



**INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE ON  
ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES STATISTICS  
IACENRS Resolution No. 02  
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**ESTABLISHING THE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP ON  
NATURAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS (TWG-NCA)**

**WHEREAS**, an Interagency Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (IACENRS) was established on 23 December 2014 through PSA Memorandum Order No. 2 series of 2014 to serve as a venue for discussion and resolution of issues, to review current techniques/methodologies, and to recommend policies and workable schemes towards the improvement of environment and natural resources and other related statistics;

**WHEREAS**, a Task Force on Natural Capital Accounts was established on 12 May 2021 through IACENRS Resolution No. 01 series of 2021 to address the need to institutionalize Natural Capital Accounting in the country including the generation, compilation, estimation, and dissemination of the country's natural assets and ecosystems accounts;

**WHEREAS**, IACENRS Resolution No. 01 series of 2022 approved for adoption the Roadmap to Institutionalize Natural Capital Accounting (NCA) in the Philippines and dissolved the Task Force on Natural Capital Accounts on 30 March 2022;

**WHEREAS**, the institutionalization of a Technical Working Group after the adoption of the NCA Roadmap will serve as a dedicated body acting as entry point for all NCA initiatives in the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a Technical Working Group on Natural Capital Accounts (TWG-NCA) is hereby established composed of the following:

Chair: Macroeconomic Accounts Service (MAS)  
Philippine Statistics Authority

Members: Policy and Planning Service (PPS)  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Knowledge and Information Systems Service (KISS), DENR

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment Staff (ANRES)  
National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)

The TWG-NCA shall have the following functions:

- Provide immediate support to achieve the priority activities across all components of the roadmap (e.g., securing budget/financial and technical support and collaborating with development partners for project preparation and implementation);
- Serve as a forum for discussion and resolution of issues and concerns in the compilation, processing, and dissemination of natural capital and ecosystem statistics and accounts and other related indicators in terms of accuracy, completeness, timeliness, and relevance;
- Review and enhance the concepts, techniques, and methodologies used in the collection, processing, and reporting of natural capital and ecosystem statistics and accounts to ensure conformity with the prescribed statistical standards and classification system;
- Identify and recommend statistical measures, strategies, and policies for the improvement of natural capital and ecosystem statistics and accounts to IACENRS;
- Recommend improvements in the methodology of compiling natural capital and ecosystem statistics and accounts and formulate measures to ensure that the data requirements of the same are being generated and addressed by all concerned agencies;
- Prioritize outputs that will address the more urgent statistical requirements in the Philippine Statistical Development Program, including those required to monitor/measure accomplishment of relevant chapters of the Philippine Development Plan and its Results Matrix;
- Update the IACENRS on developments in natural capital and ecosystem statistics and accounts; and,
- Provide data/information support in the development, generation, and maintenance of ENR frameworks, including identification of viable data sharing/exchange platform for various end-users.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT:**

- The PSA shall have the overall responsibility for the institutionalization and implementation of NCA. It shall be responsible for the compilation of national and subnational asset and flow accounts, capacity development, dissemination programs, and provision of technical support to other government agencies on (a) data systems management and (b) ecosystem account compilation to ensure consistency with the UN SEEA frameworks. Moreover, it has the primary responsibility over national censuses and surveys, sectoral statistics, community-based statistics, consolidation of selected administrative recording systems, and staff with expertise and/or background on statistics, economics, and environmental science, among others.

- The DENR will construct site-specific ecosystem accounts and be a major data producer as well as user of the accounts. In parallel, the Policy and Planning Service (PPS) shall have the overall responsibility for the implementation of NCA in the DENR, including incorporating NCA in the agency's budget priorities. The Knowledge and Information Systems Service (KISS) of the DENR shall be responsible for the compilation of ecosystem accounts with technical guidance from PSA. The DENR and its attached bureau shall be responsible for providing the data support for the NCA.
- The NEDA shall ensure that NCA is included in the development priorities of the government based on the usefulness of the accounts in policy analysis, planning, and investment programming processes. In the interim, NEDA will support the institutionalization by linking accounts to policies to respond to the demand of NCA in the Philippines and enabling evidence-based decision making. In the long run, as the Chair of the PSA Board, NEDA's role will be more on providing strategic guidance on improving uptake on policy use and application, enhance institutional capacity, and raise awareness and transparency of NCA work. NEDA will also support the policy instruments/legislations that will strengthen the implementation of NCA and ensure budget support in the government.

The TWG may invite representatives from the agencies listed down below as resource persons as the need for them arises:

- a. Department of Energy (DOE);
- b. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG);
- c. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD);
- d. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT);
- e. Department of Science and Technology (DOST);
- f. Department of Agriculture (DA);
- g. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR);
- h. Bureau of Soils and Water Management (BSWM);
- i. National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA);
- j. National Water Resources Board (NWRB);
- k. Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB); and
- l. Forest Management Bureau (FMB).

The TWG-NCA shall adhere to the PSA Guidelines of Interagency Committees, Technical Committees, Technical Working Groups, and Task Forces in the implementation of its activities and in the preparation of reports and recommendations.

The TWG shall submit to the IACENRS its work program and report on the progress of its work including the findings and recommendations on issues referred to it.

The membership of the TWG may be increased or decreased, as the exigencies of its work would require.

The TWG secretariat shall review its composition on an annual basis and recommend its reconstitution to the IACENRS, if deemed necessary.

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 2022.



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