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MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. SERIES OF 1982

SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF SEED PRODUCTION AREAS

In line with the government's thrust of perpetuating the productivity and use of timber and non-timber resources and pursuant to the provisions of LOI 917, the following guidelines are hereby promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned.

- Sec. 1 Areas of Seed Production. Patches and/or strips of 500-meter by one (1) kilometer long of adequately stocked virgin forests should be left untouched in every 5,000 hectares of forest land to serve as seed production areas. In cases wherein the forest lands are within timber concessions, seed production areas shall fall within areas declared as wilderness areas. As provided for in Section 3 of LOI 917.
- Sec. 2 Activities within Seed Production Areas.

 Areas declared for seed production shall not be the subject of any exploitation of whatever nature except for the purpose for which they were established. Provided, that silvicultural operations shall be allowed to improve the quality of the gene pool.
- Sec. 3 Delineation and Mapping of Seed Production
 Areas. Forest lands designated as seed
 production areas shall be delineated, mapped
 and monumented with concrete boundaries on
 the ground by the District Forester in whose
 jurisdiction said production areas fall, in
 consultation with the Forest Research Institute.

- Sec. 4 Monitoring/Control. The BFD Regional Directors shall submit in three months' time upon effectivity of this Order a map of their respective regions showing among others the delineated initial seed production areas and forest lands for permanent dipterocarp production. After which the same shall from time to time submit to the undersigned a status of the productivity of said areas.
- Sec. 5 Repealing Clause. This Order supersedes all other orders, circulars, and instructions inconsistent herewith.

Sec. 6 Effectivity. This Order takes effect immediately

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