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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR

NO. 18
SERIES of 2020

**SUBJECT : ADOPTION OF THE GUIDEBOOK ON COMPOSITE LAND
DEGRADATION INDEX MAPPING**

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture through the Bureau of Soils and Water Management 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 Composite Land Degradation Index (CLDI) Mapping Guidebook, an innovative tool which is an aggregation of the type, extent and degree of land degradation;

WHEREAS, the Geomatics and Soil Information Technology Division of the Bureau of Soils and Water Management in collaboration with the SLM Project conducted a workshop to pilot test the Guidebook's applicability to the local government unit level;

WHEREAS, the CLDI Mapping Guidebook has undergone series of consultation meetings with SLM Project Partners such as Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, Forest Management Bureau, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of the Interior and Local Government, National Economic and Development Authority, United Nations Development Programme, and Local Government of Malaybalay City, Bukidnon and Abuyog, Leyte;

WHEREAS, the CLDI Mapping Guidebook will be used by local governments and planners in their decision-making process to identify the priority areas that need to be addressed as well as the DA Regional Field Offices in their planning and programming of activities specially on the identification and quantification of the types, extent and degree of land degradation;

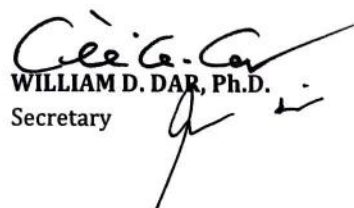
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NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Dar, Ph.D., Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, hereby issue this Order on the Implementation and Institutionalization of the Composite Land Degradation Index Mapping Guidebook. All the DA Staff Offices, Regional Field Offices (RFOs), and its attached agencies, bureaus, corporations shall adopt and coordinate with the Bureau of Soils and Water Management for the application of the CLDI Mapping Guidebook.

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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