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Ministry of Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: Expansion of Mangrove Forest Belt Areas in Storm Surge and Typhoon Prone Areas

Pursuant to LOI 917 and the New Forestry Code of the Philippines, and in order to effectively fortify the protective capability of our mangrove forests in storm surge and typhoon prone areas, mangrove forest belt areas of 50 meters are hereby expanded to 100 meters strip inward along shoreline fronting seas, oceans and other water bodies in the provinces of Samar, Leyte, Cebu, Catanduanes, Batanes, Bataan, Quezon, Mindoro, Palawan, Surigao del Norte, Aurora, Masbate, Sorsogon, Zamboanga del Norte and on the northern portion of Panay Island.

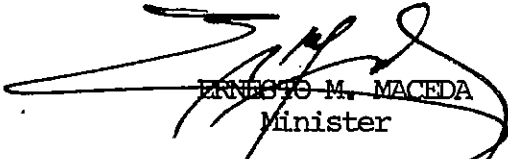
The 20 meters strip river bank protection mangrove areas are also hereby extended to 50 meters in both sides of the river in the above-enumerated storm surge and typhoon prone provinces.

Mangrove in this Order includes the land area exposed during the lowest tide such as the mudflats or tidal flats.

In cases where the prescribed mangrove forest belt areas in these provinces are already classified as A & D or zonified for fishpond development, and have already been converted into fishponds and other land uses, the fishpond operators, leases, permittees or licensees shall be required and obliged to afforest the tidal flats fronting their respective areas or the nearby available mangrove areas to at least 50 meters strip whenever applicable in consideration of such areas' topography, elevation and water depth.

The provisions of this Order shall be observed in full force over mangrove areas covered by lease, permit, license or license agreement except in those mangrove areas already covered by land titles.

The provisions of existing forestry and conservation laws shall continue to take effect in mangrove areas not covered by this Order.


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