

SPECIAL ORDER

No. 2023 - _____

SUBJECT : AUTHORIZING THE CONDUCT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP (ICC) FOR CY 2023

In the interest of the service and pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 470, Series of 2003, the observance of the 2023 International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) Day on 16 September 2023, Saturday, with the theme "Clean Seas for Healthy Fisheries" is hereby authorized.

The DENR officials and employees from the Central Office, Regional Offices, Bureaus, and attached agencies are authorized to participate in and collaborate for the said event. In view thereof, the DENR Regions and implementing partners are directed to celebrate ICC Day 2023 following these guidelines:

1. The use of the attached ICC official logo, social media banner, and shirt design for the production of all collaterals in the conduct of ICC Day. **No physical banner/tarpaulin** shall be printed and displayed during the event;
2. **Coordinate** with other concerned national agencies (like DENR-EMB and DA-BFAR), academe, NGOs, POs, and other partners for the **promotion and awareness raising** of this year's ICC theme; and
3. **Trash Data Form from Ocean Conservancy** shall be utilized during the nationwide cleanup activities.

Attendance to the abovementioned activity shall be considered an official time. Employees attending the event who will incur official time in excess of 22 days for this month shall be entitled to compensatory offsetting privilege to be used within the year, equivalent to the incurred excess in official time for the month of this event.

Expenses to be incurred on the ICC Day including but not limited to supplies and materials shall be charged against respective DENR offices' funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

All regional offices shall submit a report consolidating data gathered during the ICC Day fifteen (15) days after the activity to the Coastal and Marine Division of the Biodiversity Management Bureau for national consolidation and submission to the Philippine Coordinator for Ocean Conservancy.

All Bureau Directors, Regional Directors of Line Bureaus, and DENR Regional Executive Directors are authorized to change the date and time of the activities, as necessary for reasons such as inclement weather, safety, and security concerns, among others.

The BMB shall submit a consolidated report to the undersigned through this link bit.ly/LNDportal within 15 days after the completion of the activity.

This Order shall take effect on the dates herein specified.

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