

DENR Memorandum Circular
No. 2001 – 05
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**SUBJECT : Preparation and Submission of an
Island Physical Framework Plan
for Small Island/Island Group.**

Pursuant to the provisions of Department Administrative Order No. 83, Series of 2000 and in consonance with the policy directions in the management and development of small islands including its coastal areas, the following rules are hereby issued for the guidance of all concerned.

1. All PENRO/CENRO having administrative jurisdiction over small islands/group of islands are hereby required to prepare and submit an Island Physical Framework Plan (IPFP) for each small island/island group, as the case maybe, following the general outline attached hereto as Annex “A”. The IPFP shall serve as the written guide for the effective utilization, sustainable development and management of small islands including its coastal areas for the provision of desired benefits.
2. The Island Physical Framework Plan shall be prepared following the IPFP Process as shown in Annex “B”. The IPFP shall be the basis in the approval or denial of application for Small Island Management Agreement (SIMA). The SIMA shall be prepared by the CENRO concerned in the form shown in Annex “C” hereof. No SIMA shall be approved if the same is not in accordance with the submitted IPFP.
3. In the implementation of the IPFP, the DENR Office concerned may enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC) designating the said office as implementor of the project within small islands if NRDC is willing to develop the island.

4. The importance of the IPFP lies not only in its own specified purpose but also in the role it plays in the protection, conservation and management of the island's resources. As such, development projects to be introduced in small islands shall be subject to the requirements of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) System. No developmental activity in small islands shall be allowed without an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC).
5. In the implementation of the EIS System, the applicant for SIMA shall shoulder the cost of review of its EIS/IEE, as provided for in Section 2.0, Article VIII of DAO 96-37, which shall be placed in an EIS Review Support Fund to be handled by a third party Fund Manager in order to achieve greater transparency and objectivity of the EIS review process.
6. The draft IPFP shall be reviewed by the Regional Executive Director who shall submit the same to the Small Island Technical Review Committee (SITRC) created for the purpose, for final evaluation prior to the approval of the Secretary.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

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Secretary