

**DENR Administrative Order  
No. 2001- 13  
March 13, 2001**

**SUBJECT : Strengthening The DENR Support System For The GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme, "Partnership In Environmental Management For The Seas Of East Asia" (PEMSEA) By The Creation Of A Programme National Coordinating Committee And Management Office.**

Pursuant to the commitments under the Memorandum of Agreement executed by and between the International Maritime Organization and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, as represented by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources on the implementation of the Regional Programme, *"Building Partnership for Environmental Protection and Management for the Seas of East Asia"*, otherwise known as "PEMSEA", the DENR support system initiated under the DENR Administrative Order Nos. 2000-38 and 2000-597 is hereby strengthened with the creation a PEMSEA National Coordinating Committee and PEMSEA-Philippines/DENR Project Management Office.

**The PEMSEA National Coordinating Committee (NCC) -**  
The NCC shall be composed of representatives from national government agencies having responsibility in areas covered under PEMSEA including the development of a regional mechanism for protection and management of the coastal and marine environment of the East Asian Seas, non-government organizations and other concerned agencies or institutions and organizations. It shall be co-chaired by the National Focal Point and the Deputy Secretary-General

of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). The Committee shall perform the following responsibilities:

1. Provide policy and management advice with respect to the implementation of PEMSEA activities at the respective ICM parallel sites and subregional sea areas and pollution hotspots in or adjacent to the Philippines (project activities) and with respect to the development of a regional mechanism for protection and management of the coastal and marine environment of the East Asian Seas region;
2. Review and approve annual project work plans and progress reports for ICM parallel sites, subregional sea areas and pollution hotspots in or adjacent to the Philippines;
3. Ensure smooth implementation of PEMSEA-related activities by timely delivery of resource inputs and outputs from participating agencies;
4. Ensure integration of PEMSEA activities as part of government's program of work;
5. Coordinate with concerned local and national authorities and where necessary, address issues which are beyond the scope and responsibility of the DENR.;
6. Monitor the operations and outputs of PEMSEA-related activities;
7. Maintain linkages with the PEMSEA Regional Programme Office (RPO); and
8. Provide any other assistance that could lead to smooth and effective implementation of the Regional Programme.

The composition of the NCC shall be developed by the National Focal Point in consultation with the RPO.

**PEMSEA-Philippines/DENR Project Management Office (PPDPMO)** - A PEMSEA-Philippines/DENR Project Management Office is hereby created to be composed of DENR personnel who shall be assigned to effect support by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines for enhancing regional efforts in environmental management of the Seas of East Asia Project in accordance with the Global Environment Facility (GEF)-United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Project Document RAS/98/G33/A/IG/19 for PEMSEA.

The PPDPMO shall work with the Regional Programme Office (RPO) in the following areas:

1. Coordinate input from the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GOP) and other sources to PEMSEA and collaborate with National Government Agencies for the implementation of PEMSEA activities;
2. Prepare a national coordination and management framework and guidelines for, and to develop a detailed workplan for the coordination of GOP support to, PEMSEA activities, including for example, identification and selection of potential ICM sites in the Philippines, counterpart budgets, timeframe, monitoring strategies and evaluation criteria;
3. Assist in coordinating timely inputs from GEF/UNDP, National Government agencies and other sources and the delivery of outputs from each ICM parallel site or subregional sea area and pollution hotspot in or adjacent to the Philippines;
4. Assist in coordinating ICM training at the ICM training Center in Batangas City, Province of Batangas;

5. Maintain a close working relationship and communications with national agencies, PEMSEA, the UNDP and related national and regional projects and identify other ongoing or new projects in the Philippines for potential collaboration, preparation of project proposals and jointly seeking funding;
6. Assist in organizing and monitoring progress of project activities at each ICM parallel site and subregional sea area and pollution hotspot in or adjacent to the Philippines;
7. Prepare a national database of experts and specialists for participation in project related activities;
8. Coordinate the activities of consultants and national professionals, review reports and submissions and assist in the implementation or recommendations when accepted;
9. Provide technical assistance and advice to the National Focal Point for PEMSEA;
10. Assist PMOs in the review of project outputs, preparation of technical reports and organization of workshops to distill lessons learned from ICM parallel sites and subregional sea areas and pollution hot spots in or adjacent to the Philippines and the packaging of information for dissemination;
11. Monitor the operations and output (including technical reports and workshops distilling lessons learned) of Project Management Offices (PMOs) and project activities at ICM sites and pollution hot spots in the Philippines after they have been selected through the Regional Programme site selection process; and
12. Assist in the establishment of NCC and serve as its Secretariat.

The PPDPMO shall be headed by a Programme Director to be assisted by a Deputy Director. The functions and designation of the officials and staff shall be recommended by the National Focal Point and approved by the Secretary. It shall report under the supervision of the National Focal Point.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall supersede, amend or revoke all previous orders and instructions inconsistent herewith.

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