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**SPECIAL ORDER**

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**SUBJECT : CREATION OF A PROJECT PREPARATION TEAM FOR THE CRAFTING OF PROJECT PROPOSAL ON THE AGRICULTURAL USE OF JUNCAO IN THE PHILIPPINES**

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In the exigency of service and in view of expediting the preparation and crafting of a Project Proposal focusing on the agricultural use of Juncao in the Philippines, a Project Preparation Team is hereby created with the following composition:

- Team Leader** : **ARNEL V. DE MESA, CESO III**  
Assistant Secretary for Operations
- Co-Team Leader** : **GERALD GLENN F. PANGANIBAN, Ph.D.**  
Director, Bureau of Plant Industry and Program Director,  
High Value Crops Development Program
- Members** : **Dr. PAUL C. LIMSON**  
Director, Bureau of Animal Industry
- GINA P. NILO, Ph.D.**  
Director, Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM)
- JOELL H. LALES**  
OIC-Director, Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR)
- Dr. RUTH S. MICLAT-SONACO**  
Program Director, National Livestock Program
- FERNANDO D. FLORES**  
OIC-Director, Project Development Service
- ANGELITA D. MARTIR**  
OIC-Chief, Special Projects Coordination and  
Management Assistance Division (SPCMAD)
- Secretariat** : **National High Value Crops Development Program**
- National Livestock Program**
- Project Development Service**
- Special Projects Coordination and Management**



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The Project Preparation Team shall be responsible for the following:

- 1) Prepare and finalize the project proposal (and consequent Feasibility Study) on the agricultural use of Juncao in the Philippines and its technical, economic, and financial viability;
- 2) Ensure that project documents are compliant with the requirements of the DA-Wide Project Clearinghouse System and NEDA-Investment Coordination Committee;
- 3) Coordinate with and request assistance from other relevant offices, if needed; and
- 4) Prepare timeline of activities and other documentary requirements from preparation until finalization and approval of the project.

All officials and employees of the Department, including its Bureaus, Attached Agencies and Corporations, and Regional Field Offices are hereby directed to give their full support and cooperation to the Project Preparation Team in the performance of their functions.

All expenses to be incurred in the conduct of related activities for the Project shall be chargeable against their respective offices, subject to the existing government accounting and auditing laws, rules, and regulations.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until revoked in writing. All other orders inconsistent herewith are deemed revoked.

Done this 16th day of February 2023.

  
**DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN**  
Senior Undersecretary



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