

PCSD RESOLUTION NO. 11-423

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, July 29, 2011

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WHEREAS, R.A. 7611, otherwise known as the Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) for Palawan, took effect on 19 June 1992. Section 6 of which provides that the ESP shall serve as the framework to guide the government agencies concerned in the formulation of plans, programs and projects affecting the environment and natural resources of Palawan;

WHEREAS, Section 2 thereof declares the policy of the State to protect, develop and conserve its natural resources towards which, it shall assist and support the implementation of plans, programs and projects formulated to preserve and enhance the environment, and at the same time pursue the socioeconomic development goals of the country; that it shall support and promote the sustainable development goals for the province through proper conservation, utilization and development of natural resources to provide optimum yields on a continuing basis.

WHEREAS, this same law provides that the SEP shall have, as its general philosophy, the sustainable development of Palawan, which is the improvement in the quality of life of its people in the present and future generations through the use of complementary activities of development and conservation that protect life-support ecosystem and rehabilitate exploited areas to allow upcoming generations to sustain development growth;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the same provides that the SEP shall establish, as its main strategy, a graded system of protection and development control over the whole of Palawan, including its tribal lands, forests, mines, agricultural areas, settlement areas, small islands, mangroves, coral reefs, seagrass beds and the surrounding sea, known as the Environmentally Critical Areas Network (ECAN), and which shall ensure the following: forest conservation and protection; protection of watersheds; preservation of biological diversity; protection of tribal people and the preservation of their culture; maintenance of maximum sustainable yield; protection of the rare and endangered species and their habitat; provision of areas for environmental and ecological research, education and training; and provision of areas for tourist and recreation;

WHEREAS, Section 16 thereof provides that the governance, implementation and policy direction of the SEP shall be exercised by the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSO);

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2001, Republic Act No. 9147, otherwise known as the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, was passed into law to carry out the declared policy of the State to "conserve the country's wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainability";

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the same law provides that the Council shall be the lead implementing agency in the Province of Palawan pursuant to Republic Act No. 7611 or the Strategic Environment Plan for Palawan;

WHEREAS, the Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Administrative Order No. 01, otherwise known as the implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9147 was promulgated to prescribe the procedures and guidelines for the implementation of the Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act, which administrative order is made applicable in the whole of the Philippine territory;

WHEREAS, most of the provisions of said administrative order require the implementation of Wildlife Act in the Province of Palawan as may be detailed by this Council;

WHEREAS, for and in consideration of the above premises, upon motion, duly seconded, be it RESOLVED, as it is hereby resolved, TO APPROVE, as it is hereby APPROVED, PCSD ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 12, otherwise known as the DETAILED GUIDELINES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9147 AND JOINT DENR-DA-PCSD ADMINISTRATIVE NO. 01, which Administrative Order is marked as Annex "A"[*] hereunto attached as integral part of this resolution.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that copies of this Resolution and the herein attached Administrative Order No. 12 be distributed to all concerned agencies of the government for information and appropriate action on provisions related to or complementary to the exercise of their respective mandates.

RESOLVED FINALLY, that copies of this Resolution and the herein attached Administrative Order No. 12 be published in newspaper of general circulation and furnished to the Office of the National Administrative Register (ONAR) at UP Law Center, Diliman, Quezon City as required under existing laws;

We hereby certify that the above-quoted Resolution has been duly approved and adopted by the PCSD on the 29th day of July 2011 at Puerto Princesa City.

Adopted: 29 July 2011

(SGD.) ROMEO B. DORADO

Secretary

APPROVED FOR THE COUNCIL:

(SGD.) ABRAHAM KAHLIB B. MITRA

Chairman

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