

**DENR Administrative Order
No. 2001 – 31
October 04, 2001**

**SUBJECT : Establishing a National Flagship
Projects Office (NFPO) under the
Office of the Secretary.**

In the interest of the service and consistent with the policy of the government to engage on significant and necessary Official Development Assistance (ODA) programs/projects that is envisioned to prop-up the need of the basic and special sectors of the society; and in support to the initiative of the Office of the President to closely monitor the implementation of all ODA programs and projects; and in line with the thrust of the incumbent administration to streamline government operations, a National Flagship Projects Office (NFPO) is hereby established under the Office of the Secretary.

SECTION 1. *Policy Statement* - It is hereby declared as a DENR policy to harmonize and improve the implementation of all special and foreign-funded programs and projects and commitments of the department that is envisioned to guide and fulfill national aspirations through the effective management and conservation of the country's environment and natural resources.

Sec. 2 *Objectives* - The National Flagship Projects Office shall seek to:

1. Improve performance of all project management offices (PMOs);
2. Institute a centralized network that shall assist all PMOs in the implementation of special and foreign-funded projects;
3. Formulate department standards that shall improve the efficiency and effectiveness of PMO operations, staff and concerned support offices relevant to project implementation;
4. Review and approve all work and financial plans of all PMOs;

5. Institute corrective measures necessary in achieving the desired goals of the projects;
6. Supervise implementation of approved and revised work and financial plans of all PMOs;
7. Coordinate an inter-bureau and cross-sectoral assembly that shall review the status of the Philippine environment;
8. Spearhead the creation of a Task Force that shall supervise the formulations of a Philippine ENR vision;
9. Initiate the drafting of a national guideline as basis for the packaging of desired programs/projects;
10. Facilitate the formulation of program/projects proposals supportive to the attainment of the country's ENR vision;
11. Perform other relevant activities in pursuit to the policy statement of this department order.

Sec. 3 *The NFPO Executive Office* – There is hereby established an Executive Office of the Secretary that shall supervise the day-to-day operations of the National Flagship Projects Office. The Executive Office shall be headed by an Executive Director and an Assistant Director.

Sec. 4 *Institutional Arrangements* – The NFPO shall be in-charge in all project implementation stages and formulation of a long-term ENR vision and management of all foreign-funded and special projects. The NFPO shall assume responsibility over a project upon confirmation of any agreement and extends to any approved post-project activity.

The FASPO shall continue to be in charge of fund sourcing/networking and monitoring and evaluation of all projects.

The Legal Services shall be in charge of the inventory of all regional/international commitments and submission of updated reports to the NFPO.

The Human Resources Management Services shall be in charge of preparing a capability training program for implementation of the NFPO.

The Finance management Services shall be in charge of the formulation of simplified finance, budget and accounting procedures that shall improve efficiency in the processing of financial transactions of all special and foreign funded projects by reducing red tape.

The Planning Services shall spearhead the crafting of a long-term ENR vision and coordinate with ERDB in the formulation of ENR standards as a guide for ERDB in the preparation and packaging of project proposals.

The Public Affairs Office shall be in charge of the preparation and implementation of all IEC activities in support to the ENR vision.

The Ecosystem Research and Development Bureau (ERDB) shall be the over-all coordinator in the preparation and packaging of all project proposals.

The Forest Management Bureau, the Mines and Geo-Sciences Bureau, the Environmental Management Bureau, the Land Management Bureau, the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau and the Civil Society Action Network Executive Office shall serve as the core group in the drafting and preparation of all ENR programs and projects.

The NFPO, whenever necessary, may from time to time call on any DENR official or office, including the attached agencies to assist in the implementation of NFPO activities.

Sec. 5 *Repealing Clause* – Deputy or Assistant Director Position/Designation or its equivalent on all Project Management Offices are hereby abolished and shall only have one Project Director.

Sec. 6 *Reporting Clause* – All PMOs shall have their respective Desk Officers as representative staff to the NFPO who

shall serve as Liaison Officers and be responsible in the updating of reports to the NFPO.

Sec. 7 *Effectivity Clause* - This Order shall take effect immediately and hereby revokes all Orders/Issuances inconsistent hereof.

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Secretary