

MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_27\_\_\_\_ SERIES OF 2020

SUBJECT

ADOPTION AND OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES FOR MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) 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 Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) which serves the purpose of providing LGUs simplified instructions and procedures which they can easily comprehend and apply in making land resources management an integral part of their policy and planning processes;

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the CLUP under the leadership of the BSWM has undergone series of consultation meetings with SLM Project Partners such as the Department of Agriculture, Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB), Forest Management Bureau, Department of Agrarian Reform, Department of 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 SLM Project conducted a workshop to pilot-test the Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the CLUP of the LGUs of Malaybalay City, Bukidnon and Abuyog, Leyte;

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WHEREAS, at the national level the Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the CLUP was reviewed by the Central and Regional Planners of the HLURB in a National Planners Forum conducted by this agency;

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the CLUP thru the technical assistance of the BSWM will be used primarily by the staff of the City/Municipal Agriculture Office in collaboration with the City/Municipal Planning and Development Office and the City/Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office, as well the assistance to the LGUs of the central and regional offices of the HLURB in the preparation of the CLUP;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William D. Dar, Ph.D., Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, hereby issue this Order on the Adoption of the Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the CLUP.

All the DA Staff Offices, Regional Field Offices (RFOs), and its attached agencies, bureaus, corporations shall coordinate with the BSWM for technical assistance on the operationalization of the Supplemental Guidelines for Mainstreaming SLM in the CLUP.

This Memorandum Order shall take effect immediately upon approval.

Done this 3 day of June 2020.

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WILLIAM D. DAR, Ph.D.

Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

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