

Memorandum Circular
No. 97-11
July 18, 1997

**SUBJECT : Operationalization of the CBFM Program
at the Regional, PENR and CENR Offices**

Pursuant to DAO No. 96-29 and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations and in order to fast-track the implementation of the CBFM Program, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated:

1. On the integration of all people-oriented programs and other DENR community-based forestry projects
 - 1.1 As defined under DAO No. 96-29 the following programs shall be fully integrated, administered and managed under the CBFM offices at all field levels, viz:
 - a. Integrated Social Forestry Program
 - b. Community Forestry Program
 - c. Coastal Environmental Program (Mangrove Rehabilitation Component)
 - d. Ancestral Domains Management Program
 - e. Regional Resources Management Program (ENR-SECAL)
 - f. Contract Reforestation Program (Loan 1)/Forest Land Management Program/Forestry Sector Project (Loan II)
 - g. Low-Income Upland Communities Program
 - h. Community Resources Management Program
 - i. NRMP — Forest Resources Management Component
 - 1.2 The Regional Offices are hereby tasked to organize an office under the RTD for Forest Management Services. The office to be organized shall be the recognized management structure to coordinate the implementation of the CBFM

Program in the region, until a new structure shall have been evolved and promulgated by this Office after the on-going organizational review being conducted by the CBFMO.

1.3 All personnel, equipment and other logistics shall be pooled in close coordination with other RTDs and/or program coordinators/project managers for cost-effective and efficient field implementation.

1.4 The CBFMO (Central Office) shall review all CBFM-related Technical Assistance (TA) with end view of coordinating these to complement each other in support of CBFM operations in the field.

2. On organizing CBFM Field Teams

2.1 The Regional CBFMO shall organize CBFM Teams at the CENRO level to undertake, monitor and support field implementation. The field teams shall be composed of at least three personnel well-trained on CBFM and shall be deployed full-time and field-based to ensure immersion in their respective areas of assignment. Priority assignment should be given to existing site/project coordinators of present CBFM-related programs/projects.

3. The Regional Executive Directors are hereby directed to immediately incorporate these guidelines in the Regional Strategic Action Plan. They are further directed to provide all the support mechanisms for the smooth implementation hereof.

4. This Order takes effect immediately.

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