

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 99-20
June 11, 1999**

SUBJECT : Establishing the Center for Integrated Ecosystems Management and Biodiversity Conservation and Development at Guipos, Zamboanga Del Sur and Designating Dr. Dante Oporto as Its Center Director.

In the interest of the service and to operationalize the concept of biodiversity and integrated ecosystems management at the ground level, the CENTER FOR INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT is hereby established at Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur and Dr. Dante Oporto is likewise designated as its Center Director.

The Center Director is directly under the supervision of the Director for Special Projects on Water Integrated Ecosystems Management and Development, Field Operation – Special Concerns Office and shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Spearhead the conduct of research and development activities that shall contribute to the development of integrated ecosystem management concept at the operational level;
2. Undertake activities that shall result to integrated conservation and development of biodiversity in forest, coastal and marine ecosystems;
3. Conduct experiments and/or researches which shall determine appropriate technologies, methodologies and approaches that shall lead to the attainment of aforestated functions and responsibilities;

4. Recommend appropriate technologies, methodologies and approaches for replication in order applicable areas/sites; and
5. Disseminate mature appropriate technologies

As Center Director, Dr. Oporto shall assume full responsibility in attaining the goals and objectives of said Center. He shall supervise the day to day operations of the Office including established experimental and research sites.

To operationalize said Center, Dr. Oporto is hereby instructed to prepare the Work and Financial Plan of the for immediate submission to the Office of the Secretary attention: Director, Special Projects on Water and Integrated Ecosystems Management and Development.

The Regional Executive Director of DENR Region IX, hereby authorized to reassign or detail personnel/staff to the Center to provide administrative and technical support to Dr. Oporto.

This Order takes effect immediately and supercedes/cancels orders or instructions inconsistent herewith.

(Sgd.) ANTONIO H. CERILLES
Secretary