[ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 201, July 05, 1995]

PROVIDING FOR THE COORDINATION MECHANISM AND FUNDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MONITORING, CONTROL, AND SURVEILLANCE FOR THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES (MCS-CPRR) SYSTEM FOR THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the conservation and protection of the renewable resources and their habitat in the Philippine waters has become a major government concern due to the continued illegal, unauthorized, and damaging fishing practices by both external and internal participants;

WHEREAS, the Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance for the Conservation and Protection of Renewable Resources (MCS-CPRR) System, although initially focusing on fisheries and their habitat, was also designed to address many of the oceans and coastal surveillance concerns in support of inter-agency coastal vigilance priorities;

WHEREAS, the MCS-CPRR System has been designed to promote cost-effective coordination of inter-agency resources for ocean sector sovereignty, national security for future food security, and conservation purposes, through the establishment of national and regional MCS-CPRR Coordinating and Operating Centers;

WHEREAS, the management of the coast areas has been devolved to the municipalities;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to establish a coordinating mechanism and secure funding for the implementation of the MCS-CPRR System to address their fisheries and ocean conservation and security needs;

WHEREAS, the Cabinet Committee on Maritime and Ocean Affairs (CabCom-MOA) was created to address all activities in the ocean sector;

WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) is mandated to manage the fisheries resources of the Philippines.

NOW, THEREFORE, I FIDEL V. RAMOS, President of the Republic of the Philippines, do hereby order as follows:

SECTION 1. The Cabinet Committee on Maritime and Ocean Affairs (CabCom-MOA) shall coordinate the establishment of the mechanism to aid in the implementation of the Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance for the Conservation and Protection of Renewable Resources (MCS-CPRR) System as recommended in the recent MCS-CPRR Design Project in the municipal pilot areas and the economically important