

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

**Executive Order
No. 45
January 05, 1993**

SUBJECT : Adopting the Philippine Reference System of 1992 as the Standard Reference System for Surveys in the Philippines

WHEREAS, the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), is mandated under Executive Order 192 to establish a nationwide geodetic control network of control points that serves as a common reference system of all surveys in the country;

WHEREAS, the Natural Resources Management and Development Project of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in cooperation with the Coast and Geodetic Survey Department of NAMRIA has completed the establishment of the first order geodetic control network in the Philippines through the use of global positioning system (GPS);

WHEREAS, the new network has upgraded the old one and now capable of supporting the integrated surveying and mapping programs of the government for sustainable management and development of the environment and natural resources, and for infrastructure activities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order:

Section 1. The new geodetic control network known as the Philippine Reference System of 1992 (PRS 92) is hereby adopted as the standard reference for all surveying and mapping activities of the country.

Section 2. All new surveys and maps shall henceforth be referred to the new network. All old surveys shall be integrated into the new network including the adjustment of the coordinates of their corresponding maps. There shall be a transition period up to year 2000 to allow integration of the old surveys, after which only PRS 92 shall be recognized as the standard reference system for all surveys and maps in the country.

Section 3. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall promulgate the guidelines to implement the provisions of this Order.

Section 4. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Approved in the City of Manila, Philippines, this 5th day of January, in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety Three.

FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

ANTONIO T. CARPIO
Chief, Presidential
Legal Counsel

**Executive Order
No. 65
March 01, 1993**

SUBJECT : Constituting the Steering Committee to Undertake and Coordinate the Preparatory Work for the Working Group on Marine Scientific Research in the South China Sea, and for other Purposes

WHEREAS, the Indonesian Government, the convenor of the annual informal Workshops on "Managing Potential Conflicts in the South China Sea", has invited the Philippines to host one or both of the two Working Groups established by the third Workshop held in Yogyakarta in 1992;

WHEREAS, these annual Workshops, although unofficial in nature, constitute an important confidence-building mechanism and a valuable dialogue forum for maintaining the peace and avoiding conflict over an area that is commonly regarded as a potential "flashpoint";

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government has accepted the Indonesian invitation and decided to host and organize the Working Group on Marine Scientific Research in March 1993;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Government considers the responsibility of hosting the Working Group on Marine Scientific Research in the South China Sea to be an important and valuable one because the Working Group will form an active part of a peace process aimed at promoting cooperation and avoiding conflict in the South China Sea and will provide opportunities for joint efforts in marine scientific research which could yield valuable results for the populations and ecologies of the region;

WHEREAS, there is a need to constitute a Steering Committee to undertake and coordinate the preparatory work for the meetings and other activities of the Working Group;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Steering Committee which will undertake and coordinate the preparatory work for the Working Group on Marine Scientific Research in the South China Sea is hereby constituted and shall be composed of representatives from the following:

Department of Foreign Affairs	-	Chairman
Department of Science and Technology	-	Vice-Chairman
Department of Environment and Natural Resources	-	Member
Department of National Defence	-	Member
Marine Science Institute, Uni. of the Philippines	-	Member
Office of the National Security Adviser	-	Member
Institute of Strategic and Development Studies	-	Member

The Steering Committee shall be under the direction of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Section 2. The Steering Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a. To plan and coordinate the preparatory work for the Working Group on Marine Scientific Research in the South China Sea;
- b. To provide secretarial and other staff support for the meetings and other activities of the Working Group;
- c. To call upon any department, bureau, office, agency, or instrumentality of the Philippine Government for such assistance as it may require in the performance of its duties and functions; and
- d. To submit reports to the President, through the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, on its activities, including the disposition of funds received from local and other sources in support of its activities and work of the Working Group.

Section 3. The Steering Committee shall be assisted by a Secretariat to be headed by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The Department of Foreign Affairs may designate members of the Secretariat from among the member-agencies of the Steering Committee.

Section 4. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 1st day of March, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) ANTONIO T. CARPIO
Chief, Presidential
Legal Counsel

Executive Order
No. 84
April 24, 1993

SUBJECT : Creating a Presidential Commission to Formulate Short and Long Term Plans for the Development of Tagaytay City and its Adjacent Municipalities, and the Taal Volcano Island and its Surrounding Coastal Municipalities

WHEREAS, the Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, 1993-1998 (MTPDP) as approved by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Board, shall be the basis for all development activities to be undertaken by the government during said Plan period;

WHEREAS, an important component of the MTPDP is the National Tourism Master Plan of the Department of Tourism (DOT) which identifies the area covering Tagaytay City and its adjacent municipalities as a major destination for tourism in the Philippines, and its development, a key factor in the region's over-all development program;

WHEREAS, under Republic Act No. 7623, the Taal Volcano Island in Batangas and its surrounding coastal municipalities was declared a tourist zone under the joint jurisdiction of the DOT, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Municipalities of Laurel, Balete, Agoncillo, San Nicolas, and Talisay, Province of Batangas, and as such, shall be accorded priority development by the said government agencies and local government units;

WHEREAS, aside from developing Tagaytay City and its environs and Taal Volcano Island as tourist destination, there is a need to simultaneously address the developmental concerns of the surrounding coastal and non-coastal municipalities on matters of environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism and sustainable growth; and

WHEREAS, to enable the Government to undertake measures to conserve the natural resources and promote the accelerated socio-economic development of the area consistent with the concept of sustainable development, there is a need to create a body that shall formulate short and long-term plans for the area covered herein as well as address certain policy, planning and implementation issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. There is hereby created under the Office of the President a Presidential Commission to be called the Tagaytay-Taal Commission for the development of Tagaytay City, its adjacent municipalities, and the Taal Volcano Island and its surrounding coastal municipalities, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, composed of the following:

Secretary of Tourism	-	Chairman
Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources	-	Vice-Chairman
Secretary of Transportation and Communications	-	Member
Secretary of Public Works and Highways	-	Member
Secretary of the Interior and Local Governments	-	Member
Secretary of Trade and Industry	-	Member
Secretary of Agrarian Reform	-	Member
Secretary of Science and Technology	-	Member
Head, Presidential Management Staff	-	Member
Governor of Batangas	-	Member
Governor of Cavite	-	Member
Mayors of the concerned Local Governments Units	-	Member
The President, Development Academy of the Philippines	-	Member
The Administrator, Local Water Utilities Administration	-	Member

A representative each from the business, religious, land developers and agricultural sectors and from Non-Governmental Organization shall serve as Consultants to the Commission.

The Development Academy of the Philippines shall initially serve as the Technical Secretariat of the Commission to be headed by the Executive Director. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the President.

Section 2. The Commission shall be an advisory body to the President and shall exercise the following functions and responsibilities:

- a. Formulate a Ten-Year Tagaytay-Taal Master Plan by November 10, 1993 and a Twenty-Year Integrated Master Plan for the whole area covering Tagaytay City and its adjacent non-coastal municipalities, and the Taal Volcano Island and its surrounding coastal municipalities by January 1, 1994, based on the following guidelines:

- (1) Preservation of the area's natural beauty, protection of its ecological balance and enhancement of its environment;
- (2) Maximum enjoyment and easy access by ordinary people to public areas;
- (3) Rational land-use and zoning plan considering that Tagaytay City and Taal Volcano Island, in particular, are national assets, being tourist destinations of Filipinos from all parts of the country as well as foreign visitors;
- (4) Prohibition/control of unusually tall and unstable and obstructive structures obscuring public view of the natural beauty of the surrounding in accordance with the zoning ordinances of the local government units concerned and subject to the pertinent laws, rules and regulations on the matter;
- (5) Provision for improved and adequate service infrastructures such as power, water, communications and waste treatment facilities especially in the coastal and highland parts of the subject area;
- (6) Overall greening and reforestation to reduce the threat of soil erosion and damage to scarce marine resources;
- (7) Enhancement of agricultural productivity and local livelihood opportunities as an alternative to industrial employment; and
- (8) Provision for a viable peace and order plan.

Both Plans shall include a Comprehensive Investment Programs, Capability-Building Program for the affected local government units as well as the coordinated establishment of the following in the subject area:

- i. a nature center;
- ii. a people's center;
- iii. a conference and meeting center;
- iv. a flea market destination (vegetable/livelihood); and,
- v. a tourist destination.

Both Plans shall be submitted to the President for approval.

- b. Assist the local government units concerned in undertaking various planning activities to develop short term and long term strategies for tourism development, environmental protection, attracting business, investment, social development, and institutional building, in line with the developmental guidelines stated above and to integrate all national and local plans relative to the development of the subject area;
- c. Adopt a process of maximum consultation with the local government units concerned and all interest groups in the localities to ensure that the residents' needs, concerns and ideas are considered in the formulation and implementation of the said plans, development guidelines and municipal ordinances;
- d. Study and review policy measures that shall promote and address the concerns on environmental protection, poverty alleviation, local autonomy, eco-tourism, and sustainable development, of the subject area;
- e. Recommend (i) legislation to conserve the natural resources and promote the accelerated socio-economic development of the area; (ii) zoning ordinances to the Sangguniang Panglungsod concerned in consonance with the Plans approved by the President, subject to existing laws, rules and regulations; (iii) the establishment of fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers; and (iv) the regulation of the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said fire limits or zones in accordance with the provisions of the Fire Code; and
- f. Recommend to the Sangguniang Panglungsod concerned such other ordinances and measures as may be necessary to attain the objectives of the Plans approved by the President.

Section 3. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 14, Book II of Executive Order No. 292 (1987), lands of the private domain of the Government located in the subject area, the use of which is not otherwise directed by law, are hereby reserved from lease, sale or other disposition. Such reserved lands shall be used for developmental purposes in accordance with the Plans approved by the President.

Section 4. The heads of the local government units concerned are hereby directed to strictly enforce their respective zoning ordinances, particularly those prescribing height limitations, in the construction of buildings in the area covered herein.

Section 5. The Commission may call upon any government agency, office or bureau for assistance in the discharge of, and form committees, to facilitate the performance of, its functions and responsibilities.

Section 6. The Commission shall submit monthly reports of its activities to the Office of the President.

Section 7. The amount of Five Million Pesos (P 5,000,000), to be drawn equally from the President's Contingent Fund and funds of the DOT, shall be released for the operations of the Commission for 1993. Appropriations for the succeeding years shall be incorporated in the budget proposals under the Office of the President.

Section 8. All executive issuances, orders, rules and regulations or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Executive Order are hereby revoked or modified accordingly.

Section 9. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila this 24th day of April in the year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Three.

(Sgd.) **FIDEL V. RAMOS**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **ANTONIO T. CARPIO**
Chief, Presidential
Legal Counsel

Executive Order
No. 117
August 11, 1993

**SUBJECT : Establishing an Inter Agency Task Force
for Coastal Environmental Protection**

WHEREAS, Section 2, Article XII of the 1987 Constitution of the Philippines ordains that the State shall protect the nation's marine wealth in its archipelagic waters, territorial sea and exclusive economic zone;

WHEREAS, consistent with this mandate, it is imperative to institutionalize a cooperative and coordinated working relationship among department/agencies to strengthen the present support structures enforcing coastal environmental protection throughout the archipelago and optimize government efforts, as government resources may permit, to more efficient and effective levels;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Navy initiated, on localized basis, the establishment of an inter-agency task force, TF Sagip Buhay Dagat, with other government agencies, in DAVAO, for the effective protection of our marine and aquatic resources and that the successful experience/results gained therefrom made more manifest the need to implement/set-up the same working program, on a broader scale, to promote a national awareness on the priority of environmental concerns, and to insure a more effective and sustained law enforcement system on this regard, throughout the country;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create a cohesive coordinating body that shall trigger the needed response to fittingly meet the constitutional mandate and ensure the government's compliance thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Philippines, by virtue of the power vested in me by law, do hereby order:

Section 1. The Inter-Agency Task Force for Coastal Environmental Protection (IATFCEP) is hereby established and institutionalized, and shall be composed of the following:

1. The Executive Secretary
2. The Secretary of National Defense
3. The Secretary of Interior and Local Government
4. The Secretary of Agriculture
5. The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources
6. The Secretary of Justice

7. The Flag Officer of Command, Philippine Navy
8. The Director General, Philippine National Police Force

The Chairman of the IATFCEP shall be the Secretary of the department designated herein as a lead agency thereof.

Section 2. For the first year of its existence, the Department of National Defense and Philippine Navy shall be designated as the lead agencies of IATFCEP in conceptualizing, improving and implementing an overall program of action to protect the country's coastal waters, particularly in twenty one (21) protected/priority areas:

- 1) Sual-Alaminos-Bolinao, Pangasinan
- 2) Palaui Island, Sta Ana, Cagayan
- 3) Bani Pt., Masinloc, Zambales
- 4) Apo Reef, Occidental Mindoro
- 5) Cuyo Island Group, Palawan
- 6) Taytay Bay, Palawan
- 7) Ulugan Bay, Palawan
- 8) Quinalasag Island Group, Camarines Sur
- 9) Sorsogon Bay, Sorsogon
- 10) Sapián Bay, Capiz
- 11) Carbin Reef, Sagay, Negros Occidental
- 12) Apo Island, Negros Oriental
- 13) Bindoy Reef, Negros Oriental
- 14) Mahanay Island, Talibon, Bohol
- 15) Olango Island, Cebu
- 16) Guiuan, Samar
- 17) Initao, Misamis Oriental
- 18) Murcielagos Bay, Misamis Oriental
- 19) Sarangani Bay, South Cotabato
- 20) Pujada Bay, Davao Oriental
- 21) Marungas Island Group, Sulu
- 22) Others as may be designated later

Thereafter, the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Philippine National Police shall take over as IATFCEP's lead agencies.

Section 3. The IATFCEP shall perform the following functions and responsibilities:

- a) Formulate policies and priorities, promulgate guidelines and develop effective enforcement programs for coastal environmental protection on the national, regional and local levels;
- b) Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the lead agencies and IATFCEP member-agencies, or with any requesting LGU, on a location specific or regional level, to fully implement this Executive Order;
- c) Deputize, pursuant to the MOA(s) entered into with any government agency or department, agency officials/personnel to insure an effective and sustained law enforcement and protection of the coastal environment, on a local, regional or national level;
- d) Coordinate, monitor and evaluate coastal environmental protection programs/development projects initiated by the Government, local government units (LGU's) and non-government organizations for a sustained law enforcement towards a more effective and efficient protection of our marine waters and aquatic resources;
- e) Undertake information dissemination and education campaigns on coastal environmental protection to create greater awareness on coastal environmental concerns and protective measures;
- f) Propose, from time to time and as the need arises, to the President the passage of laws or amendments or presidential issuance's to enhance the protection of our coastal environment; and
- g) Perform such other tasks as may be necessary and incidental to carry out the provisions of this Executive Order and the purpose for which the IATFCEP has been established.

Section 4. The IATFCEP shall promulgate the necessary implementing guidelines for the accomplishment of the objectives of the Executive Order.

Section 5. The IATFCEP is hereby authorized to call on and mobilize any government agency or instrumentality, including local government units and government-owned or controlled corporations and also non-governmental agencies or institutions, for support and assistance in the implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 6. The IATFCEP shall be assisted by a Technical Working Group to be headed by the representative of the lead department and consisting of the representatives of the members hereof, whose offices shall be seated in such place as the lead department may provide/determine.

Section 7. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 11th day of August, in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

(Sgd.) FIDEL V. RAMOS
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) TEOFISTO T. GUINGONA, JR.
Executive Secretary