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**MEMORANDUM FROM THE SECRETARY**

To : **All Regional Executive Directors**

Subject : **On the propagation of Paulownia tree species as reforestation planting materials.**

Date : **JUN 21 2005**

We are furnishing all REDs copies of the respective memoranda of ERDB and PAWB submitting their comments and recommendations on the propagation of Paulownia tree species as planting materials for our reforestation efforts.

Briefly, ERDB recommended that, among others, since Paulownia is tagged by some environmentalists as invasive species, more trial plantings of the species (except *P. tomentosa* sp. which was the particular Paulownia species identified as invasive) be conducted in different parts of the country, specifically in barren, degraded, problematic areas where soil protection, rehabilitation and reforestation are the immediate concerns. ERDB further said that risk assessment research and environmental impact monitoring of such trial plantings must also be conducted.

PAWB, on the other hand, recommended further study on the propagation of the said species to determine their possible environmental impacts.

Please be informed that I have directed the conduct of further study on the suitability of the Paulownia species as reforestation planting materials and directed the EMB to provide monitoring support through Environmental Impact Assessment System.

Meanwhile, all REDs are hereby directed to promote the use of endemic species in our reforestation efforts.

For compliance.



  
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