



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Natural Resources
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
Diliman, Quezon City

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SPECIAL ORDER)
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SUBJECT: Creation of a Timber Resource Inventory Committee and a Secretariat in the Bureau of Forest Development to implement the national timber inventory project.

1. In the interest of the service, a Timber Resource Inventory Committee is hereby created to implement the national timber inventory project in pursuance to Section 23 of Presidential Decree No. 705 and a means of providing the Bureau with up to date data and information essential in the formulation of national policies and agency plans and programs, which Committee shall be composed of the following:

Edmundo V. Cortes Chairman
Director

Fortunato S. Arcangel Vice Chairman
Chief, Timber Management Division

Bernardo C. Agaloo Member
Chief, Training Center

Eduardo Llapitan Member
Chief, Forest Protection and
Infrastructure Division

Cirilo B. Serna Member
Chief, Planning and Evaluation
Division

Cecilio Diegor Member
Chief, Finance Division

Isidro D. Esteban Member
Chief, Environmental Staff

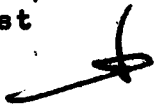
Ricardo Umali Member
Consultant, DNR, NRMC

2. The Committee shall oversee and coordinate the implementation of the project and shall, among others, perform the following specific functions:

- 2.1 Review and approve the comprehensive plan designed for the implementation of the project;
- 2.2 Review and approve specifications for aerial photography;
- 2.3 Evaluate and approve bids/contracts for the taking of aerial photography;
- 2.4 Review and approve airphoto-interpretation and field sampling manuals and provides, in coordination with the Forest Development Training Center, in-service training for timber inventory crews;
- 2.5 Determine/review the manpower needs of the project and detail qualified personnel thereto;
- 2.6 Evaluate the forest statistics obtained from airphoto interpretation and field sampling.

3. The Committee shall be assisted by a Secretariat which shall be composed of the following:

- Mariano Z. Valera Project Coordinator
Assistant Chief, Timber
Management Division
- Napoleon B. Dalafgin Executive Officer
Chief, Timber Inventory & Photo
Interpretation Section
- Virgilio F. Basa Deputy Executive
Forest Economist Officer
- Belino T. Epie Project Development
Senior Forester Specialist
- Pablito A. Medenilla, Jr. Project Development
Senior Forester Specialist
- Adriano E. Saure Project Development
Chief, Forest Surveys, Data & Specialist
Mapping Section
- Arthur C. Pascua Project Development
Chief, Timber Management Specialist
Plans Section

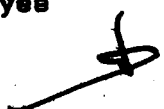


Rogelio M. dela Rosa	Project Development Chief, Silviculture Section	Specialist
Edgardo Aquino	Remote Sensing Forester - DNR, NRMC	Specialist
Nicasio Romero	Budget Officer Chief, Budget Section	

4. The Secretariat shall perform, among others, the following functions:

- 4.1 Prepare draft of a comprehensive plan for the effective implementation of the project;
- 4.2 Draft aerial photography specifications including airphoto interpretation and field sampling manuals;
- 4.3 Conduct training of field inventory crews following the revised manuals, in coordination with the Forest Development Training Center;
- 4.4 Evaluate aerial photographs submitted to ensure that these are in accordance with the specifications stipulated in the contract;
- 4.5 Identify and delineate on the topographic maps and aerial photographs the extent of forest lands and assess existing condition therein through airphoto-interpretation;
- 4.6 Prepare forest resources condition maps based on the results of the airphoto-interpretation;
- 4.7 Determine the stand structure, composition and volume of timber inside forest lands through field inventory consistent with approved sampling designs and standards;
- 4.8 Prepare forest statistics from the result of airphoto-interpretations and statistical analysis of field inventory data;
- 4.9 Perform such other functions as may be assigned by the Committee.

5. The members of the Committee and the Secretariat are hereby authorized to seek the assistance of any employee



or official of the Bureau in pursuance to this Order. They are likewise authorized to undertake field work to check the progress of field activities, expenses to be incurred in connection therewith chargeable against the funds of the Bureau, subject to the usual accountings and auditing regulations.

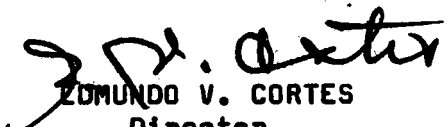
6. The members of the Committee and the Secretariat are hereby authorized to claim reimbursable allowances/expenses as may be authorized under existing regulations on the matter in connection with the performance of their duties chargeable against funds allotted for the purpose and

7. This Order shall take effect immediately and shall continue to remain in force until the project is terminated or unless earlier revoked or amended.

APPROVED:


JOSE J. LEIDO, JR.
Secretary of Natural Resources

RECOMMENDING
APPROVAL:


EDMUNDO V. CORTES
Director
Bureau of Forest Development