



TERRITORY OF GUAM

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

AGAÑA, GUAM 96910

U. S. A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 90-13

PROTECTION OF WETLANDS

WHEREAS, Executive Order 78-21 directed the Territorial Land Use Commission to officially designate wetland areas on Guam; and

WHEREAS, Government agencies have been utilizing three separate maps to identify wetland areas due to the lack of an officially adopted map; and

WHEREAS, wetlands are areas of particular concern that provide an essential habitat for maintenance of native plant and animal life, prevent soil erosion and stormwave damage, and valuable locations for scientific and educational investigations, and act as floodplains during periods of excessive water flow and a source of fresh water for domestic and agricultural purposes; and

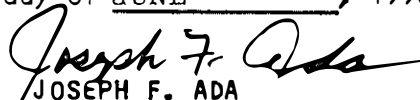
WHEREAS, the rapid pace of development currently experienced on Guam has placed greater pressure on this valuable resource; and

WHEREAS, the management of this resource cannot begin until landowners, developers and the Government of Guam utilize a consistent source of wetland information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH F. ADA, Governor of the Territory of Guam, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, do hereby declare that:

1. The official, interim wetland map for Guam shall be the National Wetlands Inventory map published by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.
2. All Government of Guam agencies shall utilize this map in the review of physical development projects.
3. The appropriate land use agencies including the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and the Bureau of Planning shall complete a study of wetlands; prepare public information material; and draft all necessary legislation, rules and regulations, and/or executive orders for processing through the appropriate channels.
4. The Executive Order shall remain in effect until the results of such study recommended legal framework are approved as required by applicable law.
5. Executive Order 78-21 is repealed in its entirety.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED this 12th day of JUNE, 1990.


JOSEPH F. ADA
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:


FRANK F. BLAS
Lieutenant Governor of Guam