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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**

NO. 17  
SERIES of 2020

**SUBJECT : ADOPTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT TRAINING MANUAL FOR TRAINORS**

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WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM) implemented a Global Environment Facility-funded Project in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme Philippines;

WHEREAS, the project is titled Implementation of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Practices to Address Land Degradation and Mitigate Effects of Drought otherwise known as the SLM Project which aims to strengthen SLM frameworks to address land degradation process and mitigate the effects of drought in the Philippines through effective national enabling environment to promote integrated landscape management; and long-term capacities and incentives in place for local communities and LGUs to uptake of SLM practices in two targeted municipality in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the SLM Project developed the Sustainable Land Management Training Manual which covers four modules to wit: Module 1 – Soil Erosion and Degradation; Module 2 – Soil Carbon, Backbone of Soil Health and Fertility; Module 3 – Land Degradation and Composite Land Degradation Index monitoring System Guidelines; and Module 4 – Photo-Visual Mapping, Recording and Assessment for the Establishment of the Composite Land Degradation Index Monitoring System;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Land Management Training Manual under the leadership of BSWM has undergone series of consultation meetings within the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Offices, Agricultural Training Institute and SLM Project Partners such as Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, Forest Management Bureau, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Economic and Development Authority, United Nations Development Programme, and Local Governments of Malaybalay City, Bukidnon and Abuyog, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the Sustainable Land Management Training Manual will be used by trainors from DA Staff Offices, Regional Field Offices (RFOs), and its attached agencies, bureaus, corporations, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), its regional field offices and bureaus, and the DILG;

  
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Dar, Ph.D., *Secretary of the Department of Agriculture*, hereby issue this Circular on the Adoption of the Sustainable Land Management Training Manual.

All the DA Staff Offices, Regional Field Offices (RFOs), and its attached agencies, bureaus, corporations, as well as the DENR and DILG shall adopt and coordinate with the Bureau of Soils and Water Management for the adoption and application of the Sustainable Land Management Training Manual for Trainors.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this 3 day of June 2020.

  
**WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.**  
Secretary 

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