

**Incorporating coordinates in cave identification**

**WHEREAS**, Section 12 of DENR Administrative Order 2003 – 29 “*Implementing Rules and Regulations of the National Cave and Cave Resources Management and Protection Act*” specifies that any person or institution that discovers a cave/s shall report the location to the nearest DENR office;

**WHEREAS**, the DENR is mandated by the same Section to prepare a Manual on Cave Classification;

**WHEREAS**, the DENR Memorandum Circular No. 2007-04 “*Procedure in Cave Classification*” encloses the prescribed manual on Cave Classification;

**WHEREAS**, one of the major steps in the said manual is Cave Identification;

**WHEREAS**, the information needed for identified caves includes – local name, general description, and location;


**WHEREAS**, location may be supported by topographic maps and available cave maps (at least BCRA Grade 3C);


**WHEREAS**, cave coordinates are needed to identify the exact location of the cave;


**WHEREAS**, the coordinates must be presented using the degrees, minutes, and seconds (DMS) form.


**WHEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, the DMS form of cave coordinates is hereby adopted to be included in the reports related to cave identification.


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