

MANDATE (E.O. 192, s. 1987)

The Department is the primary agency responsible for the conservation, management, development, and proper use of the country's environment and natural resources, specifically forest and grazing lands, mineral resources, including those in reservation and watershed areas, and lands of the public domain, as well as the licensing and regulation of all natural resources as may be provided for by law in order to ensure equitable sharing of the benefits derived therefrom for the welfare of the present and future generations of Filipinos.

To accomplish this mandate, the Department shall be guided by the following objectives:

1. Assure the availability and sustainability of the country's natural resources through judicious use and systematic restoration or replacement, whenever possible;
2. Increase the productivity of natural resources in order to meet the demands for forest, mineral, and land resources if a growing population;
3. Enhance the contribution of natural resources for achieving national economic and social development;
4. Promote equitable access to natural resources by the different sectors of the population; and
5. Conserve specific terrestrial and marine areas representative of the Philippine natural and cultural heritage for present and future generations.

VISION

A nation enjoying and sustaining its natural resources and a clean and healthy environment.

MISSION

To mobilize our citizenry in protecting, conserving, and managing the environment and natural resources for the present and future generations.

DEVELOPMENT GOAL

Human well-being, and environmental quality and sustainability ensured.

ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOMES

Promote human well-being and ensure environmental quality

Sustainably-managed environment and natural resources

Adaptive capacities of human communities and natural systems ensured

ENR DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLE

Good Governance

Accountability, transparency, integrity, participatory and predictability

Ease of doing business

Social justice

Equity and gross national happiness

Social Entrepreneurship

Partnership with Civil Society

Ecosystem integrity

Sustainable consumption and production

Polluters pay

Payment for ecosystem services

Rule of law

Honoring global commitments

KEY STRATEGIES

1. Adoption of the watershed/river basin framework in planning

Prioritizing areas within the watershed

Forest Land Use Planning

Adopting soil and water conservation measures

Agroforestry systems

2. Closing open access areas of forestlands by granting appropriate tenure/ management arrangement

3. Convergence approach among NGAs, LGUs and CSOs

4. Area management approach - an integrated area development where all basic societal and economic services are delivered in an area for more impact

5. Capacity building of DENR frontliners, LGUs, CSO partners, POs and social entrepreneurs

6. IEC, advocacy and social mobilization

7. Certification Systems