



REGIONAL SPECIAL ORDER

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A COMPOSITE TEAM TO INVESTIGATE THE
DESTRUCTION OF MANGROVE STANDS/AREAS AFFECTED BY
THE RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES IN CORON, PALAWAN**

In the interest of service and to determine the accountability of officials and/or other persons involved, a Composite Team is hereby created to conduct an in-depth investigation and ground validation of the reclamation activities resulting in the destruction of mangrove stands/areas in Coron, Palawan.

The Team is composed of the following personnel:

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Pursuant to Section 4 of Republic Act No. 7161 explicitly banning the cutting of mangroves, Section 43 of Presidential Decree No. 705 prohibiting clear cutting operations in all mangrove swamps, and Section 23 of DAO No. 2018-14 stipulating that an area clearance must be secured prior to any reclamation activity, the Team shall have the following duties and functions:

1. Conduct investigation and on-site ground validation to determine the present status of the reclamation and extent of environmental damage caused;
2. Conduct interview with all parties concerned and gather pertinent documents relative to the issue;
3. Conduct verification of Office records relative to the investigation;
4. Issue Subpoena Duces Tecum and/or Ad Testificandum to the parties, if warranted;
5. Determine if there are violations of existing ENR laws, rules and regulations committed; and
6. Submit report within seven (7) working days upon completion of the investigation.

Travelling expenses incurred during the conduct of investigation shall be charged against their respective Offices, subject to the usual accounting rules and regulations.

This Order takes effect immediately.



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