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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
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**TO : All Regional Executive Directors**

**SUBJECT : Implementation of the National Greening Program**

In order to have orderly, effective and efficient implementation of the National Greening Program (NGP) pursuant to Executive Order No. 26 and its implementing rules and regulations embodied in Department Memorandum Circular No. 2011-1 dated March 8, 2011, and as agreed upon during the DENR Executive Committee Meeting on March 26, 2012, you are hereby directed to:

1. Utilize the watershed as the basic planning unit to stress the importance of the protective function of trees
2. Identify, survey and map contiguous or clustered planting sites preferably at least 50 hectares.
3. Prioritize the identified 609 poor municipalities by the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) and the National Convergence Initiative (NCI) areas for development.
4. Implement a phased approach to a shift from use of exotic to indigenous species, starting with establishment of seed production areas and clonal nurseries especially of species for the production areas.
5. In coordination with Peoples' Organizations (POs) and LGUs concerned on identified planting sites, in accordance with their development plans and species-site-market matching, identify and propagate on-site species of forest trees, fruit-bearing trees, industrial crops, fuelwood and bamboo species for planting in production forests, giving preference to indigenous species; and for protected areas and protection forests, mangrove and urban areas, plant appropriate indigenous tree species.
6. Provide continuous technical assistance and support to partner POs and CSOs to ensure high survival rates of outplanted seedlings and achieve the goals of the NGP.
7. Engage the PTFCF's and FPE's assisted CSOs in the production and planting of indigenous forest species pursuant to the MOA among DENR and the PTFCF and FPE. CENROs/PENROs shall submit to the REDs

concerned for consolidation and submission to the Office of the Secretary through the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, the list of CSOs engaged in the production of indigenous species, and plantation establishment, maintenance and protection, for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

8. Implement plantation maintenance and protection activities in all NGP planting sites.
9. Adopt the use of the NGP computer-based reporting system through the NGP website and the NGP geo-tagging M&E system.
10. Implement the MOAs between the DENR and national government agencies and other partner organizations such as the PNP, SUCs, MAP, private business, among others, by providing planting sites, technical assistance and other appropriate support to ensure successful implementation of the Agreement.

Further, supplemental guidelines shall be issued from time to time as the need arises.

**THIS ORDER TAKES EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.**

  
**RAMON J.P. PAJE**  
Secretary 



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