

New DLNR Chief in the CNMI Administration



Sylvan Igisomar (right) with wife, Christine Torres Igisomar, LCDR US Coast Guard.

Sylvan Igisomar has been appointed by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Governor Arnold Palacios as secretary of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources (DLNR). While his appointment requires Senate consent, Igisomar began working Jan. 30, 2022.

“I am committed to supporting the administration in meeting its goals to address natural resource matters, as well as working with federal partners within the region,” said Igisomar. He noted his top three priorities are to fix the budget, seek available federal assistance and relocate the DLNR office to one of the government facilities on Saipan's Capitol Hill.

Igisomar brings 20+ years of public service experience in natural resource and emergency management. More than eight of those years were in leadership positions at both the local and federal levels as the director of the CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife, and as the program coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He has a bachelor's degree in natural resources-conservation biology from Colorado State University, and a master's degree in public administration from Grand Canyon University. Igisomar is from the CNMI and is passionate about natural resource management and advancing the region's issues. 🐟