

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 99-01
January 11, 1999**

**Subject : Adoption of the Watershed and
Ecosystems Planning Framework**

In order to provide a national framework for the sustainable management of the country's natural resources, and in line with Philippine Agenda 21 which contains the essence of what a national strategy for improved watershed resources management should seek to promote, the Watershed and Ecosystems Planning and Management Framework is hereby adopted in the DENR.

The Watershed and Ecosystems Planning and Management Framework refers to the holistic, multiple-use and sustainable management of all the resources within a spatial unit known as the watershed.

As a topographic and hydrologic unit, a watershed can be defined as the area of land from which rainwater can drain, as surface runoff, via a specific stream or river system to a common outlet point which may be a dam, irrigation system or municipal/urban water supply off take point, or where the stream/river discharges into a larger river, lake or sea. The management of these areas should consider not only the physical resources, e.g. soil, water, timber and non-timber resources, etc., but also the management of people living within or are affected in the area.

In this connection, all DENR offices are hereby instructed to review and realign all programs and projects, including their budget, in accordance with the priority watershed areas of the regions.

This Order takes effect immediately.

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Secretary