cabagan through a similar instrument.

The DENR-Region 2 and its partner/s shall:

1. Ensure that existing ecosystems in the critical habitat are preserved and are kept in a condition that will support the perpetual existence of the Philippine duck and other threatened Philippine endemic wildlife species, as well as the migratory species and associated naturally occurring flora and fauna;
2. Ensure that developmental activities within or in the periphery of the Critical Habitat undergo the necessary assessment processes so as to safeguard the ecological integrity of the area; and,
3. Ensure the enforcement of all applicable environmental laws, including strict implementation of Section 27.c of R.A 9147 governing prohibited acts within critical habitats, such as: a) dumping of waste products detrimental to wildlife; b) squatting or otherwise occupying any portion of the critical habitat; c) mineral exploration and/or extraction; d) burning; e) logging; and f) quarrying.

Section 4. Critical Habitat Management Plan

The, DENR-Region 2 and its partner/s, shall jointly prepare and cause the implementation of a Critical Habitat Management Plan (CHMP) addressing: a) management objectives; (b) key management issues; c) administration; and, (d) site management strategies and activities such as but not limited to habitat protection, rehabilitation, community organizing, promotion of environmental education and awareness, ecotourism and other developmental activities towards the sustainable management of the area.



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In the event that the DENR-Region 2 opt to delegate the management of the critical habitat to LGU-Cabagan, the Region shall ensure provision of necessary technical assistance to said LGU and set scheme to monitor and evaluate implementation of the CHMP, in collaboration with other stakeholders.

Section 5. Effectivity

This Order takes effect fifteen days after publication in a newspaper of national circulation and acknowledgement by the Office of the National Administrative Registry (ONAR).


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