



Republic of the Philippines  
*Ministry of Natural Resources*  
OFFICE OF THE MINISTER

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MNR SPECIAL ORDER  
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Subject: Creation of a Study Team  
to Review all MNR-KKK Projects  
in Region I

In view of recent news reports about the deception of some KKK beneficiaries by certain unscrupulous persons in Region I, a Study Team is hereby created to visit, review and evaluate all existing MNR-KKK projects in the region so as to avoid the recurrence of the Aquabiz swindle.

Composition:

The Study Team will be composed of the following:

1. Mrs. Victoria O. Orara, leader
2. BFAR Central Office representative
3. BFAR Region I representative
4. BFD Region I representative

Duties:

The Study Team will be responsible for:

1. visiting all existing MNR-KKK projects in Region I with particular focus on the fishermen's associations victimized by Aquabiz in Cabugao, Sinit, Vigan, Narvacan, Sta Cruz and Tagudin, Ilocos Sur;
2. interviewing a representative sample of KKK beneficiaries;

3. obtaining copies of feasibility studies, financial reports of KKK funds (receipts and disbursements), and status of repayment;
4. obtaining true copies of management contracts, if any, between any KKK beneficiary and any management firm;
5. interview BFAR and BFD regional office personnel and extension workers;
6. obtaining an inventory of equipment, supplies and other materials purchased with KKK loan proceeds and their utilization at present; and,
7. writing the case history of Aquabiz Management and Development Corporation's involvement in the KKK project of the Ilocos Sur fishermen mentioned in number 1, above.

Duration of Study

This project will begin immediately and will terminate on or before July 31, 1983. Therefore, the Study Team is hereby relieved of all pending assignments for the duration of this project.

Funding

All expenses to be incurred by the Study Team shall be chargeable against the appropriation of the Office of the Minister.

Others

The guidelines in the Annex forms part of this S.O.

Effectivity

This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
ARNOLD B. CAOILI  
Deputy Minister

GUIDELINES FOR THE MNR-KKK STUDY TEAM  
FOR REGION I

1. This study has two main purposes:
  - a) to determine if agreements similar to the Aquabiz management contracts with 8 Ilocos Sur fishermen's associations exist among other MNR-KKK beneficiaries; and,
  - b) to determine the status of the MNR-KKK projects swindled by Aquabiz and devise a plan to help the victims.
2. Because of limited time, the study team is expected to plan its work properly so that its assignment will be finished on or before 31 July 1983.
3. The visits to on-going projects shall concentrate on interviews and data gathering. The study team shall make every effort to assure the field personnel that the main objective of the study is to prevent the recurrence of the Aquabiz fiasco.

4. Expected output

The written report, due on or before 31 July 1983, shall contain the following:

- a) itinerary; status of projects visited; persons interviewed
- b) inventory of supplies and equipment and other materials obtained through KKK loan proceeds per project, as applicable
- c) financial reports per project
- d) prospects/status of repayment
- e) detailed report (case history) on each of the 8 fishermen's associations in Ilocos Sur swindled by Aquabiz and feedback from the fishermen themselves
- f) recommendations on how to assist the Aquabiz victims
- g) problems encountered

The study team may include any other finding which it considers important given the purposes stated above.