

Member's Annual Report 2007

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1. About the organization

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(3) Purposes and roles of your organization

a) Historical background of the organization

Executive Order No. 192 dated June 10, 1987 – “Providing for the Reorganization of the Department of Environment, Energy and Natural Resources, Renaming it as the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and for other Purposes”

b) Purposes and roles of the organization

The Department is mandated to be the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources.

To accomplish this mandate, the Department shall be guided by the following objectives:

- 1.) Assure the availability and sustainability of the country's natural resources through judicious use and systematic restoration or replacement, whenever possible;
- 2.) Increase the productivity of natural resources in order to meet the demands for forest, mineral, and land resources of a growing population;
- 3.) Enhance the contribution of natural resources for achieving national economic and social development;
- 4.) Promote equitable access to natural resources by the different sectors of the population;
- 5.) Conserve specific terrestrial and marine areas representative of the Philippine natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations.

(4) Outline of the organization

1) Number of staff

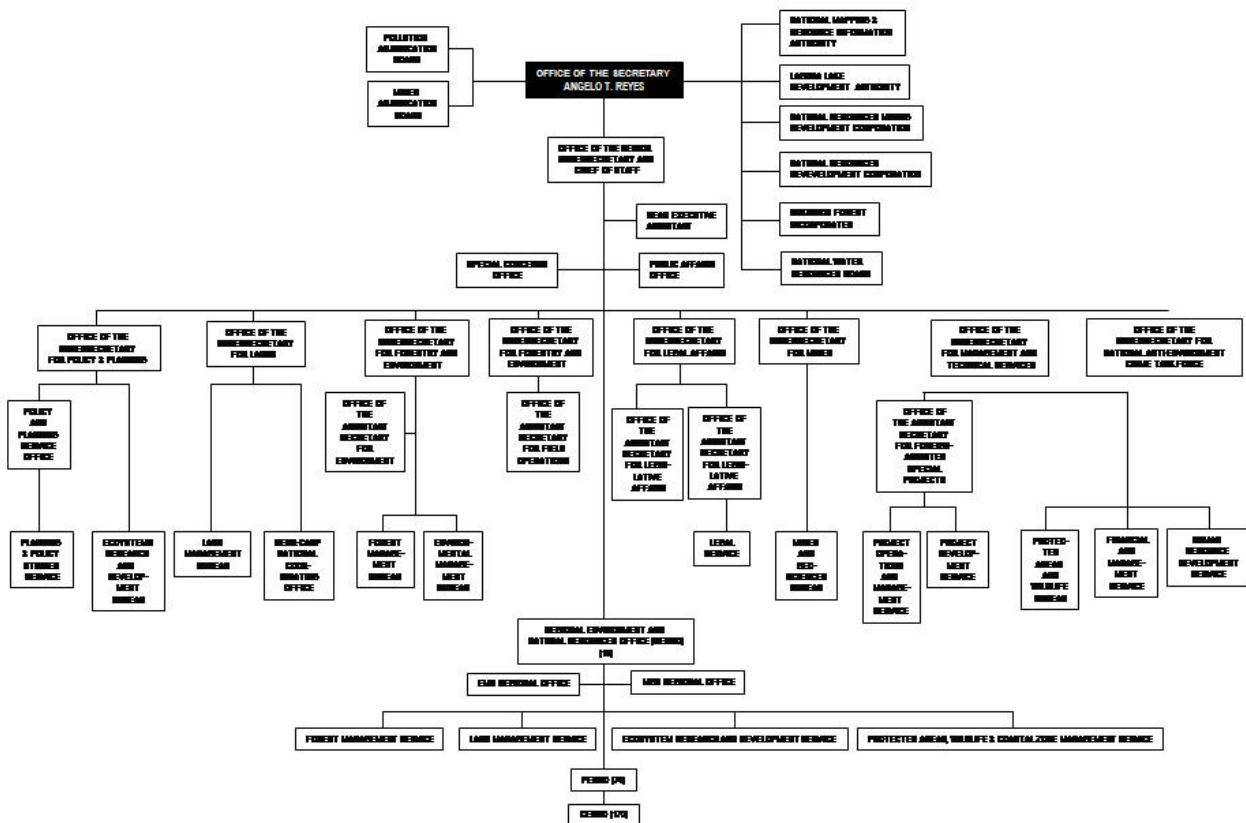
The Department has four (4) Bureaus, two (2) line bureaus, 3 attached agencies and 13 Regional Offices with PENRO's and CENRO's with more than 5,000 staff

Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Office (FASPO) has 5 divisions, with 80 staff

2) Amount of the annual budget in 2007

The annual budget of FASPO for CY 2007 is PhP6,835,000.00

3) Organizational chart



The River Basin Control Office (RBCO) was created in March 5, 2006 by virtue of Executive Order no. 510 entitled “ Creation of the River Basin Control Office” with power and functions, among others, to rationalize the various existing river basin projects of the country in coordination and collaboration with the Department of Public works and Highways, and other government agencies; rationalize and prioritize reforestation in watersheds; and develop the national master plan for flood control and the river basin master plan.

The Calendar Year 2007, witnesses the completion of various major take-off activities of the RBCO such as the completion, approval and distribution of the 200 copies of Integrated River Basin Development and Management Master Plan (two volumes). This IRBDM Plan will serve as the country’s national blueprint which set for the management and development directions of the country’s river basins – a major accomplishment indicative of the RBCO desires to achieve its long term goals and mandates of effectively orchestrating, and directing various players and users of the country’s river basins and in order to effect an integrated and cost-effective management of river basins. This is consistent with the policy directions on effective and prudent management of the country’s natural resources, such as Medium term Philippine Development Plan and the Philippine Millenium Development Goals; and in line with the country’s international commitment.. The year served as the banner year for some of the major policy breakthrough with the institutionalization of the Manila Bay Environmental management Project (MBEMP) under RBCO, and the completion of the Integrated River Basin Information Management system under UNDP/IMO-PEMSEA technical support and assistance. Moreover, in 2007, with RBCO initiatives, the Bicol River Basin and Watershed Management Program (BRBWMP) was fully institutionalized with the creation of the Project Management Office under the direct supervision of DENR-RBCO in line with Executive Order No. 359.

Specifically, other RBCO major accomplishments for 2007 covers areas, to wit:

1. Coordination and Integration of various plans/Development of institutional arrangement and/or other take-off activities of the following river basins:
 - a. Pampanga River Basin – Packaged Rationalized and Integrated Pampanga River Action Plan. The Completed Preparation and packaging of Pampanga River Basin Development Action Plan (2008-2010 and 2008-2014) focused on Marilao-Meycauayan-Obando River Systems. The workshop was held at Fontana Resort and Hotel, Angeles City, December 5-7, 2007. Indorsed Budget release to DENR Region 3 amounting to PhP57.0 Million for the rehabilitation of Meycauayan-Marilao-Obando river system and the Pampanga River Basin

- b. Bicol River Basin – Facilitated the institutionalization and operationalization of the Bicol river Basin and Watershed Management Program with the creation of PMO and establishment of institutional arrangement and funding support. Indorsed Budget release to PMO/DENR Region V amounting to PhP33.0 Million.
- c. Lake Lanao River Basin- accomplished watershed Rehabilitation and development consisting of 40 hectares Agroforestry Project and 45 hectares watershed rehabilitation; Protection of lake Lanao Watershed with the organization/strengthening of five(5) Multi-sectoral forest Protection Committee at Barangay Level, held 2 LLWPDC secretariat/TWG/council Meeting, held 5 coordination meetings with AFP, PNP and LGUs and Coordinated the Holding of Lake Lanao Watershed Symposium to advance information and knowledge sharing, rationalize and update the Lake Lanao Development Plans.
- d. Manila Bay river Basin Region- supervise the administration of the Manila Bay Project management, completion of the Manila Bay environmental Management Project with terminal report prepared and submitted, and established linkages with other water-related government agencies such as LLDA, PRRC, etc. and drafted the integrated Plans for Laguna lake-Pasig river and Manila Bay which focused on the improvement of the water quality for the plan period of 2008-2010
- e. Agusan River Basin – presided presentation of the consultants output of the Agusan river basin Master Plan, attended the RDC-CARAGA full annual meeting for the preparation Agusan River Basin Frameworks and Institutional Arrangement held at Butuan City, December 13, 2007
- e. Tigum-aganan River Basin- ocular visit of the river basin to identify issues and problems, attended the TIGUM-AGANAN River Basin council Meetings, and coordinated the holding of National Symposium on Rainwater harvesting technology.

2. Completion of 7 river basin Maps

- a. Bicol River Basin
- b. Pampanga River Basin
- c. Pasig-Laguna de Bay River Basi
- d. Agus River Basin
- e. Agno River Basin
- f. Tigum-Aganan River Basin
- g. Agusan River Basin

3. RBCO actively spearheaded/participated in the activities of the following ten (10) committees:

- a. Committee on Philippine Participation on the 2008 World Expo, Zaragoza, Spain (DENR-RBCO focal office/person).
- b. Committee on the Preparation of Conference on ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organization (CAFEO) 25th Conference, held on November 25 - 27, 2007, Cebu City (DENR-RBCO focal office/person).
- c. Chairman, TWG Institutional Strengthening , Water Supply Sector Roadmap (RBCO focal office).
- d. Member, Technical Evaluation Committee for the JICA Project "Capacity Building on Water Quality Management.
- e. Representative of the DENR Secretary, Laguna Lake Board Meetings. Chairman, and secretariat, TWG for the development of Integrated River Basin Information Management system;
- f. Member, Steering committee to Study the comprehensive Plan for Flood Mitigation of Cavite Lowland Area
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- h. Member, Steering committee to plan National flood control/Mitigation with DPWH
- i. Member, TWG to plan National Flood control/Mitigation Framework Plan with DPWH

4. River Basin Characterization

Review project proposal, approved and funded the project including conduct series of meetings relative to the on-going conduct of La Mesa Watershed Characterization with the project proponent- ERDS, DENR NCR. Study set for completion in 2008.

5. Conducted, attended and participated in a total ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THREE (153) various technical working group committee meetings / workshops and seminars for 2007
6. Completed the Design and development of the RBCO- initiated Integrated River Basin Information Management System (IRBIIMS) through the technical support of the UNDP/IMO-PEMSEA. This system will be employed in data banking of the various river basins in all the regions of the country in 2008.
7. Developed, approved for printing and distributed 200 copies of Integrated River Basin Development and management Master Plan (2 volumes) and presented the framework

plan in thirteen (13) various occasions/symposia and conferences in local and international gatherings.

8. Completion of Manila Bay Environmental Management Project. Towards the Mid-2007 preparation of terminal report on the project was made and submitted. The projects was under the GEF/UNDP/IMO-PEMSEA technical and funding support and was completed and evaluated by GEF evaluation team. The 12 major components of the MBEMP carried out with identified lessons learned and good practices developed, are: 1) Development of Manila Bay Coastal Strategy, 2) Development of Manila Bay Refined Risk Assessment, 3) development of the Operational Plan for Manila Bay Coastal strategy, 4) Development of the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Program, 5) Establishment and operationalization of the Integrated Information management system, Manila Bay Information Networking (MBIN), 6) stakeholder's Participation (civil society Participation), 7) Environmental Resource Valuation, 8) development of coastal land and sea-use Zoning Plan, 9) development of Manila Bay Oil spill contingency Plan, 10) Capacity Building, 11) Environmental investment and 12) institutional Arrangement.

The RBCO-MBEMP prepared the proposal and facilitated the implementation of the Manila Third Sewerage Project under DENR-World Bank Funding support with EMB lead implementation and with MWSS together with Manila Water and Maynilad Water Companies, Inc as cooperators. One piloted area is the Project 7 site.

9. Administration of the Manila Bay Project management within the DENR under the direct supervision of the RBCO.

This Project management of the Manila Bay Project was lodged under RBCO in July 31, 2007 by virtue of Department Administrative Order No. 2007-28., Accomplishments covers strengthening institutional arrangement of the Manila Bay Project, linkaging and monitoring of activities, implementation of SDS-SEA Project under IMO- PEMSEA support, continuing linkaging and coordination with the established three site Management Offices of the Manila Bay River Basin Project in DENR-NCR, Region 3 and Region 4, facilitated the proclamation of critical Habitat and Ecotourism area through Presidential Proclamation no. 1412 dated April 02, 2007 entitled" establishing a critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area within the Coastal Lagoons of Las Pinas and Paranaque., implementation of Manila Bay-Integrated environmental Monitoring Program, Implementation of Manila Bay Oil Spill contingency Plan, Instituionalization of Manila Bay Information Network and the Integrated Information Management System to DENR Offices, implementation of Advocacy and communication plan/IEC Plan with the production and distribution of 1,195 various IEC materials.

4) Ongoing projects

- a. **Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone Management Project (SMICZMP)** is an environmental initiative that seeks to integrate the management concerns of the uplands or watershed and the coastal and marine habitats and resources. It is a pioneering project of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) in holistic and sustainable management of the environment and natural resources. By utilizing participatory and co-management approaches, the Project seeks to address the broader, cross-sectoral resource management issues through the implementation of integrated strategic interventions and investments that consider the linkages between coastal, urban, upland and forest ecosystems with watershed as the basic planning unit in the two (2) project site: Mt. Matutum Protected Landscape-Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape and the Mainit Balasiao River Watershed-Malalag Bay Area.

The SMICZMP also puts emphasis on the importance of co-management and partnership with LGUs, NGOs, and POs to implement Project activities within the framework of integrated upland and coastal zone management using sustainable development principles.

- b. **Master Plan for the Agusan River Basin Project/Agusan River Basin Project** aims to assist the government identifies and institutionalizes appropriate support system and mechanisms that would enable the Agusan River Basin to sustainably protect and maintain its important attributes and tapping its potentials through coordinated and joint implementation of investment programs within the basin

(5) Main events in 2007

Organizer of Major Activity such as World Water Day Celebration in March 22, 2007, and co-organizer of the ASEAN 25th conference on the Conference of ASEAN Engineering Organization held in October 25-27, 2007

2. About NARBO activity

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www.denr.gov.ph

(2) Activities your organization implemented in 2007 as the member

Provides NARBO Secretariat country's annual report

(3) Resolutions and expectations for NARBO activities in 2008

To join/attend NARBO's training , workshops, scholarship programs and the twinning programs and other undertakings

1) Your organization's resolutions

Actively participation to NARBO's undertakings and activities, particularly the submission of Annual Report on time.

2) Expectations of NARBO activities

This Department is expecting to be informed and involved on all the NARBO's future undertakings/activities.

3. Questions to RBO members

(1) Areas which your organization has improved the performance in 2007

The areas of River Basin planning and governance which was rationalized with the creation of River Basin control Office (RBCO) through Executive Order 510.

(2) The way in which your organization was able to do so

Through the institutionalization and execution of Executive Order No. 510.

(3) In what way NARBO has helped your organization

NARBO has helped in the broadening of the DENR's spectrum of institutional linkages and networking with other National Government Agencies (NGAs), Non-Government Organizations (NGO's), Academe, Business Group and stakeholders of the office