

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 70

Amending Executive Order No. 9, as amended, by formally establishing Division of Conservation and Entomology and Division of Mineral Resources within the Bureau of Resources and Development, Ministry of National Resources.

WHEREAS, Article VI of the Constitution of the Republic of Palau mandates the National Government to take positive action to attain national objectives and implement national policies including conservation of a beautiful, healthful and resourceful natural environment; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1981, the late President Remeliik issued Executive Order No. 3 - Organization of the Executive Branch - Government of the Republic of Palau - under which "Division of Conservation" was listed under the Bureau of Resources and Development, but said reference was inadvertently omitted in the formulation of Executive Order No. 9 when promulgated on September 29, 1982; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 9, as amended, Part V, Section 1 lists as among the duties and responsibilities of the Bureau of Resources and Development ". . . the promotion, exploitation, development and conservation of the natural resources of the Republic, including marine and fisheries, agricultural, forestry, mineral and other land-based and ocean resources;" and

WHEREAS, since the establishment of the constitutional government on January 1, 1981, responsibilities for conservation of natural resources and enforcement thereof including entomology and development and exploitation of mineral resources have not been clearly defined and no agency or government instrumentality has been charged with carrying out duties and functions relating thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that Executive Order No. 9, as amended, is further amended in the following particulars:

1. Added to Part V, Section 1, is a new division as follows:

"(c) Division of Conservation and Entomology. Headed by a Chief who is responsible to the Director of the Bureau of Resources and Development, the Division of Conservation and Entomology shall have the following duties and functions:

- i) Prepare plans and directions for the Republic of Palau-wide conservation program involving soil, resources, water, archaeological remains, flora and fauna;
- ii) Prepare plans and directions for the Republic of Palau-wide entomological program involving insects, pests, weeds and related control measures;
- iii) Provide technical assistance and guidance to the three branches of the National

Government and State Governments, and their appropriate agencies, in matters relating to conservation, including establishment of a national scheme for the enforcement of conservation laws and regulations;

- iv) Provide technical assistance and guidance to the Division of Agriculture and Forestry, State Governments or other governmental agencies or private agriculture projects or programs relating to entomology;
- v) Establish and maintain contacts with entomologists and other scientists and conservation-oriented national, regional or international organizations which can be of aid in solving conservation and entomological problems and needs of the Republic;
- vi) Develop and organize education programs on the principles, objectives and practices of conservation and entomology for schools, museums, other government activities or locally established groups and organizations;
- vii) Coordinate entomological works with the Division of Agriculture and other governmental agencies dealing with entomology and related pest control problems, including amendments to or enforcement of Plant and Quarantine Rules and Regulations of the Republic, and
- viii) Perform such other duties, functions or responsibilities that may from time to time assigned by the Bureau Director or the Minister of National Resources.”

2. Added to Part V, Section 1, is another new division as follows:

“(d) Division of Mineral Resources. Headed by a Chief who is responsible to the Director of the Bureau of Resources and Development, the Division of Mineral Resources shall have the following duties and functions:

- i) Conduct assessment surveys on metallic resources such as bauxite, gold, iron ore and non-metallic minerals such as phosphate, lime, etc. and salt of the islands of the Republic;
- ii) Develop and implement research and development programs for maximum utilization of the country's metallic and non-metallic mineral resources;
- iii) Formulate and recommend public policies and implement regulations in the exploitation and promotion of mining industry;
- iv) Assist and provide technical advice and consultation to national or state officials and private individual land owners in the negotiation, production and marketing of land-based minerals;

- v) Develop processing techniques for small as well as commercial scale production of metallic and non-metallic minerals;
- vi) Render management services to local entrepreneurs or parties engaged in or are interested in the exploitation and promotion of products development in both small and commercial scale mining operations;
- vii) Provide assistance in the management of mining wastes and mine tailings disposal, and
- viii) Promote, engage and assist in the marketing of raw materials and the locally finished products.”

This Executive Order shall become effective upon issuance and continues in force and effect unless otherwise superseded or revoked by subsequent executive order or by force of law enacted by the Olbiil Era Kelulau.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal on this 20th day of December, 1988, at Koror State, Republic of Palau.

Thomas O. Remengesau
President
Republic of Palau