

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 2001-14
March 29, 2001**

**SUBJECT : Creation of the International
Coral Reef Initiative Joint
Philippine – Sweden Secretariat**

Pursuant to the Department's commitment as Partner of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), consistent with the agreements reached during the last meeting of ICRI's Coordination and Planning Committee (ICRI-CPC) held in Bali, Indonesia last October 28-29, 2000 wherein the Philippines and Sweden will co-host the ICRI Secretariat for the next biennium, 2001-2002, and bilateral agreement between the Government of the Philippines and Government of Sweden, the International Coral Reef Initiative Joint Philippine - Sweden Secretariat is hereby created:

International Coral Reef Initiative Joint Philippine-Sweden Secretariat - An International Coral Reef Initiative Joint Philippine-Sweden Joint Secretariat is hereby created under the Office of the Secretary. It shall report to the Secretariat through the Undersecretary for International Commitment and Local Government Affairs and shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

1. Coordinate and implement ICRI activities based on the plan approved by ICRI's Coordination and Planning Committee (ICRI-CPC), and agreement between the Philippines and Sweden;
2. Prepare an ICRI Joint Philippine-Sweden Secretariat coordination management and framework and guidelines, and develop a detailed work plan for implementation of ICRI activities, including milestone, counterpart budgets, timeframe, monitoring strategies and evaluation criteria;

3. Maintain a close working relationship and communications with ICRI-CPC and ICRI Partners, Embassy of Sweden, and any other related international and national institutions;
4. Monitor the progress of ICRI-related activities implemented by ICRI operational networks such as: Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN); ICRI Information/Awareness Network (ICRIN); and International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN),
5. Represent ICRI in UN and international forums such as CBD, CSD, SIDS to ensure that ICRI recommendations and call for actions are conveyed;
6. Maintain ICRI Web Site;
7. Seek funding for ICRI projects and activities; and
8. Perform tasks inherent to ICRI Secretariat as shown in the attached document and as directed by ICRI-CPC.

The International Coral Reef Initiative Joint Philippine-Sweden Secretariat shall be jointly coordinated a designated Philippine ICRI Coordinator and Sweden ICRI Coordinator, whose functions shall be agreed upon by the official representative of the Government of the Philippines and Government of Sweden.

The International Coral Reef Initiative Joint Philippine-Sweden Joint Secretariat shall be composed personnel to be recommended by the Philippine and Sweden ICRI Coordinator.

The Department as host institution for the Government of the Philippines shall provide the necessary office space, staff and needed counterpart funds to cover the operations of the International Coral Reef Initiative Joint Philippine-Sweden Secretariat.

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

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