

March 5, 2002

DENR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
No. 2002- 11

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF PALAWAN WILDLIFE RESCUE AND CONSERVATION CENTER, FORMERLY CROCODILE FARMING INSTITUTE, FROM THE PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE BUREAU TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 786 of March 19, 1982 and Executive Order No.192 of June 10, 1987, in order to enhance the economic potential of Saltwater Crocodile (*Crocodylus porosus*) bred at the Palawan Wildlife Rescue and Conservation Center (PWRCC) and meet the objective of the Project to contribute to the upliftment of the socio-economic condition of the Filipino people; and to facilitate development of the Project into a self-sustaining activity, the supervision, operation and management of PWRCC formerly CFI is hereby transferred from the Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau (PAWB) to the Natural Resources Development Corporation (NRDC).

All Project documents, records, equipment, facilities, supplies and materials, manpower, and remaining Project appropriations for the current year are included in the transfer. The budgetary requirements of the Project for the next four (4) consecutive years (2003-2006) as phase-out period shall still be included in the budgetary proposals of PAWB. The annual Project allocation for said period, as may be approved and included in the GAA shall likewise be transferred by PAWB to NRDC. After the phase-out period, necessary fund to sustain the operation of the PWRCC shall be included in the annual budgetary request of NRDC as part of government equity/subsidy.

Likewise, the administrative and financial function over the Project previously delegated to the Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office in Palawan are also hereby transferred to NRDC.

Within three (3) months from the effectivity of this Order, the NRDC and PAWB shall jointly develop a management framework for PWRCC that will guide the NRDC in the preparation and implementation of more detailed, time-bound action plans, including the commercial activities to be undertaken by NRDC for the Project. In exercising its responsibilities under this Order, the NRDC shall continue to recognize the technical expertise and regulatory functions of PAWB on wildlife conservation, management and utilization and as such, shall ensure the involvement of PAWB in Project planning, monitoring and other aspects of Project operation, whenever necessary.

This Order revokes DENR Administrative Order 1997-31 dated September 29, 1997, as well as DAO 99-51 dated December 14, 1999 and all other orders, memoranda, circulars and issuances from this Office, which are inconsistent herewith.

This Order takes effect immediately and remains in full force and effect unless revoked by the DENR Secretary of higher authority in writing.

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Secretary