

**UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND
NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND THE
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
TO PROMOTE COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Article 1

The Department of the Interior (DOI) of the United States of America, on the one hand, and the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), the Department of Agriculture (DA), and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) of the Republic of the Philippines, on the other hand, (hereinafter referred to as the Participants) desire to promote cooperation on environmental law enforcement through exchanges of information and personnel. All activities are to be conducted on the basis of equality and mutual benefits, within applicable laws, statues and regulations and within the capabilities of the agencies. This Understanding is to be conducted in accordance with and subject to the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Philippines on Cooperation in Science and Technology signed May 20, 2003.

Article 2

Forms of cooperation under this Understanding may consist of exchanges of technical information or training curriculum, participation in training courses, conferences and symposia or site visits. The specific areas of cooperation may include, but are not limited to, the following subjects:

1. Improving law enforcement against illegal natural resource extraction and degradation, focusing on coastal marine and upland timber resources;
2. benefiting local communities through improved sustainable management of coastal resources and upland timberlands, on which they rely;
3. promoting cross-agency coordination of responsibilities, jurisdictions and capabilities;
4. enhancing biodiversity and wildlife conservation; and
5. enhancing both coastal and inland tourism opportunities.

Article 3

The Participants may arrange periodic reviews on the progress of past work and new cooperative fields, when both Participants find there are adequate personnel and funding available to justify the expense of conducting review. In the period between reviews, the Participants may decide upon the

implementation arrangements of this Understanding through correspondence. The DENR shall serve as the lead convener for and in behalf of the GRP agencies.

Article 4

Any activity conducted under this Understanding is contingent on the availability of personnel and funding. Each Participant is expected to pay for its own expenses in conducting the periodic review and in undertaking activities, exchanges or new protocols, unless other arrangements are made in writing. All travel to be conducted under this Understanding should be decided upon by both Participants.


Article 5

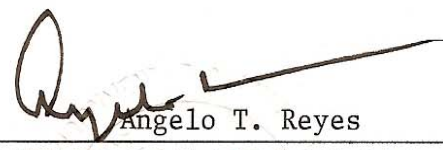
The Participants may establish annexes to this Understanding to specify activities considered part of this Understanding. The details of the annexes should be decided upon by the exchange of written communications between the Participants. The annexes may allow for reimbursable services, such as training and technical assistance to be provided by one Participant to another, or which may be funded by third parties.

Article 6

Activities under this Understanding commence upon signature by the Participants and continue for ten (10) years. The Understanding may be amended and extended by mutual written decision. It can be terminated by any Participant upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other Participants. All cooperative projects that may be underway at the time of termination may continue unless otherwise specified in the termination notice.

Signed in quadruplicate, in the English language, this 4th day of MAY of 2006.


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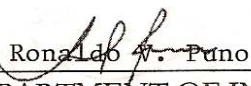

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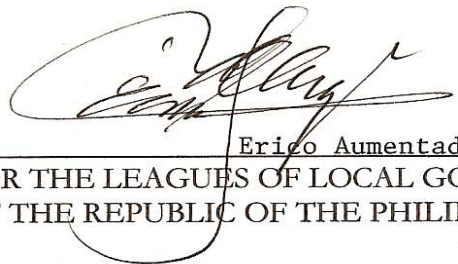
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