

**[ EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 298, October 05, 2000 ]**

**ESTABLISHING THE COORDINATIVE AND INTEGRATION  
MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ZAMBAS  
INTEGRATED AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the government's main thrust in Mindanao is the attainment of food security and the alleviation of poverty;

**WHEREAS**, in line with this thrust and Region IX's program of modernizing the agriculture and fishery sectors pursuant to the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (Republic Act No. 8435), the Zamboanga Peninsula and Basilan Province (ZAMBAS) Integrated Agricultural Development Program (ZIADP) was developed through the collaborative efforts of the provinces of Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte and Basilan, and the cities of Zamboanga, Dapitan, Dipolog and Pagadian, all comprising Region IX;

**WHEREAS**, the ZIADP is the centerpiece program that will pursue the agricultural and fishery development and modernization of Region IX.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH EJERCITO ESTRADA**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law and the Constitution, do hereby order the following:

**Section 1. Establishment of the ZAMBAS Regional Project Development Board.** There is hereby established the ZAMBAS Regional Project Development Board, hereinafter referred to as the ZAMBAS Board, which shall oversee the implementation of the ZIADP in Region IX. The ZAMBAS Board shall be attached to the Office of the President.

**Section 2. Composition of the ZAMBAS Board.** The ZAMBAS Board shall be composed of the following: Chairman of the Regional Development Council (RDC) of Region IX; Provincial Governors of Zamboanga del Sur, Zamboanga del Norte and Basilan; Mayors of Zamboanga City, Dipolog City, Dapitan City, and Pagadian City; President of the Mayor's League of Region IX; the Representatives of the eight districts of Region IX; Regional Directors of the Department of Agriculture (DA), National Irrigation Administration (NIA), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); and the Chairperson of the Regional Agriculture and Fisheries Council (RAFC). The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Board shall be elected from among its members.

**Section 3. Powers and Functions of the ZAMBAS Board.** ZAMBA Board shall have the following powers and functions: