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SUBJECT : Addendum to DENR MC No. 2009-03 Re-Supplemental Guidelines and Procedures in the Implementation of the Upland Development Program

To ensure an effective and smooth implementation, as well as clarify the mechanisms involved in the implementation of the Upland Development Program (UDP) in protected areas (PA), the following guidelines and procedures are hereby issued in addition to DENR MC No. 2009 - 03:

1. Determination of priority areas

The list of protected areas attached as Annex A hereof shall be prioritized for UDP implementation. These areas have been determined based on the following criteria:

- Within priority provinces;
- Considered as conservation priority areas (based on the Philippine Biodiversity Conservation Priority-Setting Program [PBCPP] and Key Biodiversity Areas [KBA]);
- With organized PAMB;
- With initial PA plan/management plan, and
- With identified denuded areas

Based on the said list, the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) in consultation with the Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) shall determine the specific sites (location and area in hectares) within the priority protected areas that would be suitable for UDP implementation based on the requirements under this Circular. The PASu shall also reflect the identified site on the map of the specific protected area.

2. Selection of participant-implementers

The participant-implementers may either be PACBRMA/CBFMA holders or organized POs composed of tenured migrants. Other tenured migrants such as upland farmer households, senior citizens, in-and out-of-school youth, and Indigenous Peoples shall also qualify. The final list of implementers shall be endorsed by the PAMB to the DENR.

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3. Mode of development activities

Tenured Areas

The PACBRMA areas would be devoted to agroforestry since the tenured areas are found within multiple use zones and buffer zones. However, a contiguous block within the area covered by the Project, which is at least 10% of the development area, shall be set aside by the PACBRMA holder for planting of forest species indigenous to the site and that also addresses the requirements of the wildlife species thriving in the area. As much as possible, this area should be adjacent to the strict protection zone or to highly vegetated areas of the PA. In case the PO cannot allocate such reforestation block within their project area, the PO shall reforest part of the area designated by the PASu specifically for this purpose.

Sustainable utilization of non-timber forest products such as propagation and harvesting of butterflies, medicinal plants and other economically important forest species may also be considered in accordance with the requirements of the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act (RA 9147).

Rehabilitation Areas for the PA

Areas needing immediate rehabilitation shall be identified within the strict protection zones and shall be subjected to purely reforestation, assisted natural regeneration or rainforestation in accordance with DENR Administrative Order 2004-06 (Guidelines in the Integration of Rainforestation Farming Strategy in the Development of Open and Denuded Areas within Protected Areas and Other Appropriate Forest Lands).

As part of IEC, the communities should be made aware that rehabilitation of strict protection zones would mean expansion of the natural habitat that is necessary to ensure the survival of our economically important wild fauna and flora.

4. Choice of species

The use of indigenous species for reforestation and assisted natural regeneration shall be observed at all times. Subject to the requirements of the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act (RA 9147), collection of wildlings shall be allowed provided that appropriate and acceptable collection techniques with least or no detrimental effects to the wildlife population and their habitats shall be employed. The collected wildlings shall be planted only within the natural range of the species to enhance its wild population.

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5. Role of the PAMB and the Protected Area Superintendent (PASu)

In addition to other responsibilities of the PAMB specified under this Circular, the PAMB shall also be represented in the Regional UDP Task Force. For this purpose, a non-DENR member of the PAMB shall be included in the said Task Force. Likewise, the concerned Protected Area Superintendent (PASu) as a member of the Provincial UDP Task Force, shall oversee the day-to-day work of the task force within the PA. The PASu shall also be a member of the Inspection and Acceptance Committee created by the PENRO for concerned PAs.

6. Monitoring and Evaluation

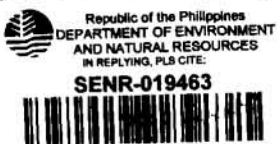
For protected areas, a non-DENR member of the PAMB-Community Based Projects Committee or its equivalent shall lead the monitoring of implementation of awarded contracts.

To ensure that the objectives of this Program is achieved, particularly on biodiversity conservation, the PASu shall take lead in the monitoring of strict protection zones and the designated reforestation block as provided for under item 3 of this Circular. To the extent possible, the PASu shall also use applicable methods (transect, photo-documentation, field diary and focus group discussion) of the Biodiversity Monitoring System (BMS) in accordance with DAO 2000-13.

The PASu shall submit monthly reports to the Regional Office on the progress of implementation of the rehabilitation and agro-forestry activities in their respective protected areas. The PASu shall also include updates on the implementation of UDP as part of the agenda during PAMB meetings.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.


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**ANNEX A.
PRIORITY PROTECTED AREAS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UPLAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

REGION	PROVINCE	PROTECTED AREAS		
		TERRESTRIAL	MARINE	
CAR	Abra			
	Apayao			
	Benguet	1 Upper Agno River Basin RR 2 Lower Agno WFR 3 Mt. Pulag NP 4 Mt. Data NP		
	Ifugao	Upper Agno River Basin RR Mt. Pulag NP Mt. Data NP		
	Kalinga	5 Balbalasang-Balbalan NP		
	Mt. Province	Balbalasang-Balbalan NP Mt. Data NP		
	R-1	Ilocos Norte	6 Kalbario-Patapat NP	
		Ilocos Sur		
		La Union		
		Pangasinan	7 Mantelug Spring PL	
R-2	Batanes	8 Batanes PLS		
	Cagayan	9 Penablanca	1 Palaui Island MR	
	Isabela	10 Northern Sierra Madre NP		
	Nueva Vizcaya	11 Casecnan PL Upper Agno River Basin RR Mt. Pulag NP		
	Quirino	Casecnan PL 12 Quirino PL (includes Adalam Watershed)		
R-3	Aurora	13 Simbahan - Talagas PL 14 Talaytay PL Casecnan PL 15 Aurora Memorial NP		

REGION	PROVINCE	PROTECTED AREAS		
		TERRESTRIAL	MARINE	
R-4A	Bataan	16	Bataan NP	2 Masinloc-Oyon Bays Marine Reserve
	Bulacan	17	Biak-Na-Bato NP	
	Nueva Ecija			
	Pampanga	18	Mt. Arayat NP	
	Tarlac			
	Zambales			
	Batangas	19	Taal Volcano PL	
		20	Mts. Palaypalay Mataas Na Gulod PL	
	Cavite		Mts. Palaypalay MNGPL Taal Volcano PL	
	Laguna	21	Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal PL	
	Quezon		Mts. Banahaw-San Cristobal NP	
		22	Quezon PL	
		23	Kanan WFR	
	Rizal	24	Kaliwa WFR	
	25	Marikina WFR		
R-4B	Marinduque	26	Marinduque WS	3 Malampaya Sound PLS 4 El Nido MRPA
	Occidental Mindoro	27	Mts. Iglit-Baco NP	
		28	Mt. Calavite WS	
	Oriental Mindoro		Mts. Iglit-Baco NP	
	29	Naujan Lake NP		
	Palawan			
	Romblon	30	Mt. Guiting-Guiting NP	
R-5	Albay			5 Abasig-Matogdon 6 Lagonoy NBA
	Camarines Norte	31	Bicol NP	
	Camarines Sur	32	Mt. Isarog NP	
		33	Bicol NP	
	Catanduanes	34	Catanduanes WFR	
	Masbate			

REGION	PROVINCE	PROTECTED AREAS		
		TERRESTRIAL	MARINE	
R-6	Sorsogon	35	Bulusan Volcano NP	
	Aklan	36	Northwest Panay Peninsula NP	
	Antique		Northwest Panay Peninsula NP	
	Capiz			
	Guimaras			7 Taklong Island MR
	Iloilo	37	Maasin WFR	
R-7	Negros Occidental	38	Butabog-Putian NP	
		39	Mt. Karlaon NP	8 Sagay PLS 9 Tañon Strait PS
	Bohol	40	Rajah Sikatuna PL	
				10 Talibon Islands Grp PLS
	Cebu	41	Central Cebu PLS	Tañon Strait PS 11 Camotes Is Mangrove Swamp Forest Reserve
	Negros Oriental	42	Balinsasayao-Twin Lakes NP Mt. Karlaon NP	Tañon Strait PS 12 Apo Island PLS
R-8	Siquijor			
	Biliran			
	Eastern Samar	43	Samar Island NP	13 Guiuan PLS
	Leyte	44	Mahagnao Volcano NP	
		45	Lake Danao NP	
	Northern Samar		Samar Island NP	14 Biri-Larosa PLS
R-9	Samar		Samar Island NP	
	Southern Leyte			
	Zamboanga del Norte	46	Siocon RR	15 Murcielagos Island PLS 16 Aliguay PLS 17 Selinog Island PLS
	Zamboanga del Sur	47	Bug NBA	
		48	Mt. Timolan PLS	18 Great & Little Sta. Cruz Islands PLS
		49	Pasonanca Protected Landscape	19 Dumanquilas PLS

REGION	PROVINCE	PROTECTED AREAS	
		TERRESTRIAL	MARINE
R-10	Zamboanga Sibugay		
	Basilan (Isabela)		
	Bukidnon	50 Mt. Kitanglad NP 51 Mt. Kalatungan NP	
	Camiguin		
	Lanao del Norte		
R-11	Misamis Occidental	52 Mt. Malindang NP	20 Baliangao PLS
	Misamis Oriental	53 Mimbisan PL	
	Compostela Valley		
	Davao del Norte		
	Davao del Sur	54 Mt. Apo NP	
R-12	Davao Oriental		21 Pujada Bay PLS 22 Samal Is. Garden MSFR
	North Cotabato	Mt. Apo NP	
	Saranggani	55 Mt. Matutum PL	23 Saranggani Bay PS
	South Cotabato	Mt. Matutum PL 56 Allah Valley WFR	
	Sultan Kudarat		
R-13	Agusan del Norte	57 Cabadbaran WFR	
	Agusan del Sur	58 Agusan Marsh WS	
	Diragat Islands		
	Surigao del Norte		24 Siargao Islands PLS
	Surigao del Sur		
NCR			
TOTAL		58	24