

A TREK THROUGH

THE INSPECCION GENERAL DE

MINAS is created through a Royal Decree under the Spanish regime. It is in charge of the administration and disposition of minerals and mineral lands in the Philippines.

1863 THE INSPECCION GENERAL DE MONTES

in the Philippines is created by virtue of a Spanish Royal Decree. Its functions and responsibilities include several concerns related to the management of a wide range of natural resources such as forest inventory and protection, land classification, watershed protection, water, biodiversity, and mineral resources conservation.

CATALOGO LECCION DE MOLOSCOS

THE INSPECCION

1886

GENERAL DE MINAS is abolished, and its functions and personnel are merged to General Directorate of Civil Administration.

1898 The DEPARTAMENTO DE

FOMENTO or the DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE is established by a decree signed by Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo. One of its divisions is the INDUSTRY & AGRICULTURE DIVISION, and one of its sections is the MINES AND MOUNTAINS SECTION.

1900

The Americans came and re-organized the government, resulting to the implementation of GENERAL ORDER NO. 31 which creates the MINING BUREAU.

The Philippine Government issues ACT NO.

1916

DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS," transferring the functions and authority regarding agriculture and natural resources from the Department of Interior to the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL Bureaus under its supervision include Agriculture, Forestry, Lands, Science, and Weather.

2666, "AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE EXECUTIVE

matters that included natural resources.

1901

THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR is

created and vested with

powers and authority on

A new reorganization act is passed, renaming

1932

the DANR to the **DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND** COMMERCE (DAC) with the addition of the Bureau of Commerce. It also splits the BUREAU OF AGRICULTURE into the **BUREAU OF PLANT INDUSTRY** and the BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY.

organized and placed under the direct control and supervision of

The following entities are

1933

the DAC Secretary: Divisions of Accounts and Property, Statistics and Publications, MINERAL RESOURCES, Industrial Engineering, Home Economics and Navigation, FISH AND **GAME ADMINISTRATION, Fiber** Inspection Service, and Scientific Library.

1934-1938

The following divisions are reorganized and placed under the BUREAU OF SCIENCE: MINERAL **RESOURCES**, Industrial Engineering, Home Economics, FISH AND GAME ADMINISTRATION, and

Scientific Library. The Division of Accounts and Property is abolished. The BUREAU OF MINES (out of the Division of Mineral Resources) is created by virtue of COMMONWEALTH ACT NO. 136.

The LAGUNA LAKE DEVELOPMENT

1966

AUTHORITY (LLDA) is established by the virtue of REPUBLIC ACT (RA) NO. 4850



(DNR).

1953

DANR.



AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DANR).

1947

Reorganization brings back the

name DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE



to fish and fisheries placed

1938-1941

The FISH AND GAME ADMINISTRATION is

separated, with functions related

under the DIVISION OF FISHERIES of DAC, while those relating to game administration are placed under the BUREAU OF FORESTRY.



(BM), BUREAU OF LANDS (BL), BUREAU OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES (BFAR), NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR MINERAL EXPLORATION AND SURVEY OPERATIONS (NACOMESCO), PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON WOOD INDUSTRIES DEVELOPMENT (PCWID), FISHERY INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (FIDC),

SURIGAO MINERAL RESERVATIONS BOARD (SMRB), AND THE PRESIDENTIAL

PD 607 establishes the FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FORI) and

ACTION COMMITTEE ON LAND PROBLEMS (PACLAP).

attaches it to the DNR.

1982

the MNR.

EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) NO.

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

CORPORATION (NRDC) as

786 creates the NATURAL

The following line bureaus and attached agencies are placed under the DNR: BUREAU OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT (BFD), BUREAU OF MINES

PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (PD) NO. 461 reorganizes the DANR into the DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA) AND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



PD 424 creates the NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL, which is presently the NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD.

1979

PD 1281 renames the

BUREAU OF MINES AND

Bureau of Mines as the

GEOSCIENCES and makes it

On the other hand, PD 1041 establishes the

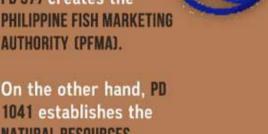
1976

PD 977 creates the

AUTHORITY (PFMA).

NATURAL RESOURCES

MANAGEMENT CENTER



Fish and fisheries concerns are

transferred to the

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,

1985

aside from the attached entities.



more responsive to its the corporate arm of varied functions.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 31.

E0 374 is issued, creating the

RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND

government agencies and

tasks the PTFWRDM to

PRESIDENTIAL TASK FORCE ON WATER

MANAGEMENT (PTFWRDM). The EO

coordinate projects of various

departments involved in water to

ensure efficient management and

development of water resources.

1978

the MINERAL

RESERVATION

PD 1305 establishes

DEVELOPMENT BOARD

functions of the

abolished SMRB.

(MRDB), which takes

over the powers and

leaving the MNR with only three bureaus

EMERGING CRITICAL CONCERNS ABOUT ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT. THE EO IS, HOWEVER, NOT IMPLEMENTED.

EO 131 IS ISSUED ON JANUARY 30, CREATING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES (DEENR),

TAKING THE POWERS AND

FUNCTIONS OF THE MNR.

IT ALSO INCORPORATES THE

THE BUREAUCRACY IS DECENTRALIZED WITH THE TRANSFORMATION OF FORMER **LINE BUREAUS TO STAFF** BUREAUS AND MOST OF THE LINE **FUNCTIONS TO THE REGIONAL** AND FIELD OFFICES.

* FOREST MANAGEMENT BUREAU (FMB), INTEGRATING AND ABSORBING MOST OF THE POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF

FOREST DEVELOPMENT AND THE

WOOD INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

* LAND MANAGEMENT BUREAU

THE BUREAU OF LANDS WHILE

(LMB), AS THE CENTRAL OFFICE OF

INTEGRATING THE DISTRICT LAND

AGENCY'S SECTORAL STAFF

BUREAUS:

AUTHORITY

BOARD

IT NAMES THE FOLLOWING AS THE

OFFICES TO THE DENR FIELD OFFICES * MINES AND GEOSCIENCES BUREAU (MGB), ABSORBING THE FUNCTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF MINES AND GEOSCIENCES, THE ABOLISHED MINERAL RESOURCES

DEVELOPMENT BOARD AND THE

GOLD MINING INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE

A strategic environmental plan for the province of and annexes the LLDA to Palawan was created the DENR. through RA 7611. The plan shall be implemented under the PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (PCSD).

1992

A shift to the parliamentary form of government leads to the renaming of the DNR to the MINISTRY OF **NATURAL RESOURCES** (MNR).

1977

PD 1121 creates

the NATIONAL

PROTECTION

ENVIRONMENTAL

COUNCIL (NEPC).

THE GOVERNMENT ISSUES EO 192 ON JUNE 10, REORGANIZING THE DEENR AND RENAMING IT AS THE DEPARTMENT OF **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL** RESOURCES (DENR) WHILE TRANSFERRING ENERGY

MATTERS TO THE OFFICE OF THE

PRESIDENT.

1993 E0 149 streamlines the Office of the President

DA

* ECOSYSTEMS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT BUREAU (ERDB). AS A MERGER OF THE FORMER FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE AND THE NATIONAL MANGROVE COMMITTEE * PROTECTED AREAS AND WILDLIFE **BUREAU (PAWB)**

1988

The DENR officially

wing through the

DEPARTMENT'S

puts NAMRIA under its

* ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

BUREAU (EMB) INTEGRATING THE

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL

COMMISSION (NPCC), AND

PHILIPPINES (ECP)

PROTECTION COUNCIL (NEPC).

NATIONAL POLLUTION CONTROL

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER OF THE

INTEGRATES THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT CENTER, NATIONAL CARTOGRAPHY AUTHORITY, BUREAU OF COAST AND GEODETIC SURVEY, AND THE LAND CLASSIFICATION TEAMS OF THE FORMER **BUREAU OF FOREST DEVELOPMENT;**

THE EXISTING NRDC THROUGH

EO 192; AND

1987

THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES AND

DENR:

CORPORATIONS ARE ALSO ATTACHED TO THE

INFORMATION AUTHORITY (NAMRIA), WHICH

* NATIONAL MAPPING AND RESOURCE

WAS CREATED UNDER EO 192, AND

THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA). THE FOLLOWING ARE DETACHED FROM THE THEN DEENR: THE MANILA SEEDLING BANK FOUNDATION, THE BUREAU OF ENERGY UTILIZATION, AND THE BUREAU OF ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. THE NEA IS LATER TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENERGY.

RA 8749 or the PHILIPPINE CLEAN AIR

ACT is passed, transforming the

and mandating it to be a lead

implementation of the law's

The PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION

agency in the overall

provisions.

COMMISSION (PRRC)

the virtue of E0 54, and attached to

in the same year through E0 65.

is created by

the DENR

EMB from a staff to a line bureau

RA 7942 or the PHILIPPINE MINING ACT is

passed, restoring the

Mines and Geosciences

Bureau, and providing

for the creation of its

regional offices

nationwide.

line functions of the

1995

2005 THE GOVERNMENT ISSUES EO 366, **DIRECTING AGENCIES UNDER THE** EXECUTIVE BRANCH TO REVIEW THEIR OPERATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS. AND PROVIDING OPTIONS AND **INCENTIVES FOR GOVERNMENT** EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE RATIONALIZATION OF

AGENCIES AND FUNCTIONS.

2006

2003

The PHILIPPINE MINING

1996

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PMDC) is also created under DA0 2003-38 and placed under DENR.

1999

2002 EO 123 is issued, abolishing the PTFWRDM while reconstituting the NATIONAL WATER RESOURCES BOARD (NWRB), transferring it from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to the Office of the President. The EO also names the DENR Secretary as NWRB Chair.

E0 543.

The PHILIPPINE

RECLAMATION AUTHORITY

(PRA) is created under

the PMDC is "returned" to the DENR by virtue of E0 689.

EO 636 transfers the PHILIPPINE MINING

DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PMDC),

formerly the Natural Resources

Mining Development Corporation,

President. Before the year ends,

from the DENR to the Office of the

2007

2008

E0 734 transfers the

PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR

DEVELOPMENT (PCSD)

SUSTAINABLE

to the DENR.

2012

2009

The PRA, formerly

known as the Philippine

Estates Authority, is

transferred from the

DPWH to the DENR by

virtue of E0 798.

The composition and powers of the NWRB are redefined by the virtue of EO 860.

The ERDB presence in the DENR regional offices is clustered into six centers for excellence: Watershed and Water Resources Research Center (Regions 1, 2, 3 and CAR);

Land Management, Agroforestry and

Upland Farming Technology Research Center (Regions 4A, 4B and 5); Forest and Timber Resources Research Center (Regions 9, 10 and 13); the Mining and **Degraded Areas Rehabilitation** Research Center (Regions 11 and 12); Urban, Toxic Substances and Hazardous Wastes Research Center (NCR); and Biodiversity, Coastal, Wetlands, and Ecotourism Research Center (Regions 6, 7 and 8). THE PAWB IS ALSO RENAMED AS THE

BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU (BMB) TO REPRESENT **EXPANDING** RESPONSIBILITIES BEYOND PROTECTED AREAS. Strategic Communication and

Initiatives Service

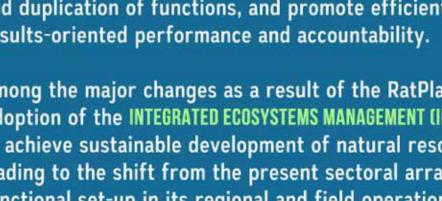
Public Information Division

PLAN (RATPLAN). Through the RatPlan, the DENR is able to focus on the vital and core functions of the agency, improve the quality and efficiency of its services by eliminating overlaps and duplication of functions, and promote efficient and results-oriented performance and accountability. Among the major changes as a result of the RatPlan include:

Adoption of the INTEGRATED ECOSYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (IEM) approach leading to the shift from the present sectoral arrangement to a redefinition of the Department's role from being a "rower" to a







to achieve sustainable development of natural resources functional set-up in its regional and field operations, and "steerer" in natural resources utilization and management.