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DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
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SUBJECT: AMENDING DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER (DAO) 2016-12 SERIES OF 2016, AND THE PHILIPPINE BIODIVERSITY STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (PBSAP) 2015-2028; AND ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR ITS IMPLEMENTATION

In recognition of the crucial role of biodiversity in underpinning ecosystem services essential for national development and human well-being, including food, water, medicine, and refuge, and to reflect new global commitments under the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, there is a need to strengthen the Philippines's national biodiversity roadmap.

Recognized as one of the world's megadiverse countries, the Philippines holds immense potential for nature-based solutions that address climate change, safeguard livelihoods, and restore ecosystems. Harnessing this potential requires an updated coherent national strategy.

Accordingly, in order to update the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP) 2015-2028, adopted through Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Administrative Order No. 2016-12 series of 2016, this Order is hereby issued:

SECTION 1. Basic Policies.

- 1.1. It is hereby declared the policy of the State under Article II, Section 16 of the 1987 Philippine Constitution to protect and advance the right of the people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with the rhythm and harmony of nature.
- 1.2. The Philippine Development Plan (PDP) recognizes biodiversity as a key resource of the country that enables the achievement of various developmental outcomes.
- 1.3. The National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2023–2050, which builds on the National Framework Strategy on Climate Change (NFSCC), highlights biodiversity as a critical component of national climate resilience.
- 1.4. The National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP) supports the integration of biodiversity conservation and ecosystem-based approaches into climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies.

- 1.5. CBD Decision 15/4, which adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), provides a global strategic plan for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity, to which the Philippines is a Party.
- 1.6. Section 46 of the General Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2024 or Republic Act No. 11975 and Section 43 of the GAA of 2025 or Republic Act No. 12116, mandates all government agencies, including local government units (LGUs), state universities and colleges (SUCs), and government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs), to support the implementation of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework.

SECTION 2. Objectives. The PBSAP is strengthened to provide a clear, coordinated, and accountable roadmap for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use, in response to the urgent need to address biodiversity loss and in alignment with national priorities and international commitments.

Specifically, the PBSAP is updated achieve the following objectives:

- 2.1. To institutionalize the PBSAP 2024-2040 as the national roadmap for biodiversity conservation;
- 2.2. To establish an Advisory Committee co-chaired by DENR and the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DepDev);
- 2.3. Strengthen Sub-Committee on Biological Diversity, under the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development, as the technical oversight body;
- 2.4. Institutionalize a web-based Monitoring and Evaluation System for tracking progress and ensuring accountability across government agencies;
- 2.5. Promote the mainstreaming of biodiversity objectives across national, regional, and local development plans, climate strategies, and sectoral programs; and
- 2.6. Enable interagency and multi-stakeholder coordination and partnerships, with due recognition of the role of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs), and civil society.

SECTION 3. Adoption of the PBSAP. The PBSAP 2024-2040 is adopted as the country's roadmap for biodiversity conservation that integrates and mainstreams the CBD's objectives into the national development and sectoral plans and programs. It is attached as **Annex "A"** and made an integral part of this Order.

SECTION 4. Implementation of the PBSAP. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), through the Biodiversity Management Bureau

(BMB), is hereby authorized to coordinate the implementation of the PBSAP with the plans and programs of the concerned national government agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs), government-owned and controlled corporations (GOCCs), civil society organizations (CSOs), government financial institutions, state universities and colleges, and the private sector.

SECTION 5. Capacity Development. The DENR through the BMB shall subsequently provide technical assistance and capacity building and develop materials in relation to PBSAP 2024-2040. It shall also conduct corresponding training, seminars, and workshops for concerned DENR Offices and relevant stakeholders upon approval of this Order.

SECTION 6. Funding and Budgetary Requirements. The DENR shall allocate sufficient funds to support the full implementation of PBSAP 2024-2040 for DENR-related activities, subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations. All relevant agencies and partners may also allocate funds to support its implementation.

SECTION 7. Separability Clause. If any provision of this Order shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the other portions or provisions hereof which are not affected shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. Repealing Clause. All Administrative Orders and other similar issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby revoked, amended, or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. Effectivity. This Administrative Order shall take effect immediately after its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and upon acknowledgment of the receipt of the copy thereof by the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR).

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