

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

MNR ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER )  
NO. 283 :  
Series of 1984 )

SUBJECT : Deputizing the Barangay Captains of Rizal,  
Occidental Mindoro as Forest Officers of the  
Ministry of Natural Resources.

Sir :

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. Rodolfo Estacio	Aguas
2. Arsenio Tolentino, Jr.	Magsikap
3. Fortunato Pablo	Pitogo
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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 acknowledge in official matters connected with the functions of their office to take testimony in official investigations conducted under the provisions of the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines and its implementing regulations.

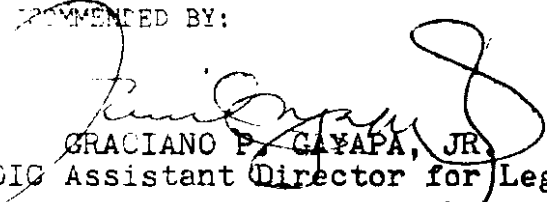
They shall submit to the District Forester, San Jose, Occ. Mindoro a report of the cases they have handled pursuant to this Order.

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

Very truly yours,

  
ARNOLD B. CAOLI  
Deputy Minister

RECOMMENDED BY:

  
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OIC Assistant Director for Legal Affairs

Forwarded:

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District Forester, San Jose, Occidental Mindoro