

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 96-30
October 10, 1996**

SUBJECT : Integration of all the Community-Based Forest Management Strategy and People-Oriented Forestry Programs and Projects into the DENR Regular Structure.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 263 Series of 1995 adopting Community-based Forest Management Strategy (CBFMS) as a national strategy for sustainable forestland management and in adherence to the Philippine Master Plan for Forestry Development where People-Oriented Forestry Program (POFP) is one of the approaches, and consistent with Executive Order No. 192 as implemented by DENR Administrative Order No. 1, Series of 1988, it is the purpose of this Administrative Order to integrate all the Community-Based Forest Management Strategy and People-Oriented Forestry Programs and Projects into the DENR regular structure.

ARTICLE I

TITLE, POLICY, OBJECTIVES, AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Sec. 1 Title. This Administrative Order shall be known as the “Integration of the CBFMS and POFP into the DENR Regular Structure”

Sec. 2 Basic Policy. It is the policy of the government to protect and advance the rights of the Filipino people, both women and men, and the indigenous peoples. These rights include

a healthy environment through the promotion of social justice, a more equitable access to and sustainable development of forestland resources.

The Department has instituted a number of CBFMS and POF programs and projects. To implement these, different offices of the Department have been tasked to handle each program or project. Consistent with the streamlining principle, there is a need to integrate all the CBFMS and POF programs and projects of the Department into the DENR regular structure.

Sec. 3 Objectives. The integration of CBFMS and POF programs and projects aims to:

- a. Unify and integrate all DENR programs and projects on CBFMS and POF;
- b. Provide a smooth transition in the turn-over of all CBFMS and POF programs and projects to FMB; and
- c. Pave the way for the operational and functional integration of CBFMS and POF programs and projects.

Sec. 4 Definition of Terms. The following terms are to be understood and interpreted as follows:

- 4.1 **CBFMO** - refers to the Community-Based Forest Management Office
- 4.2 **CBFMS and POF programs and project** - refer to the following programs and projects: Integrated Social Forestry Program (ISFP); National Forestation Program (NFP funded under ADB1); Low-Income Upland Communities Project (LIUCP); Community Forestry Program (CFP); Community-Based Forestry (CBF funded by RP-GERMAN); Community

Forest Management (CFM under NRMP); Regional Resources Management Project (RRMP under ENR-SECAL); Forestry Sector Project (FSP) funded by Forestry Sector Project Loan or ADB 2); and Recognition of the Indigenous Peoples.

- 4.3 **CBFM Steering Committee** - refers to the inter-agency committee created under Executive Order 263 of 1995
- 4.4 **FASPO** - refers to the Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Office of the DENR
- 4.5 **FMB** - refers to the Forest Management Bureau
- 4.6 **DENR** - refers to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- 4.7 **NCCO** - refers to the National Community Forestry Program Coordinating Office under the office of the Director of the FMB
- 4.8 **PMOs** - refer to Program or Project Management Offices of the different CBFMS and POF programs and projects
- 4.9 **Resource institutions** - refers to organizations which could provide assistance to the CBFMS and POF through, but not limited to, funding of activities, provision of manpower, and provision of equipment and other implements
- 4.10 **SFD** - refers to the Social Forestry Division of the FMB
- 4.11 **Secretary** - refers to the Secretary of the DENR

- 4.12 **Termination of programs or projects** - refers to the end of contracts and/or agreements pertaining to the programs or projects, as the case maybe.

ARTICLE II

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Sec. 1 Organization of CBFMO. During the transition period as stated in Article III section 1 of this Order, the CBFMO shall be under the supervision of the FMB Director. It shall be initially composed of the SFD and the NCCO and shall be headed by a senior official designated by the Secretary.

The FMB Assistant Director shall ensure the support of the different FMB divisions to the integration process. After the transition period, the CBFMO shall be under the supervision of the FMB Assistant Director.

Sec. 2 Functions of the CBFMO. The CBFMO shall perform the following functions:

- 2.1 Review all CBFMS and POF programs and projects to identify issues and lessons learned;
- 2.2 Draft policies, guidelines and procedures on CBFMS and POF;
- 2.3 Prepare and monitor implementation of national CBFMS and POF program of action;
- 2.4 Serve as the repository of data/information on CBFMS and POF;

- 2.5 Link with resources institutions within and outside the Forest Management Bureau to gain support for the implementation of CBFMS and POF;
- 2.6 Assist the FASPO in packaging and monitoring projects supporting CBFMS and POF;
- 2.7 Handle new CBFMS and POF programs and projects as may be initiated; and
- 2.8 Serve as Secretariat to the inter-agency CBFM Steering Committee;

Sec. 3 Advisory Council. An ad-hoc Advisory Council shall be created to provide technical and administrative guidance to the CBFMO during the transition period. A Chief Technical Adviser shall be identified from among the members of the Council to lead the Council. The Council shall be initially composed of the following:

- Undersecretary for Field Operations
- Undersecretary for Environment and Programs Development
- Undersecretary for Legal, Legislative Affairs, and Attached Agencies
- Head Executive Assistant
- Director, Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau
- Director, Special Concerns Office
- Director, Planning and Policy Studies Office
- Director, Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Office
- Heads of all CBFMS and POF Programs and Projects Management Offices

To complement the members coming from the DENR, the Undersecretary for Environment and Programs Development may invite institutions as members of the Council.

Sec. 4 Structure. The operational and functional structure as shown in Annex 1 shall be observed during the transition period and shall form part of this Order..

ARTICLE III

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Sec. 1 Transition Period. The transition period for the integration of CBFMS and POF programs and projects to the FMB shall be from the issuance of this Order until the December 31, 1997.

Sec. 4 Initial Integration and Phase in. The CBFMO shall initially integrate the functions of the SFD and the NCCO. All other existing Project Management Offices (PMOs) of CBFMS and POF programs and projects shall provide the CBFMO with updated and comprehensive program or project status within one (1) month upon the issuance of this Order and quarterly thereafter. These PMOs shall continue to operated as such until their respective programs/projects/activities are completed; *provided, however,* that they shall immediately coordinate their activities with CBFMO, and, at least one (1) year before the termination of their programs/projects/activities based on their respective work and financial programs, they shall observe the following:

- a. **Institutional capability building.** Selected personnel from regular DENR Offices who shall be eventually assigned to CBFMO as well as those from SFD and NCCO, shall undergo

on-the-job training on CBFMS and POFP to enhance their respective competence;

- b. **Phasing in.** All program management offices (PMOs) shall fully divest their office of their respective duties and functions and transfer them to CBFMO.

Provided finally, that the CBFMO Head shall render a comprehensive report on the integration to the FMB Director not later than November 30, 1997.

ARTICLE III

FUNDING

The Community-Based Forest Management Office shall initially obtain its funding from all CBFMS and POF programs and projects; *provided, however,* that if the CBFMS and POF programs and projects are externally funded, consent from the funding agency shall be obtained before funds are channeled to the CBFMO. Future funding of the CBFMO shall be incorporated in the General Appropriations of the Department.

Sec. 5 Repealing Clause. All orders, memoranda, circulars inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and amended accordingly.

Sec. 6 Effectivity. This order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary