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SPECIAL ORDER

No. 160

Series of 2025

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO SPECIAL ORDER (SO) NO. 83 SERIES OF 2024: CREATION OF DA-BAR AGROBIODIVERSITY RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT (R4D) TEAM

In the interest of service and in line with the bureau's direction in strengthening its activities on Agrobiodiversity R4D priority setting, program development/packaging, and coordination with oversight and partner agencies and stakeholders, the DA-BAR Agrobiodiversity Research for Development (R4D) Team is hereby amended.

Relative to the creation of the Agrobiodiversity R4D team is DA-BAR's task to provide secretariat support to the NIAHS Executive Committee until such time that a permanent secretariat is set up by the DA as stipulated in **Section 6. NIAHS Secretariat** of **DA-DENR-NCIP-NCCA Joint Memorandum Circular No.1 Series 2023: Rules and Regulations Governing the Recognition and Confirmation of Nationally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (NIAHS) and Providing Appropriate Mechanisms for their Dynamic Conservation and Sustainable Use.**

With this, the composition and function of the Agrobiodiversity R4D Team is as follows:

R4D TEAM COMPOSITION

Lead	Members
Maylen V. Cunanan (PDD)	Marnelie G. Subong (PDD) Pamela C. Cabatic (PDD) Jusmine M. Maun (PMELD) Lea B. Calmada (KMISD) Nikko P. Solatre (PMU) Jesrael R. Samira (IMS-KMISD) Russel James P. Dagala (IMS-KMISD)

FUNCTIONS

The Agrobiodiversity R4D Team functions are as follows:

1. Spearhead the Agrobiodiversity R4D priorities and target setting;
2. Lead the packaging of R4D concept note/implementing guidelines for agrobiodiversity related projects and programs;
3. Initiate convergence, coordination, and collaboration with oversight and partner agencies to ensure relevance, alignment, and harmonization of the R4D program;



4. Collaborate with concerned offices/divisions/units of the bureau and provide timely updates and other urgent matters on programs that require immediate attention/action;
5. Collaborate with and assist PMU in packaging program and project reports/accomplishments;
6. Serve as interim secretariat for the NIAHS Executive Committee until such time that a permanent secretariat is set up by the DA; specifically, to:
 - a. Attend all meetings related to the enforcement of the DA-DENR-NCIP-NCCA JMC 1 Series 2023.
 - b. Provide administrative and logistical support for and during meetings; including but not limited to arranging schedule of meetings of the NIAHS Executive Committee.
 - c. Attend all meetings of the NIAHS Executive Committee and other related matters.
 - d. Record pertinent discussion every conduct of the NIAHS Executive Committee and prepare the official minutes of meetings.
 - e. Manage the registry of declared NIAHS.
 - f. Craft the Rules of Procedure in the Conduct of Business of the NIAHS Executive Committee.
7. Perform other functions related to the Agrobiodiversity R4D Program as assigned and authorized by the undersigned.

All concerned, please be guided accordingly.

Done this ~~20~~ day of July 2025.


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