

MINISTRY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER)
NO. 36)
SERIES OF 1986)

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SUBJECT: Cancelling all Agro-Forestry
Leases in Biliran Island,
Southern Leyte.

In line with the total ban on the exportation of timber and other forest products which went into effect on August 21, 1986 and as a measure to fully ensure strict observance of the said ban, all Agro-Forestry Leases in Biliran Island, Southern Leyte are hereby cancelled effective as of August 30, 1986.

This measure has to be resorted to on account of the continuous degradation of forest vegetation in Biliran Island, attributable to unauthorized cutting of trees of both economic and non-economic value within the leased area by those who have been extended Agro-Forestry Leases by the government. If this illegal activity within the area will be allowed to persist at the present rate without instituting radical measures, our natural resources would be severely depleted, thus offsetting the ecological balance in the locality and causing flood, soil erosion and countless calamities in the area, to the great prejudice of the inhabitants in the place and its vicinity.

Strict observance of this Order is hereby enjoined and any violation thereof shall be dealt with severely. All BFD and WIDA offices concerned shall see to it that compliance by all those affected hereby are insured.

This Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in force until lifted in writing.


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