

Republic of the Philippines  
Ministry of Natural Resources  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER  
Diliman, Quezon City

MEMORANDUM ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER )  
NO. 177 :  
Series of 1983 )

SUBJECT : Deputizing the Barangay Captains of Pandan,  
Catanduanes as Forest Officers of the Ministry  
of Natural Resources.

S i r :

Pursuant to Section 80 of Presidential Decree No. 705, the following are hereby deputized as FOREST OFFICERS of the Ministry of Natural Resources/Bureau of Forest Development, effective upon receipt hereof, of which this Office shall be informed accordingly.

<u>Barangay Chairman/Captains</u>	<u>Barangays</u>
1. Jaime Santelices	Panuto
2. Alejandro de Leon	Lumabao
3. Ignacio Evangelista	Bagawang
4. Jose Eugenio	Tariwara
5. Angeles Fernandez	San Isidro
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By virtue of this deputation, they are authorized to detect violations of the forestry laws/rules and regulations administered by the Bureau of Forest Development and to arrest, even without warrant, any person who has committed, is committing or is about to commit in your presence any of the offenses defined in Sections 68, 69, 70, 71 and 77 of Presidential Decree No. 705, within your territorial jurisdictions. They are also authorized to seize/confiscate the tools and equipment used in committing the offense and the forest products cut, gathered or removed by the offender/s in the process of committing the offense. In all instances of detection, arrest and/or seizure or confiscations, they shall deliver within the period prescribed by law from the time of arrest and seizure, the offender and the confiscated forest products, tools and equipment too, and file the proper

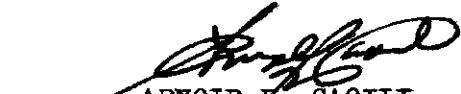
complaint with, the appropriate official designated by law to conduct preliminary investigation and file the information in court through the District Forester or Regional Director.

Pursuant to Section 45 of PD 705, they are authorized to administer an oath and take acknowledgement in official matters connected with the functions of their Office, and to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the authority of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines and its implementing rules and regulations.

They shall submit to the District Forester, Virac, Catanduanes a monthly report of the cases they have handled pursuant to this Order.

This deputation shall be automatically revoked upon termination of their term of Office unless sooner terminated by this Office.

Very truly yours,

  
ARNOLD B. CAILLI  
Deputy Minister

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
JESUS B. ALVAREZ, JR.  
Assistant Director

Copy furnished:

- Minister of Natural Resources, Diliman, Quezon City
- Chief, Forest Protection and Law Enforcement Division,  
BFD, Diliman, Quezon City
- Regional Director, Region No. 5, Naga City
- District Forester, Virac, Catanduanes