

Policy Framework

- sets an intended outcome as well as the general strategy and specific procedures and activities to achieve the outcome
- Based on relevant provisions in the Constitution, statutes, executive and administrative issuances

Philippine Marine and Coastal Resources Policy Framework

- **Outcome:** Protection of marine wealth (Constitution, Art. XII, Sec. 2); Protection of marine and fishing resources (Constitution, Art. XIII, Sec. 7)
- **State policies:** Conservation, protection and sustained management of the country's fishery and aquatic resources (Fisheries Code, Sec. 2(a)); Protection and maintenance of the natural, biological, and physical diversities of the environment notably on areas with biologically unique features (NIPAS, Sec. 2)

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- **Responsible agencies:** Shared responsibility of the relevant national government agencies and LGUs
- **Strategy/ approach:** Ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management and integrated coastal area management (ICM)(Fisheries Code, Sec. 2(f), EO 533 on adoption of ICM)

Policy Implementation

- One measure is the establishment of **marine protected areas (MPAs)**
- **Modes of MPA establishment**
 - Under NIPAS Act (i.e., Natural parks, protected landscapes and seascapes etc.)
 - Under Fisheries Code (i.e., Fish refuge and sanctuaries)
 - Under Wildlife Act (Marine Critical Habitats)
 - Under Local Government Code

MPA Establishment

- **IRRs and Technical Guidelines for MPA:**
 - NIPAS Act IRR,
 - Department of Agriculture General Memorandum Order No. 3, series of 1990 entitled “*Guidelines for Establishment of Fish Sanctuaries*”
 - BMB Technical Bulletin No. 2017-06 “*Guidelines on Establishing and Managing Marine Protected Areas*”
 - Fisheries Administrative Order No. 233 Series of 2010 *Aquatic Wildlife Conservation* (16 April 2010)

Scaling up of MPAs to MPA Networks

- **Philippine Development Plan 2016-2022**
 - “Coastal and Marine: *Rationalize the identification of MPAs and their networks. Coastal and MPAs are important components of integrated coastal management (ICM) and ecosystems approach to fisheries management. They will help ensure the continued supply of seafood, underpin ecotourism, and enhance climate resilience. Network of MPAs, fish refuge and sanctuaries and managed access areas will be pursued to improve ecological connectivity and management efficiency.*”

Scaling up of MPAs to MPA Networks

- **DENR Administrative Order (DAO) No. 2016-26**
“Guidelines for the Implementation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Management Program (CMEMP) (17 October 2016)
- CMEMP Components: **MPA Network Establishment and Strengthening**; Biodiversity-friendly Social Enterprise Development; Capacity Building; Technical Assistance; Knowledge Management; Social Marketing and Mobilization; and Monitoring and Evaluation

Guidelines for MPA Network Establishment?

- Currently None
- Department of Agriculture (DA) and Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) can issue guidelines separately but for convergence considerations it is best to issue jointly with Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)
- National Convergence Initiative for Sustainable Rural Development (NCI-SRD)

Advantages of Uniform Guidelines

- To ensure science-based and rational design and establishment of MPA Networks to promote food security, marine biodiversity conservation, climate change adaptation and sustainable development;
- To maximize inter-agency cooperation to achieve complementary and efficient use of agency resources in the design and establishment of MPA Networks;
- To harness opportunities for synergies in the conservation and protection of coastal and marine resources through MPAs and MPA Networks

Joint Administrative Order

- Issued jointly by two of more Departments
- Parties: DA DENR DILG
- Specific on the adoption of uniform guidelines on the design and establishment of marine protected area networks
- Maybe preceded by an optional Declaration of Cooperation by the three agencies; to ensure commitment towards crafting the JAO

Outline of JAO on Guidelines on MPA Network Design and Establishment

Preamble

- I. Basic Policy and General Principles
- II. Scope and Coverage
- III. Objectives
- IV. Definition of Terms
- V. Constituent MPAs for Networking
- VI. Rationale for Establishment of MPA Network
- VII. Design Principles for MPA Networks
- VIII. Ecological Guidelines for Designing MPA Networks
- IX. Mode of Establishment
- X. MPA Network Management Plan
- XI. Capacity Building
- XII. Research and Studies
- XIII. Monitoring and Evaluation
- XIV. Registry of MPA Networks

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- XV. Alternative Livelihoods
- XVI. Financial Sustainability
- XVII. Gender Equality
- XVIII. Role of the Private Sector and Civil Society
- XIX. Information Dissemination to LGUs

Plus standard clauses on separability, repeal and effectivity

End of Presentation

Thank you for your attention.